



As we approach Summer 2014, NEAR Media Co-op is gearing up for lots of radio outside broadcasts. We'll feature sport and many other community events across NEAR FM 90.3 while our community TV production facility, NEAR TV, will be out and about capturing our community on camera. Some of you might be considering taking a break, which is a great way to refresh the batteries, and also to allow newer volunteers to get some on-air experience. Let's hope we get a few nice sunny days. The AGM for our Co-op will take place in the coming weeks, and I would encourage all shareholders to attend. The annual report and accounts will be available. You will see that we are still holding our own in difficult times. Across radio, TV and IT training, we are busier than ever. It remains a challenge of course, but at the heart of our organisation is the co-operative model. No one person is greater than the combined efforts of all our dedicated shareholders. One online definition states: "A co-operative is a group of people acting together to meet the common needs and aspirations of its members, sharing ownership and making decisions democratically". In a society that is bombarded with commercial messages on a daily basis, our co-operative model is more important than ever, giving a voice to our community. Thanks for your continued commitment, and enjoy summer 2014.

Dave O'Connor
Secretary
Near Media Co-Op



Archive Seminar – The Teachers Club April 30th 2014

Near Media Co-Op in partnership with CAPTCHA EU Culture Initiative and with the support of the Dublin Community Forum presented a half-day seminar to discuss **'What is Worth Archiving?'** and looked at approaches to archiving. This event was a great success and very well attended with representatives from community media staff and volunteers, media professionals, academics, students and community and minority groups.

For more on CAPTCHA Please
<http://captcha.community-media-archives.net/the-project-captcha/> The seminar will be available soon.



"Hats off to Near FM for their tilt at the EU monster "

In a column like this, you tend to fixate on the big stations—understandably, I suppose, as those are nationwide, have the broadest reach and the deepest impact on the radio landscape. Still, it's nice to focus on smaller stations from time-to-time, so hats off this week to NEAR FM. A community station based in North Dublin, it makes a very refreshing change from the usual local radio, which is mostly computer-programmed pop music with little content that's tailored to the area, or indeed, of much interest. NEAR FM, while it has music, also runs a wide range of talk radio. I was especially taken with [Europe on Air](#) (Thursday, 4:30 p.m.), a weekly programme which examines the impact of [EU](#) policies and decisions on our daily lives. It sounds boring, I know. But bear with me. Europe on Air manages the remarkable trick of rendering this monolithic, impenetrable, faceless entity—the bureaucratic monster all other bureaucratic monsters call Supreme Master—into something that seems relevant to each of us. Even something, dare I say it, interesting. And that's not a word I ever thought I'd be using to describe the EU.

MAY 2014

Series in Production

A History of Local Football Clubs:

Sheriff YC, Raheny UTD & St Kevin's Boys
Dave Hooper

The History & Natural History of Bull Island Edd
Kealy

Gateway

A unique look at Dublin Airport and its relationship
with Northsiders
Ger Leddin

New Perspectives on Irish History

Historical, Folklore, and Environmental
John Haughton

Language Jewels

Foreign language in our schools
Ignacio Irigoien

Now Broadcasting

Bookworms: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

Europe on Air: Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

Series on Podcast

www.nearpodcast.org/documentaries

To the End of the Earth

Feminist Heart

The Butterfly Effect

Understanding Irish Muslims

Reinterpreting 1913

Ireland's Oceans

The Long Way Home

Frank Harte: A Life in Song

Folklore from the Dance Floor

Upcoming Broadcast

Mad Scientists of Music – 6 part series about experimental music in Ireland. Covering everything from bedroom tinkering with Fruity Loops to technically and aesthetically sophisticated electronic 'noise' to Harry Partch style microtonal music. It's produced by Gareth Stack and for more information you can read the production updates he's been writing on his blog <http://garethstack.com/>. The series will broadcast at 5 p.m. on the following dates: May 29th, June 5th, June 12th, June 19th, June 26th and July 3rd.

Equal Billing – Near TV

The new 9-part Media Literacy series Equal Billing will be on DCTV this coming month and will soon be released online. Each half hour episode discusses two movies based on the 9 grounds of discrimination in the Equal Status Act. Themes include: Gender, Marital Status, Family Status, Age, Disability, Race, Sexual Orientation, Membership of the Traveller Community and Religious beliefs. This media literacy series looks at how ideas and beliefs are re-enforced through film and has a particular focus on intercultural interpretations.

Too often films are analysed only for how entertaining they are or how well they do at the box office. In this media literacy discussion series goes beyond this and looks at how different groups in society are represented in film and the impact this can have.

Watch Equal Billing on DCTV (UPC 802) and online at www.near.tv

This project was funded by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland.

EU Election Debate

There was a great turn out in Colaiste Dhulaigh for the Near FM EU Election debate on Tuesday, 6 May.



