

**World Hearing Day 2022**

**Action and Information Day of the German Association for Hard of Hearing People for Members of the German Bundestag and Citizens of Berlin**



In the last session week of Deutscher Bundestag before the World Hearing Day DSB organized an "Information Event for Members of the German Parliament and Interested Parties" in front of the Reichstag on Paul-Löbe-Ufer.



The DSB-HÖRMobil was on site with its team of advisors and the DSB President Dr. Matthias Müller was available for stimulating discussions and interviews. The day was supported by representatives of the companies Cochlear and Medel as well as the hearing aid industry and hearing impaired people.

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At the event the German Association DSB called for more attention to hearing health and quality of life. The stated goal and mission of this information day was raising awareness and educating parliamentarians and their health representatives about hearing loss and its impact on the overall situation of those affected, regardless of age and in all life situations.

The invitation to the event was accepted by numerous members of the Bundestag. The Federal Government Commissioner for the Affairs of Persons with Disabilities at the Federal Ministry of Health also attended the event. In addition, the Federal Association of Statutory Health Insurance Funds took part in the event.

The German Federal Minister of Health Prof. Dr. Karl Lauterbach took over the patronage of the World Hearing Day.

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To understand what is being said in this pandemic, you must prick up your ears particularly often, as the saying goes. Communication with a protective mask demands a lot from your ability to hear. The "World Hearing Day" is an occasion to pay attention to the special abilities of our ears and to counteract impairments. It is therefore with pleasure that I assume the patronage for the first time! My thanks go to all those professionals who diagnose and effectively treat hearing impairment within our health care system, and to everyone in our society who takes preventive action to reduce noise exposure.

**Prof. Dr. Karl Lauterbach**  
**Federal Minister of Health, Germany**

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