

THE PAST AND PRESENT OF THE SPANISH DEAF COMMUNITY AND THEIR SIGN LANGUAGE

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In this lecture, I will review the main milestones of the Spanish deaf community, how their associative movement developed and how it is currently structured. I will comment on its main objectives over the last few decades until reaching the most coveted one: the legal recognition of sign languages in Spain. I will also briefly review the most important figures in the history of deaf people in Spain and comment on some of the books they wrote.

In addition, I will briefly describe the main differences between Spanish sign language and Spanish sign language and I will do a small workshop to teach you some signs and grammatical structures of Spanish sign language.

THE SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING IN SPAIN: a brief historical review and its current situation

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In this conference, I will review the professionalization of the figure of the sign language interpreter in Spain since the 1980s. In addition, I will present what the training of these professionals was like and what it is like today, paying special attention to the University Degree training that we carry out at the Rey Juan Carlos University. I will also comment on the current employment situation and the associative movement of sign language interpreters in my country.