

92.5 Phoenix FM

Community Radio for Dublin 15

NEWSLETTER, JUNE 2014

Welcome to our June 2014 newsletter where we feature news on new programmes, wider community group involvement and loads of other exciting developments. Comments to info@phoenixfm.ie

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

NEW CHAIR, RACHEL DEVLIN



Rachel Devlin, 92.5 Phoenix FM Chairperson pictured with other European Community Radio Station reps at the Grundtvig Adult Education Training in Athlone, May 2014. L to R: Kay Donnellan, Luka Pičivalšek (Radio Student, Slovenia), Rachel Devlin, Ingvar Björnlund (Radio Karnan, Sweden), Pat McMenamin (Athlone Community Radio), Eva Schmidhuber (Radio Fabrik, Austria)

As Chairperson of the newly elected Board of Dublin 15 Community Broadcasting Cooperative Society, t/a 92.5 Phoenix FM I greet all our Volunteers, past, present and future and all contributors to programming advertising and sponsorship that keeps the Station broadcasting into its 25th year. As an operation run by Volunteers, overseen by a Volunteer Board and supported by staff I am excited about the future of Community Broadcasting in Dublin 15. I commend the work of Denis McEvoy and all the staff for their effort in keeping the programmes on air for 57 hours per week. We are in a stage of consolidation of these hours and there are

plans underway to extend this to 80 hours per week. More Volunteers will be needed to make new programmes. So if you have any ideas for making programmes, please get in touch.

I was elected Chair of the Board in March and the following are the principal tasks:

1. Focus on the fulfilment of the Board's governance obligations
2. Implement the recommendations of the previous Board under the chairmanship of Mr Alan Connolly in its Strategic Plan (published on the www.phoenixfm.ie).
3. Recruit, Train and Support Volunteers to make & deliver programmes to air on 92.5 Phoenix FM.
4. Fundraise through advertising, marketing, promotion and grant aid.
5. Oversee the delivery of these by a dedicated staff team under the management of Denis McEvoy.

Local, National and International:

As a member of Craol (The Community Radio Forum of Ireland) 92.5 Phoenix FM has played its part within the National Group of 22 Community Radio stations. At the Craol Féile on May 23 in Youghal, Co Cork 92.5 Phoenix FM won two Craol Achievement Awards for 'Nice'N'Easy' and 'Afraid to Complain: Racism in West Dublin'. More information is available on www.phoenixfm.ie and www.craol.ie. Thanks to Chris Hitchcock, Freda Hughes and Shane O'Neill for leading these particular programmes. I am looking forward to more programme development.

Representatives from this Station attended a Grundtvig Adult Education Project in Athlone on History under Construction along with 10 other Community Radio Stations. We also took this opportunity to host a visit by 2 people from a Swedish Community Radio station (Närradio), Radio Kärnan in Helsingborg. We also participated in a Leonardo da Vinci Comepec Project on Streamlining role descriptions for those working in Community Radio stations across the European Union. This allows Irish Community Radio stations to contribute to and improve on all aspects of community broadcasting and to ensure that wherever one goes in the EU that the descriptions for the various roles are the same.

Summing up my first 'Note from the Chair' I cannot emphasise enough the value of the role that Volunteers play in 92.5 Phoenix FM. I welcome feedback from volunteers through your Volunteer Representative Mr Paul Hosford, PaulTHosford@gmail.com. Quarterly meetings, a Development Day and Social Events will be announced very shortly. Also see a training Calendar on www.phoenixfm.ie/1577. The focus is on the volunteer contributing to Community Radio. Community Radio is for the community and you are part of that community. If you would like to volunteer an application form may be found on www.phoenixfm.ie/involved/volunteer or telephone 01 822 7222. 92.5 Phoenix FM is waiting for you!

Sincerely in Broadcasting,
Rachel Devlin

ELECTION COVERAGE

92.5 PHOENIX FM COVERS LOCAL, EU & BY-ELECTIONS



Candidates for the Dublin West By-Election debate in St Peregrine's.

The 2014 Elections on May 23 heralded big changes for the Dublin 15 area. The two local Fingal County Council wards of Castleknock and Mulhuddart have both gained three extra seats, raising the total number of councillors for Dublin 15 to fifteen. Alongside this and the hotly contested EU parliament election the community was also be asked to vote in the By-Election to elect a candidate to replace former TD Patrick Nulty.

In advance of these elections 92.5 Phoenix FM hosted three major live debates. The first of these took place on Tuesday May 13 from 7pm to 8.15pm in the Castleknock Community Centre, Laurel Lodge with the majority of local election candidates in attendance. The Mulhuddart Ward Election Debate took place in St Peregrine's GAA Club on Tuesday May 20, again from 7pm to

8.15pm and saw all four of the Anti-Austerity Alliance candidates turn up along with People Before Profit

candidate Louise Bayliss. Independent candidate Lorna Nolan and Sinn Féin's Paul Donnelly sent their apologies. The Local Election Debate was immediately followed by the Dublin West By-Election Debate in the same venue. All candidates attended this debate with the exception of Fine Gael's Eamon Coughlin and Daniel William Boyne of Fís Nua.

