



NEWS UPDATE October 2010

Welcome to the October 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. You'll notice that this month's hard copy is again published in compact format. We are trying to use the newsletter as a promotional tool in the community and hope to have a few copies on trial in local libraries and other public places. The feedback to date has been positive, and as ever if you want to give feedback, or contribute to any edition, email me and I'll gladly include your item.

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Near Media Co-Op Committee of Management

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Niamh Coffey - An Appreciation.

Niamh Coffey, who passed away recently, was a vibrant young woman, who had been a volunteer with Near for many years. She became involved with Near90fm as a student while studying in St Pats College, Drumcondra, getting involved with the Irish language programme. Later, she was instrumental in setting up Near TV, produced a radio documentary about the Artane Band, and regularly contributed to Irish language programming on Near90fm. It would not have been unusual for Niamh to bring members of her family and friends into the programme to play a few tunes, or tell a few stories!! And many of her family and friends then became volunteers in their own right. Niamh was a teacher in St Oliver Plunkett School in Malahide, and regularly took NearTV cameras and equipment into the classroom to allow her kids to make their own tv inserts. She was at the forefront of media literacy and showed children an alternative viewpoint to what they would see on mainstream TV. A couple of years ago, she took a year out to travel, but being Niamh, she went to South America, and worked with children in disadvantaged areas. Before she went, she came into Near and asked could she borrow a marantz and take it with her, so that she could bring back recordings to play on the radio. When you met Niamh at a meeting she was always level headed, considerate and had good judgement. If you met her at a party, she was the life and soul, always up for a bit of crack. Niamh stepped aside from the Near Media Co Op Committee of Management in 2009 and her contribution was greatly missed. However, she had recently married and she was expecting her first child, so it was understandable that she might like time to herself. Her daughter Anna was born in December 2009. During 2010, Niamh fought a brave battle with her illness until Tuesday 12th October 2010, when she was finally released. It was a great shock to many, as Niamh had kept her illness private. Her husband, Brian, spoke eloquently of his wonderful wife at her funeral a few days later in St Sylvesters Church, Malahide, which was packed with family and friends, who had attended to remember Niamh. Niamh was 31 years young. The Co-op wishes to express its condolences to her husband Brian, daughter Anna, parents Michael and Rita, sister Deirdre, brothers Michael and Brendan, parents-in-law Ann and Vincent, sister-in-law Fiona, and all her relatives and many friends.

Social News

Christmas Party 2011

This year's Near Media Co-op Christmas Party will take place on **Saturday, 18th December** from 7pm until late at **The Grand Hotel, Malahide**.

As usual there will be a drinks reception at 7pm followed by dinner at 8pm sharp. After dinner there will be music and dancing until late. Invites will be issued in Mid November so keep an eye on your mail! Please remember to RSVP by the date on your invite.

Welcome to Noel McGuinness Jr. who has joined the staff.

Get well soon to Barbara Jennings, Brendan Madden and Pat Rogers.

Near90fm Update

Coming in November:

The EU Show – A series introducing all 26 member states of the EU including current affairs, travel tips, interviews with guests linked to the countries and national cuisine.

The programme is presented by Laci Zimanyi.

Saturdays 5pm beginning November 27th

Radio Solidarity

This month's programme from the Worker's Solidarity Movement (episode 7 in the series) will deal with Climate Justice. It will be broadcast on November 2nd at 3.30pm and you can hear it every month on the first Tuesday of each month.

More Punk please!

For the whole of November Paul Leonard and The Punk Programme will be broadcasting from 9.30pm – 11.30pm every Wednesday night.

John O' Shea is back! Every Saturday between 5pm and 7pm until the end of November.

And finally don't forget the Dublin Hurling Championship final. This year Northside team St. Vincent's are in the final so you can hear live coverage on Sunday 7th November. Keep listening to Near 90fm and online for more details.

