



NEWS UPDATE March 2010

Welcome to the March 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.

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Social/Staff News:

Welcome to Sean Coyle, who has joined Near under FAS work Placement Programme, and also welcome back to Robert Cuthbert..

<http://www.nearpodcast.org>

Near90fm Update



As part of near90fm's International Women's Day celebration, the Domestic Workers' Action Group of the Migrant Rights Centre of Ireland produced a panel discussion on the recognition of women's role in society and migrant women's working conditions.

Fuair [near90fm](#) an gradam náisiúnta ó Ghlór na nGael mar gheall ar ar obair atá ar suil chun an teanga achur chun cinn.

near90fm recieved the Irish language award from glór na nGeal as the community station which does the most to promote the language. Ciaran Ogelsby and Fiona Ni Fhionnlaoich were presented with the award by minister eamonn o'cuiv at a ceremony in Belfast townhall.

New on [Near 90fm](#)

AfroIrish - A mix of Irish and African music presented every Saturday at 5.30pm by Tony Kumbu

Eurotrax - Since its inception, the Eurovision Song Contest has endeared itself into the hearts and minds of people not only in Europe but throughout the world. David Hawk presents a series of programmes looking at various

aspects of the competition while featuring some of the music that has helped... every Saturday 6th March from 12:30 - 1:30pm.

Radio Solidarity - The Worker's Solidarity Movement on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 3.30pm

Under The Sun - A monthly global issues programme presented by Chloe Saint-Ville. Part 1 (April 13th at 3.30pm) Food Sovereignty

Coming in May

May 14th - World Fair Trade Day www.wftday.org

May 25th - Africa Day <http://africaday.irishaid.org>

Live Link between [Near 90fm](#) and Coláiste Dhúlaigh launched

[Near90fm](#) and the college of further education Coláiste Dhúlaigh launched a digital live link between the studios of Near90fm and the radio studio at Coláiste Dhúlaigh on Friday 12th February. The link up allows students from Coláiste Dhúlaigh to regularly broadcast on [Near90fm](#).

The ceremony was opened by the guest speaker Sean Haughey, TD, Minister of State, Dept. Of Education and Science, with responsibility for Lifelong Learning, who was the first person being interviewed live on the day.

This link is an initiative between Colaiste Dhulaigh and [Near Media Co-op](#) in collaboration through the long established Community Media Further Education Project. Students from various courses in media, primarily students of journalism, have been availing of the studio and recording equipment so far. Coláiste Dhúlaigh Principal, Shay Kelly, said the College has very much embraced this opportunity to give students the platform to gain practical experience of live broadcasting, both locally and worldwide through the Live Link provided by [Near90fm](#).

Mr. Kelly went on to say that this is the first collaboration of it's kind in the country and is part of the Community Media Further Education Project funded by the Department of Education through City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC) Near90fm's former Chairperson Jack Byrne said this initiative is a great opportunity for students to inform and entertain each other and also to engage with the local community by Co-Producing/Co-Presenting programmes on matters of common interest, such as Access to Education and training, the jobs market, and Social outlets, such as Sports clubs. Near90fm is very enthusiastic about this initiative and is confident it will benefit both students and the community.

TD, Minister of State, Sean Haughey continued the speech by stating that he, being Minister for Lifelong Learning, is very much in favour of this type of partnership approach as it enhances community participation and generates a

whole range of new and interesting learning opportunities for participants.’ Minister Haughey went on to say that lifelong Learning programmes are crucial in enabling all our learners to engage in the pursuit of continuing education and training on a lifelong basis and that the link will enhance and contribute to the development of a knowledge-based economy. Minister Haughey concluded the speech that he is confident that 'Live Link' will be another hugely successful venture for NEAR FM.

