



NEWS UPDATE May 2010

Welcome to the May 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. The Annual General Meeting of the Co-Operative that owns and manages Near takes place on Thursday 10th June at 7.30pm, in the Northside Civic Centre. All shareholders are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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

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Near90fm Update

New Closing Times

From 14th June the Northside Civic Centre will close each evening at 11.30pm. This is to facilitate a cost cutting package designed to reduce costs for all of the building's tenants. From this date all studios and the office will close at 11.30pm. The co-op hopes that this does not unduly inconvenience Volunteers and staff. For further information please contact Alan or Sally.

The panel discussion "**Poverty in Families**" as part of the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion was broadcast on Wednesday the 19th of May at 12pm and again on Sunday 23rd May. It is now available as a podcast on www.nearpodcast.org

Credit Union Programme

Near90fm will shortly broadcast a series of programmes about your local credit unions. The first is planned for mid-June with parts 2 and 3 in September and December. Watch the noticeboards, listen to **Near90fm** and log onto our website and facebook page for further updates.

Northside Blues

Near90fm's recent Sound and Vision funded series "Northside Blues" was featured in a recent edition of "Hotpress".

Curtain Up Returns!

Near90fm's drama programme "Curtain Up" will return for the summer on June 5th. Tune in at 12.30 every Saturday for news of amateur dramatic productions, performance of extracts, musicals and much. Much more. On the 19th June the "Curtain Up" team will present a special Bloomsday edition including an interview with Joycean scholar Senator David Norris.

Africa Day on the 25th

To celebrate Africa Day on the 25th May Near 90fm broadcast recordings and interviews from Africa Day Dublin held at the Iveagh Gardens on the 16th of May. The day will also feature "From Ballygar to Zanzibar" and "Friends of Londiani" 2 documentaries produced by Near90fm with an African theme.

Facebook

Don't forget to visit Near90fm's Facebook page. Join up and receive daily information on the latest at Near Media Co-op. www.facebook.com/near90fm

Training News

MIC:

Near90fm recently hosted a training course with participants from Media Initiative Collective, better known as The MIC Project. The group were trained in a number of areas including media literacy, research and law. It is hoped that the links developed between the co-op and the collective will be further developed in the future.

Irish Language Training:

An intensive 2 day training session for prospective Irish language Volunteers has just finished. It is hoped that the new Volunteers will soon get involved and help develop our Irish language programming.

Getting Out!

Near90fm's outside broadcast unit has been busy this month covering both the presentation of a Green Flag to Colaiste Dhulaigh on 29th April and "Celebrate Life Week" from Darndale. "Celebrate Life Week" was organised by Sphere 17 to highlight positive living and suicide prevention. Pictured are Minister for the Environment John Gormely TD at the Green Flag ceremony.



Important Dates in June and July

June 18th – International Refugee Day

June 18th – 27th - Dublin LGBTQ Pride Festival

July 3rd – UN Internationals Day of Cooperatives

Near90fm are planning a series on minority sports. If you are involved in, or if you know anyone involved in anything from archery to bowls to motorbike racing or anything else that's not GAA, soccer or rugby, we'd like to hear from you. Contact ciaran@near.ie"

Dara Duffy and Mark Staunton have taken up duties on **Rise & Shine** (Saturday mornings from 8.00am) while Dave O'Connor takes a break for the summer.

Northside Tonight Presenter, Michael Fitzgerald is travelling to Israel this week. (Sunday 23/May/2010 – returning 28/May/2010), with a group of distinguished journalists, as an official guest of the Government. The nature of the visit is to update those attending regarding the current political and security situation in the region, together with familiarising us with the opportunities and threats to peace. The party will include journalists from Irish Times, Irish Independent, Newstalk, TV3 and of course **Near90fm**.

The visit has been organised so the party will be having a private meeting with the current President Shimon Peres, and during their stay they will be receiving confidential briefing from Issac Herzog (Min. Social Welfare and son of former Pres. Chaim Hertzog, who was born in Ireland), Danny Ayalon (Deputy Min. Foreign Affairs), David Horowitz (Editor, Jerusalem Post) together with Udi Cohen and Ibrahim Shindi (Citizens Accord Forum between Arabs and Jews). There will also a full round of meeting with political, diplomatic, economic and cultural advisers. There is a full itinerary scheduled daily from 7am – 9pm and in between visiting both Christian, Jewish and Muslim sacred sights the group will also visit a kibbutz, a winery and we will also be taken to see a play at the Camery Theatre.

