



NEWS UPDATE September 2010

Welcome to the September 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 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. As ever if you want to contribute to any edition, email me and I'll gladly include your item.

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Welcome to Bronwen Maher and Fiona Moore, who have recently been co opted to the Committee of Management. Bronwen is a well known community activist and long time volunteer and contributor to Near Media Co Op. Fiona is a long time contributor to Near90fm for Dublin City Council and now volunteers with Near TV

Social News

Our deepest condolences to Ken Tuohy whose sister-in-law passed away recently.

Welcome to David Knox who has joined the staff. Also welcome to Phil, Near90fm's new intern who will be with us for the next six months.

Goodbye to Orla Cullen and Jonathan Kelly who have left the staff.

Near90fm Update

The Dynamo Effect

The initial 30 episode run of our EU funded series “The Dynamo Effect” will shortly be coming to an end. Fear not however, as the series will be extended for a few more weeks with some additional programmes.

On the Move!

Several **Near90fm** programmes have recently moved to new time slots or will be moving shortly. So if you can't find your favourite programme check the details below:

Reggae Vibes is now on Sunday nights 10pm – 11.30pm

The Lost Radio Outpost will shortly be moving back to an earlier slot of Friday between 8pm and 9pm

Ar Muin na Muice, our Irish language series makes a welcome return to weekdays at 5.30pm (repeated 9am)

Starting in October, weekend morning's “Rise n Shine” will be succeeded by a new programme, Near's Golden Years (Saturday and Sunday from 8am)

Dave O' Connor will bring you hits and memories from years gone by on Saturday and John Doyle will bring you some nuggets which didn't quite tip the charts.

“Curtain Up” Near 90fm's weekly drama programme has finished its extended run. A big thank you to all involved. All things going well “Curtain Up” will not remain “dark” for long and Declan Cahill &co will be back before the footlights before long.

Under the Sun

Following a short break “Under the Sun” returns to Near90fm. “Under the Sun” deals with a number of issues affecting the developing world. October's programme will be broadcast on 12th and will deal with soil contamination.

As always up to date details of programme times can be found on the website at www.near.ie/schedule

Dates to Remember this October

16th – World Food Day

17th – International Day for the Eradica

<http://www.nearpodcast.org>

"Chris Morris, who presents 'A Sense of Humanism' every Thursday from 3.00 to 3.30 p.m., is always seeking people to interview. Humanism is a non-religious approach to life, so Chris is keen to interview anybody who has something to say for or against that approach. He also welcomes anybody who wishes to promote and / or defend the religious outlook in general, or in relation to a particular religion. And we're not talking heavy theological stuff here, unless you want to ! "

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.

Near Media Co Op Update

During the last six months we worked with 22 community groups and have trained 169 people, with 358 trainer hours and 2,605 trainee hours.

This statement covers the first six months of 2010 and is an indicator of the work that goes on, often behind the scenes, throughout Near Media Co Op.

Access to Near Media Co Op

It is worth noting that that there is a strong multiplier effect in our community media project. In recent times we have worked a lot with teenagers from the Darndale Sphere 17 group and the Edenmore Youth group.

Their youth workers, Stephen Blades and Richard Costello have taken the introductory training not just as part of the youth group work, but as individuals too. They are both now active volunteers in the project, Stephen on the weekly radio arts programme, and Richard, as a committee member with Dublin Community TV and on a fortnightly music programme.

Dissemination of community media

It is our philosophy that to achieve a good learning atmosphere there needs to be high standards, not just in the training but in every part of the broader project. And it is therefore with pride that in the first six months of this year near90fm received two national broadcasting awards.

- *media appreciation award* presented by Irish Water Safety to near90fm.
- *The Irish language award* for best Community Station from Glór na Gael and the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI).
- NearTV filmed a fashion show that was organised by Colaiste Dhulaigh in December 09 in aid of the Simon Community. This was useful not only to have documented the event but also in building links with the Art and Design Department in Colaiste Dhulaigh.
- Neartv also filmed the Colaiste Dhulaigh Dom Savio Skipathon, which this year was a tribute to boxer Wayne Sutherland. [www.vimeo.com/videos/search:dom savio](http://www.vimeo.com/videos/search:dom%20savio).
- We give some of the students the opportunity to practice their skills in hair, make-up and costume for television in the future.