Chris Morris welcomes suggestions about topics - and / or people - for his programme: '**A Sense of Humanism**' which is broadcast every Thursday at 3.00pm Humanism is a non-religious approach to life, so topics which are even remotely relevant - or even just interesting - are very welcome. And if anybody would like to discuss, support or challenge any aspect of humanism, the door is open. Contact Chris at 086 2641904 or morrisarch@eircom.net

Dublin City Council CC and the FAI will host a Family Football Blitz to launch their new all weather pitch beside Northside Shopping centre on Sat 27th between 1-5pm. Registration is at 12.30pm. All activities are free and include Penalty Shoot-out, Street Skills, Boot Camp and 5-a side. **Near90fm** will be there to play music and report to our **Saturday Sports programme**. All welcome to attend, U'10s must be accompanied by an adult.

Near Media Co Op Mission Statement

*To
foster social
justice, media literacy and
promote civil society ownership of
media. To be a democratic, independent,
not for profit community building resource. To
provide an alternative to mainstream media by
offering an outlet for those underrepresented
or excluded through training and access to
distribution facilities. Through distinctive
programming to contribute to the
education entertainment and
development of our
community,
To defend the
environment
and human
rights,
particularly
the right to
communicate.*

Training Update

Near has been very busy with training recently.

Community **Radio** Intro:

Migrants Rights Centre: Domestic Immigrant workers (10) Training completed.

Sphere 17: Darndale teenagers (10) Training underway

Northside Youth leadership: local Teenagers (8) Training underway

Community **Media** Intro Course:

Group that came from near-online training: local people (12) Training completed

Regular Tuesday evening Intro training: general public (20) Training underway

Community **TV** Intro:

Central Remedial Clinic: teenagers with disabilities (10) Training underway

Intermediate Training:

Portable recorders and digital editing: current volunteers (6) Training underway

4 **IT** beginners courses (6 on each) Training underway.

Training and Production Update

The S&V funded series Tir na Nog (childrens story telling) will broadcast on **Near90fm**, on Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd April @ 3.30pm.

Any ideas for S&V Radio Round 10 are now welcome. Email a synopsis to paul@near.ie

Outreach Update

Dynamo Effect Eco Fair April 10th

You want to know how to save money whilst being energy friendly? How to turn your old clothes into a new desirable piece? How to grow your own food and how you too can make use of solar panels? Get some of your 'green' questions answered!

Near90fm and Cultivate Living and Learning are hosting an Eco Fair on Saturday 10th April 2010 from 10.30am to 5.00pm at the Greenhouse, 17 St. Andrews Street, D2.

Tickets cost 10€/€5 and can be purchased through Cultivate (01.6745773).

‘The Dynamo Effect- Eco Fair’ will be a fun and informative day out for the whole family, featuring stalls, films, talks, children’s activities and workshops on renewable energy, green building, local food, ethical fashion, transition towns, cycling, and sustainable communities.

The aim is to promote awareness of alternative energy sources and environmentally friendly building methods and life styles. The day will foresee an Information Fair- ‘All you need to know about sustainable living’ situated on the ground floor of the Greenhouse. This variety of information stalls will provide information throughout the day on themes as ecological building systems, airtricity, cycling, solar panels, natural paints, slow food, to name a few. Furthermore on the agenda are eleven fun packed and innovative workshop throughout the day where everyone will be guaranteed to find a workshop with a theme of their interest:

Passive Houses, Transition Towns, Roof Top Gardening, Retrofit your home, Redress- Sustainable Fashion, Composting, Grow it Yourself Ireland, Domestic Solar Panels.

In order to educate and entertain the young ones, the day also includes the workshops particularly aimed at kids: Eco Unesco: Creative Recycling, Carbon Footprints for kids, Shamrouges short Film and book reading.

The Dynamo Effect Eco Fair will finish with a Panel Discussion from 3.45pm-5.00pm with the EASCA Green Building and Energy Clinic. Get your questions ready and come along! The screening of the film 'The Pedal Project' will be followed by a discussion on cycling in Dublin. Neartv will be filming the event which will be broadcasted at DCTV.

<http://www.near.ie/livestream>

Saturday March 27th:

Outside Broadcast: Football Blitz, the launch of the new all weather pitch in Coolock opposite the Northside Shopping Centre. Family event with activities around the football.