Near90fm are doing a special series on Howth this coming Autumn. We are looking for anyone with a particular knowledge of anything associated with Howth, especially, history, culture, flora & fauna. Contact Ciarán Murray (ciaran@near.ie) or Zandra Ball (Zandra@mediacoop.ie)

Thanks to all who made it to the recent Pub Quiz in Graingers. It was a good night and we hope to organise more social events in the future. Special mention goes to Lisa Quinn, Debbie Mc Mahon and George Mulcahy for their extra efforts on the night. We raised €100 and have donated it to Heart Children of Ireland.



Live OB with Noel Mc Guinness from Darndale during 'Celebrate Life week' organised by youth service Sphere 17 to highlight positive living and suicide prevention. The OB was Monday 26th April.

Intercultural Media Literacy Project

Near90fm is involved in an EU funded international partnership around involving minority groups in media. Based on common research, exchange of experience and expertise on the work of the participating media training and community media organizations the partners will develop strategies to test, improve and disseminate the results around the training concepts.

These training concepts encourage migrants, ethnic and cultural minorities to participate in media and social communication. The partnership will develop strategies to integrate actual experiences for intercultural media training in the national and European framework for lifelong learning. It will define a common ground for intercultural training activities which reaches out to disadvantaged groups and individuals with low qualifications and build the capacities of learners for intercultural dialogue and media literacy in a way that it can be recognized and certified also within the national and European education system.

If you are interested contact: sally@near.ie or phone 8671190

Near Outreach

Near90fm Outside Broadcast at Africa Day:

A big **Thank you** for your participation during our Outside Broadcast from the Iveagh Gardens last Sunday week. It was a great success and we couldn't have done without all your help. The organisers from the event are delighted about the outcome as well

and pass on their regards to everyone involved. We have uploaded some of the pictures taken on our facebook site: [facebook.com/near90fm](https://www.facebook.com/near90fm)
Some of the interviews went out live during the day, other recordings were played over the next couple of weeks and on Africa Day itself, which is May 25th.

Upcoming Outside Broadcast:

On **June 12th** **near90fm** will be broadcasting from **St. Anne's Park** to celebrate **Filipino Day** from 12.00-6.00pm. If you'd like to give us a hand with handing out balloons, badges and schedules drop us an email at dorothee@near.ie. Or call over to us on the day to say hello or for an interview or just for the great atmosphere in one of Dublin's most beautiful parks ☺

Volunteering Ireland:

Volunteering Ireland is celebrating the volunteers of Dublin city. Dublin City Volunteer Week is a week of events and festivities taking place throughout the city of Dublin from the 1st to the 7th June 2010 to celebrate, recognize and 'show-case' the diverse and exciting ways in which people in Dublin engage with their communities through voluntary action.

Near 90fm will be broadcasting live from the launch at the Mansion House on May 31st and doing recordings in Temple Bar, Meeting House Square on Tuesday, 1st of June between 10.30am and 2.00pm- an event for all people in Dublin, where Volunteering Ireland will ask people to participate by creating a drawing, collage, painting, poem, giving expression to their view of volunteering.

As many of our volunteers are coming to us through Volunteering Ireland, we are invited by Volunteering Ireland along with volunteers from dozens of other organisations to take part in their pub quiz on Thursday June 3rd at 7.00pm in Dicey Reilly's on Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. Prizes include cash, vouchers for a hotel, urban outfitters, restaurants, cinemas, to name a few. So far we have a table of 4 but we can get a second team- so, if you'd like to take part, please contact Dorothee at dorothee@near.ie. Hope to see you there!

Convergence Festival at the Greenhouse:

Near90fm is this year's **media partner** at the **15th Sustainable Living Festival 'Convergence'**, May 26th to June 1st. We will be recording a number of the events to be broadcast at a later date.

Bayside Community Centre:

A big Thank you to the new presenters from the Beat Factory (Saturdays 11.30-12.30) for coming along earlier this month to the Bayside community Centre to explain **near90fm** to the teenagers involved at their Youth centre!

Near TV Productions Update

CRC-TV

The media group from the Central Remedial Clinic went into DCTV Studios at the beginning of this month.

