



# nearmedia co-op

## NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Editor

After the best summer in years, it's business as usual for near media co-op. Plenty of activity right across our organisation. Since the last newsletter we've lost a few staff and volunteers, and gained a few new faces. So, we say farewell and welcome. In August, **nearfm** celebrated **18 years on air** and for those of us old enough to remember the birth, we still can't believe our baby is now old enough to vote and buy us a pint. And, the **newsletter** is changing. Time for a reboot and a refresh. Amanda Ní Ghabhann has taken charge of layout, editing, and distribution. Hope you like the **new look**, and don't forget that you can send your contribution for the Decembers edition to Amanda [publicity@near.ie](mailto:publicity@near.ie). Thanks again to all the staff and volunteers who keep our exciting and vibrant community media project going from strength to strength.

### Award for Near FM series

#### Northside Football



Near FM were recognised in the Best Regional Broadcast Item for their commentary and coverage of the FAI Junior Cup final and extensive coverage of the Bus Éireann Women's National League throughout the year and during the recent Northside Football series

Congratulations to the production team of Gay Graham, Paul Loughran, Edd Kealy, Dave Hooper & Fergus Carroll. And thanks to John Healy, Alan Weldon & John Doyle who assisted on the production at various stages.

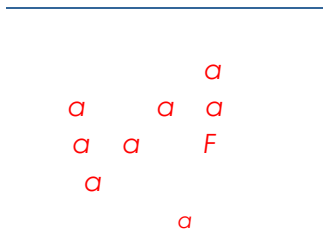
### Culture Night 2013

Near FM will present live coverage from **Culture Night 2013**. The special broadcasts will take place from the **Hugh Lane Gallery** on Parnell Square on Friday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm. The broadcast will be supported by our colleagues in Dublin South FM, West Dublin Access Radio & Raidio Na Life. The programs will feature artists, musicians, actors, writers and museum and gallery curators to showcase the best of what Culture Night has to offer. As well as live studio content there will be pre-recorded segments and live music. The **Radio broadcast** will be available on Near FM 90.3, Dublin South FM 93.9, West Dublin Access Radio 96fm, Phoenix 92.5fm and Raidio Na Life 106.4fm. You can also listen online @ [www.near.ie](http://www.near.ie) [www.dublinsouthfm.ie](http://www.dublinsouthfm.ie), [www.wdar.ie](http://www.wdar.ie), [www.phoenixfm.ie](http://www.phoenixfm.ie) and [www.raidionalife.ie](http://www.raidionalife.ie)

NearTV will be broadcasting Live from the **Shopfront Studio in Temple Bar** and the end of Cows Lane, on September 20th. We would love your support so please drop by on the night and tell all your friends! There will be artists, musicians and storytelling and we would love to see you there for **Culture Night TV 2013**. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact [Elaine@near.ie](mailto:Elaine@near.ie)

## Committee

The Newly elected Committee of Management met at the end of August following the recent AGM. A **data protection policy** was approved, while updates were received from staff coordinators on **Near TV, Sound and Vision** productions and **IT training**. There are a number of vacancies, particularly for women, at the moment. If you are interested in exploring this further, feel free to contact the Co-Op secretary [dave@near.ie](mailto:dave@near.ie) The committee meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm



## Training

We've recently moved into a **bigger** and **brighter** room in the Coolock Development Centre and we'll be starting up new **basic computer** classes starting at the end of September. So if you or anyone you know would like to brush up on your internet skills then contact Gavin at [gavin@near.ie](mailto:gavin@near.ie)

## Sound & Vision

Sound & Vision projects currently in production are **Lovers of Life, The Frank Harte Festival, , To the ends of the Earth, Drama on the Northside, Irelands Oceans, Understanding Irish Muslims, Pobal Chluian Tarbh, The Long Way Home**. We wish all the respective production teams the best of luck with their projects

Sound & Vision projects recently produced and broadcast: **Babel Átha Cliath, Reading Together, The Jomac Show and The Harkangels**. All can be heard at <http://nearfm.ie/podcast>

Near FM is awaiting the results of S&V Round 18, decisions are expected in early September. Submissions for round 19 are now closed and we are welcoming ideas for round 20, contact [ciaran@near.ie](mailto:ciaran@near.ie) or [paul@near.ie](mailto:paul@near.ie)

## Near Programming

**"The Week in Review"**, Saturday's at 12.30pm, Declan Ralph presents local news stories that you may not have heard in the mainstream media.

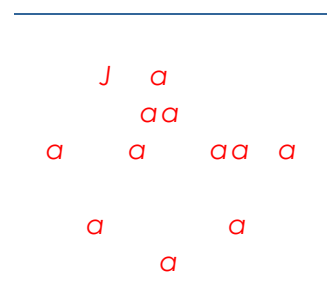
**"Near's Golden Years"** Dave O' Connor will return to duties from September 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Gerry Maguire who presented in his absence. Gerry will be taking a short break from the airwaves. We hope to see him back soon.