Programme Profile: *The Neon Room with Dave Rigney and Marc Bowe.*



What genres of music do you play?

We try to keep it as eclectic as possible - everything from 60's psychedelic rock, funk, 70's glam rock, indie and grunge, right through to electronica, soul, disco, hip hop and skiffle. The list is endless really. While we do play a lot of music from established artists, we sometimes like to play unusual covers or b sides from them that people may not be familiar with. We also take requests!

How long have you been with Near90fm?

Dave: 2 years now, I first began with the Near Sessions which I am still a presenter on.

Marc: I've been with Near for over a year and a half.

How did you get involved with Near?:

Marc: I always wanted to get into radio, I love exposing people to great music they may not have listened to before or just reminding them of a classic track they haven't heard in a while.

Dave: I'm a qualified sound engineer but over the years have played in bands, dj'd in rock clubs and promoted gigs in Dublin. I've always had a love for radio so i guess it was the next step.

What's your own favourite band?

Marc: Well, you can't beat The Beatles in my opinion, the original and best. I'm also a huge fan of David Bowie, Oasis and U2. I'm really into Jack White's latest venture The Dead Weather at the moment.

Dave: As regards influence wise I'd say Joy Division/New Order, in terms of favourite bands to listen to probably Massive Attack and Nine Inch Nails.

What other Near90fm Programmes do you listen to?

Dave: Near Sessions, Ska Patrol, Top Tunes and Saturday Sport. There are so many good shows on Near at the moment I try to give them all a listen.

Marc: Top Tunes is a really good show, and the bands on the Near Sessions are always worth tuning in for. Near Film is another one I'll catch whenever I can.

The Neon Room every Thursday night 10pm – 11.30pm

To Download or Not to Download

We would ask all Volunteers and staff members to not use music downloaded from Youtube or similar websites as the quality of the sound is very poor.

Dates to Remember

November 9th – Kristallnacht

November 25th – Women's Day against Violence

December 5th – International Volunteer's Day

December 18th – International Migrant's Day

<http://www.nearpodcast.org>

Back To Basics - Radio Production

- Always wear headphones - Monitor microphone and other audio levels carefully.
- No in-house jokes or requests for staff/volunteers "out there in the office".
- Only those participating in the programme should be in Studio and heard on-air.

Get the basics right and the rest will follow.

Archive your programme

"It's new year and your doing a review of your programme and the stuff you've covered during the year... A well-known local person dies and you'd like to find if we have recorded interviews with them over the years..."

You're doing a piece on St. Annes' Park and you'd like to get a clip from a Rose Festival recording we did years back..."

With an proper archive system you could find all these things really easily. However in order to have such a system, we will need everyone to build a proper archive system. This involves two parts: storing and cataloging. We already have a storage system (talk to Gay, gay@near.ie) but we need to build the cataloging part. We need all the information on what was covered in your programme. In order to start this process we first need everyone to begin keeping a detailed running order. Talk to Mary or Paula at reception about cataloging this information. (And by the way, if you want to use our new "Listen Again" feature on the web, you'll have to have a clear running order, talk to Gavin, gavin@near.ie)

Production & Training Update

Production

Near90fm are awaiting results from Sound and Vision Round 10. Decision expected November'10.

Anyone with events or ideas they think would make a viable Sound and Vision project in 2011 are encouraged to get in touch with paul@near.ie or 8485211.

The Boys Club series is now available on podcast. Please visit www.nearpodcast.org to listen and download.

Mol an Oige 2 will launch in late November. Keep an eye on the near website for more.

Upcoming Sound and Vision series include **Europe for Beginners** and **OWN series 2**. Keep and eye on the newsletter and the website for more details.

Training

Near90fm have been funded by the Dublin City Council Integration initiative to run training for new and marginalised communities. One training course continues. Trainees include members of the **Zimbabwe Heritage Trust** and the **Latvian-Irish society**.

