



NEWS UPDATE May 2009

O'Connor's Corner

The Co-Operative that owns and runs Near Media will hold its Annual General Meeting shortly. This is an important meeting as it allows the community to participate in the democratic process of owning and controlling its own community media. If you are already a shareholder, you will receive an agenda and invitation soon. If you are not a shareholder, contact dave@near.ie to find out how you can become one. A single individual share costs €5 and gives you voting rights and a say in the future of the co-op. Near Media uses a variety of methods to fund its activities. You will notice that commercial income to the project is minimal. Our ethos has always been to make money to make programmes, rather than the commercial media objective to make programmes to make money. Your voluntary Committee of Management has been extremely successful in acquiring statutory funding from a number of sources to ensure that North-East Dublin has a genuine democratic voice. Thanks for your contribution so far this year, and have a great summer. If you have any comments or suggestions about any aspect of the Co-Op, don't forget that you can contact me at dave@near.ie

Dave O Connor
Secretary
Near Media Co-Op

Geraldine Wynne

Our very loved and admired friend and colleague Ger Wynne passed away on Thursday 16th April. Ger spent twelve years with us, and she was a kind and fun-loving person. A condolence book will be available on line and in the station premises. If you have any mementos or stories you'll like to share, please contact Sally.

Social News

Farewell and best of luck to Lesley Murphy who recently left the Co-op's CE scheme.

Welcome to our new outreach officer, Dorothee Meyer-Holtkamp. Dorothee will be responsible for liaising with community organisations in the area and organising Outside Broadcasts. To contact her phone 848 52 11 or e-mail dorothee@near.ie.

Welcome also to our new Promotions officer, Eamonn Costello (promotions@nearfm.ie), and Naomi Brady, NEARtv and Near Online Receptionist and IT Trainer Organiser, (itadmin@near.ie)

Near90fm will be running a series of election special broadcast from different locations in Dublin North-East. Here are the provisional dates, and times. As some venues are to be confirm, please, keep an eye on future updates.

- Thursday 14th May Coolock/Artane in the Civic Centre (awaiting confirmation)
- Monday 18th May Donaghmede in Trinity Sports and Leisure Complex (awaiting confirmation)
- Thursday 21st May EU elections in the Civic Centre (awaiting confirmation)
- Thursday 28th May Clontarf in La Cheile Donnycarney (confirmed).

As always, NEAR90fm has been running themed bank holiday weekends. So, if you have an idea of something you'll like to do on a particular bank holiday, please, contact Sally or Alan.

Near90fm would like to encourage volunteers and staff to get involved in specific programming events surrounding UN international days or International campaigns. This month, Near90fm is preparing special programmes to celebrate Africa Day and International Neighbours' Day -25th and 26th of May, respectively. Also we will be running special items for Biodiversity week and Famine week, starting on 17th May.

As part of our programme promotion practices, we have been profiling some of Near90fm programmes and presenters. If you would like your programme to be profiled, please contact Eamonn Costello, 8485211 or promotions@near

Volunteer Vacancies:

At the moment, we are 'recruiting' volunteers in the following areas: afternoon reception/clerical to be based in the CDC and on Friday afternoon at Near90fm premises; health/lifestyle magazine presenters; magazine presenters; blues presenters. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Sally
Introduction to community radio courses.

Near90fm will be running two Introduction to Community radio courses. the first will commence on Saturday 9th May 9.30am to 3pm. The second and last workshop will take place on Saturday 16th May. The second course is targeted to women who may like to get involved in programming with Near90fm and will take place in June.

If you are interested or know of someone who may like to get involved with Near90fm, please, get them to contact Sally or Alan .

Headphones...headphones....headphones

Use them!!! By not using them, you can never know what is going out on-air. You'll never know how good or bad your programme sounds on-air. You'll never know if the transmitter has broken down, and you are no longer being heard!!!!

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And a few other radio pieces...

1) Community Noticeboard

The noticeboard is in the yellow folder in Studio 1, and is updated weekly. Please don't write on the notices. Take a note of anything happening in your locality and put it in the folder.

2) Radio Presentation – Hints

Use station jingles/ID's between songs.

Remember to announce the station name a few times during your programme.

If your programme is repeated the next day, try not to mention time or the day itself. Say hello, instead of good afternoon, or good evening.

3) PC Update

There is a small library of music from Tracks X300 onwards. All suggestions welcome.

F1 – F10 on the keyboard are ‘Hotkeys’. When the PC fader is pushed up on the mixing desk, press one of these keys for an instant Station ID/Jingle

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Community Radio News from around the Country (with thanks to CRAOL, representing Community Radio Nationally. www.craol.ie for further details.

28 Jobs created in Community Radio – In rare good news in these recessionary times, seven Community Radio stations have been successful under the Community Services Programme (Department of Community, Rural, and Gaeltacht affairs) with each receiving core funding for a manager plus three (full-time equivalent) staff. The successful stations are spread nationwide with 2 in Cork (Youghal and Ballyhoura – based in Charleville), 2 in Dublin (Dublin South and Phoenix – based in Blanchardstown), 2 in Mayo (Castlebar and Claremorris), and one in Donegal (Wavelength – Ballyshannon). Recruitment for the positions has commenced with the advertisement of the Station Manager Position in Ballyhoura Community Radio with CRAOL placing a joint advert in the April 5th Edition of the Sunday Independent on behalf of the relevant members who are splitting the costs.

European Workshop calls for concrete measures on Community Media Two important policy documents have recently been adopted at the European level, the motion on Community Media in Europe adopted by the Parliament and the adoption of the Declaration on Community Media by the Council of Europe. At a two-day workshop "Community Media and European Policy" held in Halle on 13-14 March, Community media practitioners and political representatives, from 14 Countries including Ireland, demanded more concrete actions for the sector at both the continental as well as at the domestic level.

“What must follow now,” according to CMFE (Community Media Forum Europe) President Pieter de Wit “are concrete measures to develop and strengthen recognition