It has been hard work but fun for everyone involved. The group have taken control of the Studio and they have all taken to their individual roles Susan as floor manager, Colma as Vision Mixer, Tony & Peter presenters, Luke on Sound and James and Evan on behind the scenes camera. Peter will also be including some of his own art work in the graphics for the programmes.

They are into their 4th week in Studio with one more week to go. The programmes are all based around the CRC and the topics for the 4 half hours programmes include Art, Drama, Sport and Media.

Production Facilitator through the CRC is Tommy Crampton and through [NearTV](#) are Adrian, Niall & Elaine.

Funding for this programme is through the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland Sound & Vision Scheme.

Green Schools

The green schools programme with St Francis School Priorswood is still in Pre-production and will be launched early next month.

Volunteers work

As part of the recently completed [NearTV](#) volunteer training. Two new short videos are currently on the new website. The two groups were given a day to plan and shoot a short piece on the recession in the Coolock and as you can see, they came up with two different takes on the topic.



Show me the money!!!!

(Extract from **Near Media Co-Op** Volunteer handbook - Available at www.near.ie)

FINANCING COMMUNITY MEDIA

We are established as *“an organisation which is not run with a view to profit and ensure their independence by being financed from a variety of sources”*

Community Radio Charter for Europe. Point 7.

The Co-op is a not-for-profit entity. Commercial media makes programmes in order to make money. We make money in order to make media. This Co-op is owned by a democratic, co-operative society and run by a voluntary Committee of Management. A public auditor audits all our finances each year and the information is publicly available.

This Co-op was asked to fund itself from a mix of advertising, sponsorship and community fundraising. We have decided to forego full-blooded advertising, as we feel that this is incompatible with community programming.

For example with radio:

We are experimenting with a form of commercial funding from local business termed Sponsorship Announcements. These return advertising to its original meaning of ‘notification’ and are a more candid model which is defined as follows:

Sponsorship Announcements contain the following information:

"The name of Sponsor, the business address and general description of the types of services or products that the Sponsor provides. These statements must not contain references to convenience, durability or desirability, or contain other comparative or competitive references. They can contain information about the Sponsors products, including price, name and brand name of the product." We are encouraging this approach, as they are a more honest way to inform our listeners about local services available through local businesses, which are supporting our community station.

Where possible, you should also seek to support our Sponsors.

Such ‘Sponsorship Spots’ are produced in-house by volunteers. They are broadcast on a bed of music and should be delivered in a neutral manner. See if you can spot the difference between them and ads on other radio stations.

SOCIAL FUNDING

The relationship between our co-op and its funders is as important as the finance. We will therefore develop the following funding strategy.

PUBLIC

Statutory bodies will be encouraged to provide core funding for our broad community development remit, also to provide programme-related grants and to contract us to deliver training services to eligible recipients.

COMMUNITY

We will develop our community/listenership/viewership support by encouraging individuals and community organisations to support our various fundraising events.