Research and Development

The Broadcasting Act 2009 recognises now Media Literacy*. We have been to the fore in promoting this concept for more than ten years. We constantly adapt our training to suit a variety of learners with literacy difficulties. We are currently running training in media literacy with people from the Travelling Community, people with disabilities from the Central Remedial Clinic, disadvantage Youth groups, and immigrant groups. Media literacy lends itself to being a visual or audio experience and is not reliant on the written word.

** the process by which such material is selected, or made available, for publication by means of broadcast and related electronic media, the process by which individuals and communities can create and publish audio or audio-visual material by means of broadcast and related electronic media.*

<http://www.nearpodcast.org>

Promotions Update



Near90fm has sponsored a soccer kit for Grange Woodbine FC U11 in Raheny, for the 2010/2011 season. Good luck to the club.

The power of the OB Van...

Near TV recently received an application form for the TV training & in the 'how did you hear about us' section the applicant said she saw the van at the Rose Festival in St Annes park this year & then looked up the website.

And while we are on the subject of the van, these are some of the Outside Broadcasts that we covered so far this year.

Friday 5th February

11.00am, Suaimhneas Clubhouse, Gala Coffee Morning with the Garda band,

Friday 12th February

12.00-12.30pm, Coláiste Dhùlaigh, Launch of live link from studios at Near90fm to the College, live link to opening ceremony.

Saturday 13th February

7.25pm-9.00pm, Live coverage 'Opening Gaelic Football' Dublin v Derry with Fergus Carroll

Saturday, 27th March, 2-5pm Dublin City Council official launch of the new all weather football pitch beside Northside shopping centre. Near provided music, and commented on the games, live interviews feeding into Sports programme.

Monday 26th April, full live OB from Darndale from 11.00am to 1.00pm presenting from the Belcamp square as part of 'Celebrate Life' week- a weeklong event with different activities to highlight suicide prevention and healthy living organised by Sphere 17 (one of the local youth services in D17).

Monday, 26 April, 11.00 am Coolock Library, coverage of the Launch of the Coolock Traveller Education Week.

May 16th, Africa Day, Iveagh Garden, music from 11.00am to 7.00pm, live links of 4 interviews during the day to two different programmes.

26th, 27th, 28th May, recordings of talks and panel discussions at Cultivate as part of the 'Convergence Festival'.

Saturday 12th of June

Filipino Day- Celebration all around the Filipino culture and people in St Anne's Park. Live OB from 12.30 to 5.30

Wednesday 23rd June 9.00 pm to 11.00pm, Ballyshannon Ladies Club in St Luke's Social Service Centre, Kilbarren Green in Kilmore West (beside the church) is celebrating their 40th anniversary. Live interviews broadcasted on the night.

Saturday 27th June

Dublin LGBTQ Pride Festival. Nearfm volunteers/staff are taking part with the near van at the parade Saturday afternoon.

Saturday 3rd of July

Clean up Day in Darndale. Nearfm provided music and compiled some interviews on the day. (No live link)

Saturday 17th of July

Rose Festival in St Anne's Park. Live OB on Saturday afternoon 12-5pm

July 17th Rose Festival in St Anne's Park, live broadcast 12.00-5.00pm

July 24th, Saturday, 10.30am-12.30pm and 3.00pm-5.00pm, NEARfm Sport with Fergus Carroll, Cricket's Leinster Senior Cup Final, College Park in the heart of Trinity College.

August 2nd

Bank Holiday Monday, 2-4pm, 'Kila' playing live at the Red Stables in St. Anne's Park. Live broadcast of gig plus additional interviews.



Thanks to all our volunteers and staff at
Near Media Co Op for their continued
commitment to Community Media.



Our recent ad in the Sunday Tribune

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



The Boys Club is a new 4 part radio series about the history of the Boys Club in Dublin.

The series will chart out those forgotten moments of Dublin history, a Dublin that has now been taken over by office blocks and apartment schemes. Hear the boys tell their stories, about those life-long friendships, the impact that these clubs had on them, their families and their communities.

Clubs featured in the series include **St Francis Xavier Boys Club, Brú Mhuire, Belvedere Newsboys.**

The series begins on **Monday 27th September 2010 at 2.00pm** on **Near90fm**. Programmes are also available at www.nearpodcast.org and can be heard live streaming at www.near.ie

The Boys Club is devised and produced by Beaumont resident, Joe O'Connor, a former member and leader with St Francis Xavier Boys Club and his son, Near90fm volunteer Dave O'Connor, with the assistance of the Sound & Vision Fund, a BAI initiative.