Near FM, with the support of Communicating Europe, presented a special live debate in advance of the European Elections on May 23rd. Candidates included Paul Murphy, Eamon Ryan, Lynn Boylan, Emer Costello and Brid Smith. The candidates outlined their credentials to be voted an MEP for Dublin and a live audience had the opportunity to ask questions.

A podcast of the debate can be heard at <http://nearfm.ie/podcast/near-fmcommunicating-europe-live-eu-debate/>



EU Debate – Colaiste Dhulaigh May 6th 2014
L-R Eamon Ryan, Paul Murphy, Declan Ralph, Brid Smith,
Lynn Boylan, Emer Costello.

Election Q+A

A Q+A event took place in Northside Civic Centre on May 13th 2014. Candidates Paddy Bourke, Paul Clarke, John Lyons, Sean Paul Mahon, Michael O'Brien, Ian Smyth, Mícheál Mac Donncha, and Prionsias O'Conarain were in attendance. Each had 1 minute to state their case which was followed by questions from a live audience and the Near FM text line. A podcast of the debate will be available soon.



<https://www.facebook.com/nearfm>



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Social Media

We've been monitoring the statistics on our facebook page very closely lately. And some of the posts that prove the most popular are the ones detailing the **content of programmes** airing that day. So if you want us to help you to **promote** your programme online then let us know what you have coming up on your show this week. So feel free to drop an email to **Amanda** at publicity@near.ie

We have 1,484
followers on Twitter

We're always happy to **promote** peoples programmes on twitter as well. One of the best ways for us to do this is to **retweet** your own tweets promoting your show, so be sure that you put **@nearfm** in your tweets so that we can see them easily in our timeline and retweet you to all our followers.

"Currently 2,837 people
LIKE us on Facebook"

We're now sending out the Newsletter, and other communications, via **mailchimp** This is just an easier way for us to send out bulk emails and an easier way for you to manage whether or not you want to receive them. If the amount of mail from us is proving too much for your inbox then you can **unsubscribe** by following the link at the bottom of the email. If you want to **re-subscribe**, add a different email address or know anyone who would like to subscribe then you can do so by following the subscribe link at nearfm.ie/newsletters/

John Healy was recently contacted by Deirdre Walsh from St. Michael's House, Omni SC/Santry Services. Deirdre wanted to thank Near FM and our listeners for the great response to a Christmas fundraising appeal. John had interviewed Deirdre about a "Pop up Shop" St. Michael's House were setting up for Christmas. During the interview they spoke about budget cuts and fundraising. Deirdre also made an appeal for donations of goods to be sold in the shop. After the interview went out Deirdre and the staff were amazed at the amount of donations delivered to their drop off points, in particular to St. Michaels House, Coolock. She said "**After the interview went out donations increased greatly, St. Michael's House, Coolock would ring to say there were lots of items to be collected. We would collect them, but before we got back to Omni they were ringing to say there were lots more arriving. It was a great success and over €4000 was raised. I would like to thank Near FM and your listeners for the great response.**" The takings were shared with a couple of other charities and anything that was not sold was donated to St. Vincent De Paul Coolock as a thank you to the listeners in North Dublin. Both interviews went out on Wednesday's edition of "Northside Today" and are also available on podcasts. John and Near FM would like to thank our listeners for their generosity. Long live Community Radio!!

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Welcome!!

Shane O'Neill and Grainne Kelly from DCU will be joining the Near FM team for the next two months, primarily supporting our Irish language programming



Peter Kelly has recently started as Technical Facilitator in NEAR TV and comes to us with a wealth of experience. We would like to welcome him and look forward to working with him in the coming months.

Changes to the Schedule

The Sports Show will be back. Every week with sporting updates from the area starting Tuesday, 20 May 2014 from 6 – 7 p.m. Welcome back to Edd Kealy.

The Sunday Afternoon Show with Dara Duffy recently moved to the earlier slot of 2 -3pm on Sundays. The show still has the same mix of music and chat! Peter Ridgeway's **Sunday Groove** is now at the later time of 3pm.

Upcoming Outside Broadcasts

NEAR FM will be going live from the Health Fair in the Northside Shopping Centre on

Friday, 23 May 2014. We will be on the Ground Floor, Middle Section of the Northside Shopping Centre from 11:00 – 13:00.

Farewell! Agur!

Thank you Anize for all your help over the last months; you have been a great asset and we wish you all best back in the Basque Country!



David Knox and Pauliina Jokinen have left NEAR TV. We would like to thank them for their exceptional work and commitment over the years they were here and wish them all the very best in the future.

Upcoming Events + dates to note:

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| Mad Scientists of Music Series | May 29 |
| Bank Holiday | June 2 |
| World Refugee Day | June 20 |