**"Northside Today"** has returned from its summer break, weekdays at 11am. A big thank you to all those who presented in the 11am – 1pm slot over this period.

**"The Brief"**, our legal affairs show, will return Thursdays 7pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**"International Politics"** and the "Irish History Show" will be moving from Tuesday afternoons and will now alternate every Fri at 6pm from September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Alan Weldon** and **Chloe Guildea** will shortly be leaving **"The Nearfm Sessions"**. Both have been instrumental in building and developing the programme over the next number of years and without their contribution and dedication it would not be the programme it is now. The **Contents Committee** would like to express its **thanks** to them both.



We would like to wish a happy birthday to Joe McGinley, presenter of Friday's "Lunchtime Miscellany" who recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

## Do you work with young people? Are you interested in using Radio with your groups?

Making **radio programs** is a great way to **engage young** people to develop **new skills** and **confidence**.

Near FM will be running a practical radio programme making **workshop** for **youth workers** in autumn 2013.

This **one day** course will give youth workers the skill to produce interviews and programs inside and outside the community centre/youth club. You don't need expensive radio equipment. The course will be **free of charge** and is open to anyone working with young children and adults. No prior knowledge **is required**. **Places are limited**.

### Participants will:

- Learn how to construct an interview and program
- How to use the desk, portable recorders and smart phones for interviews
- How to upload your program as a podcast.
- Gain confidence, experience in project orientated work, communication and research skills.

**Please get in touch with Dorothee** to register your interest and to let us know if you are available during the day, evening or weekends.

Phone: 01.8485211, [Dorothee@near.ie](mailto:Dorothee@near.ie), [www.near.ie](http://www.near.ie)

## Facebook

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](mailto:publicity@near.ie)

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## 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.

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## Mailchimp

We're now sending out the Newsletter, and other communications, via **mailchimp.com** 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/](http://nearfm.ie/newsletters/)



Near FM staff member & volunteers **Paul Loughran, Joseph O'Connor & Niamh Griffin** recently travelled to **Tanzania & Sierra Leone** respectively to produce content for the **Simon Cumbers Media Challenge Fund**. The **radio documentaries** can be heard at a later date on Near FM. In the meantime you can follow Paul & Joes Tanzanian blog here:

- Blog 1 – <http://www.simoncumbersmediafund.ie/blog/paul-loughran-and-joseph-o-connor-in-tanzania/>  
 Blog 2 – <http://www.simoncumbersmediafund.ie/blog/paul-loughran-and-joseph-oconnor-in-tanzania-blog-two/>

## Volunteer Profile

**Sinéad Ní Chonail**

### Where is the most exciting place you have visited?

Um... there's been so many but it has to be Peru! I stayed in the jungle for two weeks with local tribes living as they do with no hot water, electricity or cell phone reception! It was a brilliant experience and after that I spent a week in the Sacred Valley before visiting Machu Picchu, it was absolutely amazing!



### What is your programme about?

I currently present and produce Pride Time, it's a weekly LGBT show highlighting the best of the LGBT community with interviews, news, activity & events guides and a gig guide! We like to show the positive in everything as well as the serious news stories!

### Why did you first get involved with Nearfm?

About 2.5 years ago I decided I wanted to do things that make me happy instead of following the hum-drum approach to life. Music and entertaining makes me happy so to get involved Nearfm was the best place to start! I had no experience in radio previously and I took part in the stations broadcasting workshop and it's been onwards and upwards since then!


### Tell us about the best programme you have had.

Now I have to say my baby Pride Time, it has really made me appreciate all the people and work involved in the LGBT community instead of just what makes it into the mainstream media. Being able to give groups, societies and people a voice is an amazing feeling as well as being able to change people's misconceptions of the LGBT community.

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 **We would like to wish our Promotions Officer Conor all the best in his New job. Thank you for everything and hope to see you soon ☺**

### Counter Culture

Episode 1 -  is a short video based in All City Record Store. It looks at how record stores are trying to survive in difficult times and why they are important.

### 50 People one Question

Another 50 people one question video has been uploaded to Nearthv.ie

### Northside Parklife

The 4 part series on Parks of the Northside has been in production over the summer and will be completed in the Autumn.

To watch these and much more, visit [www.nearthv.ie](http://www.nearthv.ie)

## Upcoming Events

September 20 – Culture Night

September 26 – European Day of Languages

October 1 – International Day for Older



# Fri 20th Sept 2013

**4.00-8.00pm**  
LIVE from Hugh Lane Gallery



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90.3fm**



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productions**

**6.30-9.30pm**  
(LIVE from Cows Lane, Temple Bar)