The volunteers from the **Sphere 17 Youth Group** began broadcasting on Wednesday October 13th @ 6.30pm and will broadcast every second week until Christmas. They presented a Halloween special on October 27th.

Radio

Paul Loughran, Mick Fitzgerald and Declan Cahill are attending Claiming our Future in the RDS on October 30th. They will record interviews to broadcast on near90fm and on Craol member stations nationwide. For more visit www.claimingourfuture.ie

Near TV Update

Caroline Brennan one of the NearTV volunteers has been working on a short video for the HSE elder abuse open your eyes competition it will be online shortly.

David Quinn and David Knox will be filming at an Age Action event this week. Please keep an eye on the website for more details on these programmes.

CRC-TV is currently in post-production and will be on DCTV and www.near.ie soon. The group are very excited about seeing the programme they produced broadcast. Funding for this programme is through the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland Sound & Vision Scheme.

Near Outreach Update

Sport:

Live coverage of Hurling semi final on Sunday afternoon, 24th October. St Vincents v Kilmacud Crokes and B'boden St Endas v O'Tooles. Finals on Sunday afternoon, 31st October. Covered by Fergus Carroll, on Near90fm

Near90fm reporting from the RDS October 30th at '**Claiming our Future**' event: Ireland is at a critical moment. You can help turn this crisis into a positive turning point. Claiming our Future is a unique event. It offers a chance for people, trade unions, community organisations, environmental groups, business groups and other civil society organisations to not just talk about a better way – but to take new inspiring steps. It aims to foster a unity across civil society and to power a progressive movement to reshape Ireland's recovery and claim our social values.

Claiming our Future will launch and mould that movement for an equal, sustainable and thriving Ireland. Already, individuals, communities and progressive groups from every corner of Ireland have begun to get involved. The all day free event will be happening on Saturday 30th October. More info and registration at www.claimingourfuture.ie.

3 community media activists from Near90fm will be documenting the happenings on the day and record in the RDS.

Sunday 31st: Halloween Family Fun Day:

The local SpotsvStripes Community Activities and Games Co-ordinator working for Northside Partnership are organising a Halloween Family Fun Day on Sunday 31st October in the Stardust Memorial Park in Coolock from 12.30-3.30pm. Near is organising to interview some of the people involved with the event.

Near 90fm is proud to present a new radio show called EU SHOW:

One of near90fm's newest volunteers, **Laco "Latso" Zimanyi** (Kildare EU Club) will start presenting this new programme on Saturday 27th November. It will run weekly from 5.00-6.00pm. The EU SHOW is based on facts about 26 European Union countries (excluding Ireland) presenting a historical, political and cultural background of each country including mythology as well as places to visit and a taste of the country. Content of the show is based on information received from different sources. There are two or more guests whose origins are in particular country invited to take part on the show.

Broadcast and all information on the particular countries and culinary recipes can be found on the website designed especially for this show at www.eushow.net

The Kildare EU Club is a non-profit, volunteer organisation gathering members from EU countries living in Co. Kildare. The main goal of the organisation is to promote different cultures, provide information and organise activities activating a positive integration process. See more at <http://www.euclub.org> www.euclub.org.

Call for Near90fm's outside broadcast unit to get out more! Invite us to come along and to get your message across:

Tell us what's up?!?!? Some event/launch/concert/fair happening at your school/library/ community centre in Dublin North East? You would like your local community radio station to cover a couple of hours and to interview the relevant people involved? If so, get in touch with Dorothee@near.ie.

<http://www.nearpodcast.org>

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

The Results of the 2010 Craol Achievement Awards were announced at a special ceremony at the Gresham Hotel in Dublin on Saturday (9th October). This years Special Category was "**Promoting Diversity and Access**".