Training & Production Update

Production

Near90fm are awaiting results from Sound and Vision Round 10. Decision expected October 7th 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.

Two Sound and Vision projects are currently broadcasting:

The Boys Club which began on Mon 27th Sep and continues on October 4th, 11th and 18th @ 2pm. For more visit www.near.ie

Mol an Oige 2 which runs Sept 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, Oct 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th @ 5.30pm in place of Ar Muin na Mhuice

Upcoming Sound and Vision series include **Europe for Beginners** and **OWN series 2**. Keep an 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. Two training courses will run simultaneously and begin on October 6th and 8th. Trainees include members of the **Mincers Widen Travellers group** and the **Latvian-Irish society**.

The volunteers from the **Sphere 17 Youth Group** will begin broadcasting on Wednesday October 13th @ 6.30pm and will broadcast every second week until Christmas. We would like to wish them the best of luck and we hope they have a long and happy time with Near Media Coop.

NEAR Drama Company

The drama programme, 'Curtain Up', on NEAR90fm, which was presented by members of the NEAR Drama Company completed its 16 week series on Saturday 25 September. The presenters have crawled into the wings to recover!

A member of the company is heading off to London for further drama training. Philomena Fitzpatrick has secured a place in the Central School of Speech and Drama. We wish her all the best in her studies.

The drama company plans to get back into the studio to record some more radio drama

Near Online

We're about to launch a new version of our podcast website. You can preview it here: <http://www.nearpodcast.org/pcast>

The new site will include 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.

Our podcasts continue to be very popular and between January and July this year we had 5381 programmes downloaded. There are currently over 450 programmes available to download too.

We also have 152 followers on Twitter and 933 "like" Near on Facebook

IT Training

We're now taking names for the new courses starting in November. If you or anyone you know would like be included in our next round of computer courses then you can contact Suzanne at 8485211 or email itadmin@near.ie

Near TV Productions

NearTV New Volunteer training started last week. If you are interested in becoming a Neartv volunteer and would like details on the next training course please contact Elaine@near.ie.

NearTV would like to welcome David Knox who has recently joined the Neartv team.

New Videos Online

The Chase

Dave Donnellan was in Belmullet during the week, mainly to attend the oral planning hearing into the Shell pipeline application but managed to get some shots from Sruwaddacon Bay near the Rosspport Solidarity Camp. Most of the attention of the camp is directed towards the hearing these days but they still manage to keep Shell security on their toes.

Artane Band's Journey to Boston

Don't forget to watch the Documentary on the **Artane Band's Journey to Boston** on the NearTV Vimeo Channel. <http://vimeo.com/channels/88236#14826539>

Community Radio elsewhere in Ireland – we are not alone!!



Community Radio Castlebar has a licence from the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland to provide a community radio service to Castlebar and the surrounding environs and was established in June 1995. The station broadcasts seven days a week from 9am -10pm.

Programming is very much community based, mixed in with other topics of general interest to the listeners and this is broken down into sixty percent music with a broad range including pop, country, classical, middle of the road, traditional and a range of specialist music such as jazz and other genres.

The remaining forty percent of programming is devoted to community issues, current affairs, magazine and specialist programmes in education, health, environment, sport and the Irish Language. **CRC FM** broadcasts from its new studios at [The Mosaic Centre Castlebar](#) and around the world on the internet www.crcfm.ie

Near Outreach Update

Last Saturday a group of 15 new volunteers completed Near Media Co Op training. We are hoping to welcome some new presenters/researchers to our team soon. As the new community media activists will be encouraged to shadow existing programmes for the next step some of you will receive an email/phone call in the near future with requests of people who would like to sit in. I hope this is ok with you as this one on one additional shadowing is very beneficial for the new volunteers.

On the first Friday of every month we try to broadcast mass from one of our churches in our vicinity to accommodate people who can't attend church but would still like to listen to the mass. Next Friday mass will be Friday 1st Oct with St Luke's church, Kilbarron Road, Kilmore West.

A group of individual people, community organisations, trade unions, environmental groups and other civil society organisations are involved with the event 'Claiming our Future' to be held in the RDS on October 30th. This is a free event running from 9.00 to 5.00pm. 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. You can register your attendance at the website www.claimingourfuture.com.

If you are involved with some event/activities in near90fm's catchment area and like to get involved with an outside broadcast get in touch with Dorothee: 01.8485211, Dorothee@near.ie Any suggestions welcome!