



NEWS UPDATE February 2010

Welcome to the February edition of our monthly updates, which is an opportunity for volunteers and staff to catch up on what's happening in Near. The newsletter is distributed monthly via email, online and good old fashioned hard copy.

Don't forget you can contact me (dave@near.ie) if you want to contribute to the newsletter.

Dave O Connor
Editor

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Near Media Co-Op Committee of Management

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Committee members are elected from the volunteer shareholders of the Co Operative and are re-elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

To become a shareholder contact Dave@near.ie or Alan@near.ie

Social/Staff News:

Hanan Dirya is currently on work experience with Near90fm. Welcome Hanan, we hope you enjoy your time at Near90fm.

Siobhan O'Hanlon is leaving us after three years at the station. We wish you the best Siobhan!

Also Patricia Greenhalgh left us in January and currently she is visiting Australia.

We want to welcome Paula Lawlor, who just joined us and is the afternoon receptionist.

Near90fm Update

Near 90fm New Programmes

Over the last month or so several new programmes have been added to the Near 90fm schedule. These include:

“Lifestyle Afrik”, a weekly magazine programme presented and produced by Pamela Kpaduwa and Melatu Okorie with news and information from the African community. Alternate Mondays at 6.30pm (alternating with Bridges with Africa)

“Near Film” presented by Helen Ryan will feature information on upcoming film festivals, movie and cinema information and music from the movies. Thursday evenings at 6.30pm

“A Sense of Humanism” presented by Chris Morris will aim to explain the nature and aims of humanism and will be broadcast every Thursday at 3pm

Following a break for “Novel Interculturalism” our weekly book programme “Cover to Cover” will be returning shortly. Any Volunteers who would be interested in getting involved should contact Sally.

Studio/Programme Presenters notice

Presenters, if at the end of your programme the next presenter is not there, please, do not leave the station go off air. Play some music and phone the person that should be in after you to clarify the situation. If you cannot reach them, phone any of the station emergency nos., but never, never, walk out the station and allow near90fm to go off air, as this kind of situations will undermine the station credibility and YOUR credibility too!

Coming in March and April...

The following are some important international days which take place in March and April. Presenters might consider marking these days through special interviews, notices, discussions etc. Don't worry if your programme does not take place on the day you can always do something to mark the day during the week.

March

4th – World Book Day

8th – International Women's Day

21st – International Day against Racism

April
22nd – Earth Day

Don't forget to check in regularly to www.near.ie for updates

Note to all members of Near90fm: In the case of an incident, please use the incident book placed on the shelf in Studio one to mark the occurrence.

Forthcoming Sporting Fixtures

FOOTBALL;

Saturday 13th March, Dublin v Monaghan at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 27th March, Dublin v Galway at 7.30 p.m.

HURLING;

Sunday 28th February, Dublin v Tipperary at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 21st March, Dublin v Kilkenny at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th March, Dublin v Cork at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 18th April, Dublin v Limerick at 2.30 p.m.

All broadcast on **Near90fm**, commentary by Fergus Carroll.

Sound and Vision Update.

near90fm were successful with two applications in radio round 9 of Sound and Vision. 'Boys Club' and 'Summer in St Annes' are the projects which will go into pre-production in the coming months.

near90fm will launch the Northside Blues radio series with a full live performance from Pat Farrell and Special Guests in the Clontarf Yacht Club on Sat March 6th. Admission is €10 on the night and that comes with a free CD. Doors 8pm.

Congratulations to Gerry Cooley for an excellent launch of his Raised on Songs and Stories series in Santry Community Centre on Friday 19th of Feb the series is now up and running and you can listen in every monday @ 2pm until April 5th. The series will also go up on podcast after each programme

has been broadcast www.near.org/podcast

[near90fm](#) are now taking submissions for S&V Round 10. If you have an idea for a radio series please get in touch with Paul Loughran paul@near.ie 8485211 or Ciaran Murray ciaran@near.ie 8671190.

Near IT Update

Over the coming month we're going to be featuring more presenters in the programme profiles section of our website, so if you'd like to be featured then get in contact with gavin@near.ie

Also, if you have a website or facebook page etc. for your show then please let me know and I'll link it into the near.ie website.

If you would like a new Near Mousemat, email admins@near.ie and Liam will look after you.

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What is the Dublin North-East Community Communications Co-Operative Society Ltd ?