Music to be played between 1 and 3pm, link with sports programme between 3-5pm on [Near90fm](#)

NearTV Update

[Near TV](#) have been working with the Lifeforce project on Suicide Prevention. Life force is directed by Peter Hussey and Keith of Crooked house theatre and is a project of Blue drum, an organisation which promotes social change through the arts. The life force project involves collaboration between community and youth groups in Swords, Baldoyle, Tallaght and Ringsend. Dealing with all aspects of social poverty including depression, suicide, self harm and mental health. Having interviewed the organisers and one of the young people involved in the play the short video is currently in post-production and will be on our website in the coming weeks.

Our [Near TV](#) Volunteers have been busy brainstorming ideas for short piece on Human Rights leading on from the Right to Privacy piece.

The one hour Documentary the Artane Bands Journey to Boston had reached rough cut and we are looking forward to the launch next month. For more details please keep an eye on the website.

Volunteer Training for new volunteers is well under way and [NearTV](#) are looking forward to seeing the work our new volunteers will be doing in the coming months. If you are interested in Volunteering with [NearTV](#) the next training will be taking place in October for more details contact elaine@near.ie

[NearTV](#) is also working with a group from the Central Remedial Clinic & they have been busy planning 4 half hour studio programmes which will be produced in May in the DCTV (Dublin Community Television) studios.

Dublin Community Television (DCTV)

The first episodes of Beyond the Classroom - the new community education series co-produced by DCTV and the Aontas Community Education Network have now been released online.

Available to stream (watch in your browser) and download (for viewing Later at www.dctv.ie

DCTV broadcasts on NTL Digital Channel 802.

Update from Craol.ie (Community Radio Forum of Ireland)

The Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI) has announced funding decisions for Round 9 Radio of Sound & Vision – The Broadcasting Funding Scheme. Grants totalling €956,000 have been awarded to support the production of 88 radio projects. 239 applications were received. All the funded programmes will explore the themes of Irish culture, heritage and experience. While documentary programmes account for the highest amount of funding being offered, the genres of radio drama, children's programming and education programmes also figure strongly. €146,000 of the total amount has been awarded to Irish language/bi-lingual radio programmes.

15 Community Stations including 3 Aspirants were successful representing the highest level of successful participation to date. The 2 biggest success stories were Corca Baiscinn who secured seven projects, and new participant Athlone Community Radio who secured 4 projects.

The full list of Community Radio successes were Athlone (4), Ballyhoura (1), Claremorris (2), Castlebar (1), Cork, (1), Dublin South (3), Erris (1) Flirt (2), Inishowen (4), Life (2), Liffey Sound (1), **Near90fm** (2), Phoenix (1), Tipperary Mid-west (2) West Dublin (1), West Limerick (1).

A full list of the recommended projects is available at www.bai.ie

The BAI have released the application forms and guidelines for Sound and Vision II along with the scheme documentation.

CRAOL have today provided an INITIAL ANALYSIS of the CHANGES from a community radio perspective directly to it's members.

This funding scheme follows directly on from Sound and Vision but with an expanded budget (increased from 5% of the licence fee to 7%), an expansion of eligible programme categories and significant changes to the budgeting, peak time requirements, and assessment, especially for the Community sector.

Committee of Management.

Welcome to Deborah Gaffney, who was co-opted to the Committee at the February meeting. Deborah has been involved with **Near Drama** since its inception in 2008 and has been previously involved in community radio in the UK (Wolverhampton Community Radio). She is also an active member of her local Residents Association and was formerly involved in volunteer work for Temple St. Children's Hospital and The Bubble Gum Club.

Near Online Update

Near90fm audio livestreaming is now up and running again. This runs in conjunction with our streaming on the webcam. Reliability of the webcam has also been increased.

You can find both our live audio streaming and webcam at <http://www.near.ie/livestream>

And remember you can also find a large catalog of programmes that have previously aired on **near90fm** by visting our podcast at <http://www.nearpodcast.org>