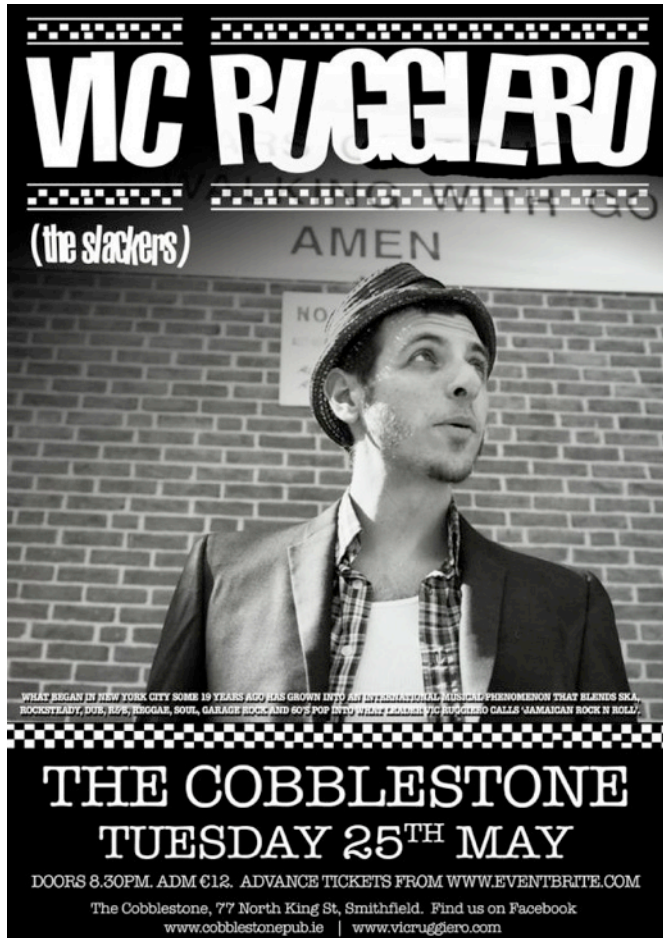
PRIVATE

We will seek local business Sponsorship, which is compatible with the Community Radio Charter. Caring organisations will also be encouraged to fund relevant projects. e.g. training in programme making for persons in their particular sector.

Such an approach seeks to develop a ‘Social Partnership’ between Near Media Co-op and its funders who understand and support our broad community development aims.

We also seek to finance our Co-op from community events, such as pub quizzes and auctions and from grant aid from public and private bodies in relation to specific community development programmes and training projects.

All monies received go back into developing and promoting our project. We expect all volunteers, where possible, to support our community fundraising efforts.



The Ska Patrol, with Joe Behan, in your neighbourhood, Monday nights from 8.00pm on Near90fm

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

**Near Media Co Op
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 10th June 2010 7.30pm
Northside Civic Centre**

All shareholders welcome

Near Media Co-Op is the operating name that owns and runs Near 90fm, Near TV productions and Near Online. The Co-Op is legally registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies as Comharchumann Cumarsaide Pobal Bhaile Atha Cliath Thoir-Thuaidh Teoranta or, Dublin North-East Community Communications Co-operative Society Limited. The affairs of the Co-operative Society are conducted by the

Committee of Management. The members of the Committee of Management are elected at the Co-op's A.G.M. One third of the Committee shall retire each year, but are eligible for re-election. Only members of the Co-op can stand for election, or vote, and each member has only one vote.

Membership of the society is open to individuals and organisations, they can apply for shareholding membership and upon subscription of €5 in shares by an individual or €25 for an organisation, may be admitted into membership.

Being a shareholder gives you voting rights and a greater say in the running of the Co-Operative.

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

The CRAOL Féile 2010 is to be hosted by Flirt FM in Galway City over the weekend of 29th-30th May. This, the 8th Annual Feile is the flagship event of the community radio calendar and is made possible with the support of the BAI. It brings together staff, senior volunteers and board members of Community Stations across Ireland to participate in workshops dealing with all aspects of Community Radio.

The first ever CRAOL Community Radio Conference has been confirmed for June 18th in Croke Park in Dublin.

The Minister for Communications Eamon Ryan T.D. and Steve Buckley, the President of AMARC (the worldwide network of Community Radio stations) is to speak at the one day conference which will profile the impact of community radio and how it is making a real difference in a rapidly changing Ireland.

More at Craol.ie

Portrait of a Zombie

A working class Irish family is caught up in a zombie invasion of Dublin. When their son, Billy, becomes a zombie the family chooses to take care of him in the home much to the chagrin of the neighbours and the local crime boss. Meanwhile, they're invited an American documentarian to film their situation and the film crew is caught up in the mayhem. Will the family prove that blood is thicker than water or will their love lead to their eventual doom ? One thing is clear, for the zombies in Ireland, the famine is over!!!!

Seán Markey worked on this movie and is asking you to sign the online petition to try and get a cinema release for it.

The form can be accessed here:

<http://www.portraitofazombie.com/POAZ/Register.html>

Near Drama Update

Near Drama have just completed recording the sixth and last episode of the comedy series 'The Brennan Mob'.

We will starting a new series of 'Curtain Up' on Saturday 5 June at 12.30pm. The series will run until 5 September, on [Near90fm](#)

Declan Cahill
Co-ordinator
NEAR Drama Company

Near OnlineUpdate



We now have several options available to you for our online live streaming of [Near90fm](#).

There is the high quality live stream for windows and there is also a version of the high quality stream that will play through iTunes for mac users.

There is a lower quality live stream available as well, which is handy if you are on mobile broadband and have limited bandwidth.

And of course we still have the webcam up and running.

You can find all these options at: <http://near.ie/livestream>

Also, if you have an iPhone, Blackberry or Windows Mobile phone you can find us on the popular WunderRadio app.

<http://www.nearpodcast.org>