The Craol Achievement Awards are not a competition between community radio stations. Rather, they are an opportunity for stations to showcase a range of their programmes, to use the exercise to improve aspects of their operations and to challenge themselves to be the best community radio station they can be

Category: Commissioned Programming

1. Claremorris Community Radio *From Bothar Garbh to Mount St.*
2. Community Radio Youghal *Last of the Yarns*
3. Inishowen Community Radio *Same & Different*

Category: Social Benefit

1. Claremorris Community Radio *Finding my place: Me and my Job*
2. Community Radio *Youghal Perspectives*
3. Future FM (Tallaght) *Future Fm*
4. Life FM *LifeFM's Evening with Focus On the Family Ireland*

Category: Irish Language

1. Dundalk FM *Seachtain na Gaeilge*
2. Flirt FM *Labhair Linn*
3. Raidió Na Life *Beo ón Phicnic Leictreach*

Category: Promoting Diversity & Access

1. Dublin South FM *On the Air*
2. Life FM *Across the street around the world*
3. **Near90fm** *Intercultural Media literacy: MCRI Training and Intercultural Day Broadcast*
4. Inishowen Community Radio *The Cashel na Cor Radio Show*
5. Phoenix FM *Travellers on the Move*
6. Raidio Corca Baiscinn *Enable Ireland Ennis Group*

Category: Environmental

1. Erris FM *Wildtracks*

Category: Arts & Cultural

1. Raidió Na Life *Fios Feasa*

Merit Awards were also granted to programmes/projects from Dundalk FM, Flirt FM, Inishowen Community Radio, Life FM, **Near90fm**, Phoenix FM, Dublin South FM, Claremorris Community Radio, Dublin South FM, Raidio Corca Baiscinn, & Wired FM.

Congratulations to all of this years recipients.

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

Near Media Co-op has been to the fore in promoting the topic of Media Literacy for community media. Jack Byrne has been pushing this aspect of training over the past ten years for Near Media Co-op and he is now encouraging the Craol community radio network to see the importance of this aspect of our media work.

Jack and Craol encouraged Minister Ryan to include Media Literacy in the recent Broadcasting Act 2009 and now Jack has assembled a Craol Media Literacy Network working group, to introduce media literacy training into all stations in the movement.

There will be a strategic planning day held on Saturday 20th. November to lay out plans for next year. Anyone interested in helping or becoming a media literacy trainer can contact Jack at: jack@near.ie.

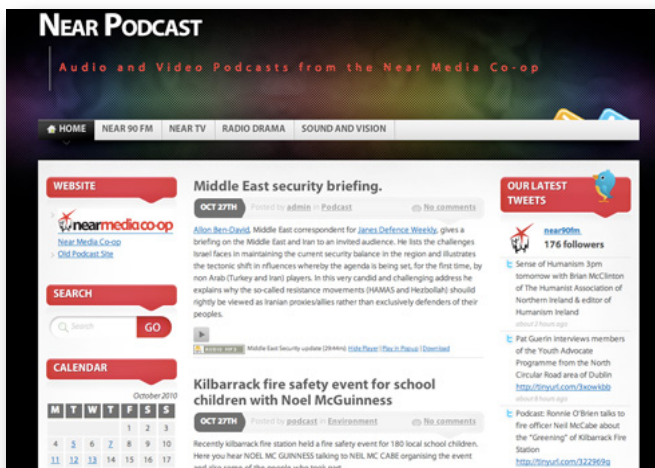
Near90fm are pleased to announce sponsorship of Grange Woodbine Football Club, U11D for the 2010/2011 season. The club was formed in 1973 as part of the residents association of the newly built Grange and Woodbine housing estates in Raheny on the north side of Dublin. It currently runs a nursery for under 5s and 6s and has teams from under 7 to under 18 in the NDSL as well as 2 adult teams in the AUL. It operates out of the Grange Woodbine Community Centre on Raheny road which has excellent all weather training facilities and changing rooms and plays its matches in Edenmore park. The club has an active committee and gets great support from parents, players, coaches and managers.