Why does [NEAR90fm](#) not run competitions ?.....Who decides on programme policy ?.....Who decided on the name [NEAR TV](#) Productions ?.....Who owns [NEAR90 fm](#), [NEAR TV](#), and [NEAR Online](#) ?...How is [NEAR](#) financed?....

These are decisions made by the Committee of Management who are elected by the Annual General Meeting of the [Near Media Co-Op](#). In order to attend the Annual General Meeting you must be a shareholder. You can become a shareholder by completing a short application form, and paying €5 for individual membership. This entitles you to attend all meetings of [Near Media Co-Op](#) and have a say in the future of [NEAR90fm](#), [NEAR TV](#) and [NEAR Online](#). Application forms are available at the [NEAR90 fm](#) office reception desk.

Contact Dave O Connor (Dave@near.ie) for further information **about Near Media Co-Op**.

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Feedback...

----- Original Message -----

From: [Suaimhneas Clubhouse](#)

To: [Dorothee](#)

Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 4:00 PM
Subject: Thank You!

Hi Dorothee/ Richard,

WOW!!! We've just listened to our interview on NEAR FM – thank you, it was great!
We're all very proud.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone who was involved in putting it together for us, it's greatly appreciated and truly represented what Suaimhneas is all about.

Would there be any possibility of getting a couple of copies to keep in Suaimhneas?

Thanks again.

Regards,

Claire

Community Radio News from around the country (www.craol.ie)

Three Communities have been informed by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI) that they have been awarded full community radio licences "in principle". Athlone, South West Donegal and East Limerick received the good news recently following a meeting of the BAI Contract Awards Committee. The decision now goes to the full Authority for ratification later this month. After this ratification, the communities involved will be given details of the conditions they will have to meet in order to sign a broadcasting contract. The BAI decision follows from an application process that closed in September 2009. All three communities has previously been involved in successful 30-day 'temporary' licences.

Congratulations to all three communities.

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Near Outreach Update

Full media training delivered on Sunday 7th and 14th February to 20 women from the Domestic Workers Action Group, formed through the Migrant Rights Centre Ireland who are originating from various countries working in Ireland as carers.

A tour of a group of students visited near90fm studios from the Secondary School Colaiste Dhulaigh 11th February.

St Paul's School visited Near90fm Friday 12th February. St Paul's School is working together with Dublin Inner Schools Computerisation (DISC) programme and hoping to produce regular pieces to be incorporated in our programmes.

On the morning of Wednesday 10th, St Margaret's Traveller Group recorded a Panel Discussion on the topic of accommodation. We are hoping to work on an ongoing

basis with members of the travellers group and to get a regular input on topics relevant to the travelling and wider community living in Ireland.

On Friday 5th Barbara Jennings from near90fm visited the Gala Morning at Suahmneas Clubhouse and reported back to the studio. Later that morning, we had a live link to the office of Edenmore CDP which was closing down that morning. Ray Daly, chairperson of the CDP and Groinia Roche, Principal of St.Malachy's Boy school Edenmore, voiced their disappointment over the loss of the CPD office in Edenmore. Dorothee, Paul and Elaine from Near staff were pictured on the front of the Northside People showing their support for Edenmore CDP.

Target's Open Day, as part of Aontas' Learning Festival took place on February 24th in Donaghmede. Near90fm was happy to part of their celebrations with a live broadcast from their premises.

If you know of any event near90fm should broadcast from live with the broadcast van, please contact **Dorothee (dorothee@near.ie)**

Near TV productions update

Please remember to go to the TV section of the website for the latest videos by **NearTV** Volunteers.

Dave Donnellan produced a piece called Children for profit. This report deals with issues around advertising and coupon schemes in schools as Independent Newspapers is forced to withdraw its 'Build for the Future' campaign.

The most recent piece is on an Education for All Fair which took place in Le Cheile Community centre on February 21st. This piece was filmed by Niall O'Conner with **NearTV** volunteers Caroline Brennan as Director, Paul Gleeson on Sound and Stuart Clarke on Second Camera. This week we will be filming a short piece with the Lifeforce project on Suicide prevention and this should be on the website in the coming weeks.

The **NearTV** new Volunteer training starts this week if you are interested in volunteering but didn't get a place on the course on time the course take place twice a year and the next one will be in October.

Contact: Elaine@near.ie