Pictured with the team are Managers Dave Creevy and Stephen Brady. The team were in with Sports Local last Saturday afternoon, and really enjoyed their visit to **Near90fm**.

Near Online Update

The new podcast site is now up and running. You can view it here: www.nearpodcast.org



The new site includes the regular podcasts along with our new re-streaming service which allows us to deliver music programming through the site. You'll also find sections for radio drama, sound and vision programmes and Near TV videos. We already have 10 people trained in to use the new system. If you would like to be trained to put your programme on the podcast or have an interview or feature from your programme that you would like us to podcast for you then contact gavin@near.ie

Also remember we've been piloting the re-streaming service with Near's Golden Years and if you'd like your music programme featured on the site then get in contact with gavin@near.ie. You'll need a full playlist of all music played on your programme before the programme can be uploaded.

As usual for the latest updates follow us on twitter at www.twitter.com/near90fm and like us on facebook at www.facebook.com/near90fm

Community Radio Around the world....

NGOs accuse Mexican state officials of violently closing community radio station By Ingrid Bachmann/DG

Several press freedom organizations have accused the Chiapas state government of violating human rights and freedom of expression in their violent shutdown of the Proletaria community radio station on Oct. 12. The station is run mainly by neighborhood youths in the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico's Center for Social Communication (CENCOS) Reports (via IFEX).

Between 25 and 30 heavily armed masked agents, including members of the state police and the Chiapas attorney general's office, used excessive force when raiding the offices of the Popular Organization Emiliano Zapata (OPEZ), which houses the four-year-old radio station. They confiscated the station's broadcasting equipment and detained six people, including a 14-year-old radio participant who was not allowed to contact his parents until the following day, CENCOS says.

The World Association of Community Radios (AMARC) and Reporters Without Borders have called on Chiapas authorities to explain publicly why the raid took place. They note that if the station was operating legally, authorities could have ordered it to comply without resorting to repression and censorship.

Following the red sludge tragedy in Western Hungary,

temporary community radios started to broadcast news in the affected areas of Kolontar and Devecser. Soon after the tragedy, which ruined the lives of thousands, some Hungarian free radio leaders along with volunteers decided to establish local emergency radio stations to broadcast news in the affected area and provide the residents and aid workers with information, interviews, and music. At the moment, more than 10 Hungarian community radios are working together, some people are at the site, while others are helping them from a distance in different parts of the country.

One of the studios is operating in the nearby city of Ajka. The Best Radio's team-members are under 18 secondary school volunteers, but volunteers from different Hungarian community radios are also there to help their heroic work. The programme can be received in the area exposed to the red sludge and at the web site of Best Radio Ajka.

The other studio is temporary and is situated in the affected area of Devecser, where they were given a room in the parish building and built a studio. Their team consists of volunteers from different Hungarian free radios. Besides their daily "home- job-family" routines, they all come to the studio and spend their spare time doing this voluntary work. These free radio broadcasting services are called KHH (Közös Hullámhossz Hírszolgálat) and can be received everywhere in the affected area as well as on the Internet. Both studios are expecting a permanent status from the authorities by Gabriella Velics (via CMFE - Community Media Forum of Europe)

Amarc conference for Dublin

It looks likely that Craol, the Community Radio Forum of Ireland, (www.craol.ie) will host the Amarc Europe conference early next year in Dublin. Watch this space.

AMARC-Europe is the European regional section of AMARC grouping together radios and their national federations from 40 European countries, a network of 1500 community broadcasting services. The headquarters of AMARC-Europe were established in Sheffield, UK following the first AMARC Pan-European Conference of Community Radio Broadcasters held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in 1994, which also adopted the Community Radio Charter for Europe.

The principal activities of AMARC-Europe are policy, research and advocacy; training and exchange of personnel; programme exchange and co-productions; solidarity and co-operation between East, Central and Western Europe and with community radio broadcasters in other regions of the world.

www.amarc.org