Phoenix FM also broadcast Live Count Coverage on Saturday, May 24.

NEWS MICROPHONES FOR MAIN STUDIO

STATION QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER SECURES MONEY FOR 4 MICS



There are now four new microphones in the main studio. The Røde Procaster microphones were bought with the proceeds of our Quiz Night in the Clonsilla Inn on April 24.

Thanks to everyone who turned up to support the event and hopefully we'll get many years of reliable use out of these microphones.



92.5 PHOENIX FM'S DUBLIN 15 COMMUNITY SURVEY

STATION SURVEY GIVES CLEAR PICTURE OF DIFFICULTIES FACING LOCAL RESIDENTS



Pauline Poole presents the survey findings to attendees at the event in Fingal County Council offices.

On May 8, in advance of the elections, the Station launched the Dublin 15 Community Survey in the Fingal County Council offices. The purpose of the survey was to make contact with the wider community and gather information based on their needs and whether they feel those needs are being met. The survey was carried out by Pauline Poole from the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB) Social and Community Development course and the 92.5 Phoenix FM team. It was carried out over two weeks in March 2014 and saw 146 people interviewed throughout Dublin 15. Some of the more surprising findings revealed that Dublin 15 residents have a very low rate of confidence in their local politicians and that 60 per cent have experienced or witnessed crimes in the last year. Full details of the findings can be downloaded at <http://phoenixfm.ie/1672>.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pauline Poole for all her hard work and dedication throughout this project.

STATION TAKES PART IN ADULT EDUCATION PROJECT TRAINING

11 EU COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS MEET IN ATHLONE



A team of staff and volunteers from 92.5 Phoenix FM attended a training meeting of our EU partnership project in Athlone from May 14 to 16. The project, which is titled 'Memory under Construction: Giving Voice to Forgotten Memory' is being worked on by 11 different Community Radio stations from eight countries across the EU. This session was hosted by Athlone Community Radio and featured training input from DIT Journalism lecturer Tom Clonan with feedback from a variety of community media broadcasters and researchers from Austria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Spain, the Basque Country and Sweden. The project will focus on adult education through Community Radio and will see each of

the 11 partner stations train adults in their area to research and produce programmes on local forgotten history. Station Manager, Denis McEvoy, took part in a live broadcast on Athlone Community Radio with representatives from the 10 other stations to mark the event.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY RADIO CONFERENCE HELD IN YOUGHAL

FIVE STATION REPS ATTEND CRAOL FÉILE

Members of the 92.5 Phoenix FM Team attended the CRY 104fm Craol Féile in Youghal from Friday, May 23 to Sunday, May 25. Chairperson Rachel Devlin, Station Manager Denis McEvoy, Office Administrator Eithne Moran, Board Member Jeff Murphy and Volunteer Asiya Saleem all took part in the 3-day conference which included 18 workshops and an award ceremony. Community stations from all over the country and at all stages of development shared experiences, and learned from each other through workshops, speed networking events, and panel discussions. The occasion also marked the 35th anniversary of Community Radio Youghal which was celebrated in their new studios with birthday on the Sunday along with a pop-up museum of old radios and audio equipment. Phoenix FM won two awards at Féile this year; one for Chris Hitchcock's music programme "Nice'N'Easy" and one for the documentary series "Afraid to Complain: Racism in West Dublin" made by Freda Hughes and Shane O'Neill with the backing of the Mary Raftery Journalism Fund as outlined by Rachel in her note from the Chairperson.



L to R: Eithne Moran, Jeff Murphy, Denis McEvoy, Rachel Devlin, Asiya Saleem.

RADIOTHON FUNDRAISER UPDATE

FIRST BROADCAST MARATHON A HUGE SUCCESS!

We would like to thank everyone one who took part in or supported the first ever Phoenix FM 48 Hour Radiothon. The event was a great success and raised over €3,000 as well as bringing a lot of new people and groups to the Station. Many local community groups, schools, businesses, youth groups and individuals broadcast shows in the course of the 48 hours. All of the shows are now up on our podcast section of the website, www.phoenixfm.ie/podcasts. We plan to make the Radiothon an annual event.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF IRELAND MIGRANT GRANT

THREE COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS TO WORK ON MIGRANT INCLUSION PROJECT



92.5 Phoenix FM, West Dublin Access Radio and Dundalk FM have been awarded a grant to work on a collaborative project in 2014-2015. This project aims to develop a strategy towards integrating more migrant community members into community radio, thus increasing migrant representation in Irish media.

The project will examine migrant integration on a national scale through sampling community radio stations throughout the country (survey to be distributed nationally collecting data on migrant representation and training). Drawing on this material we will develop an online resource and handbook of best practice which will be launched at a national conference- "Community Radio and Migrant Representation". The conference will be both an educational and celebratory event with the morning consisting of guest speakers and workshops, and the evening consisting of a multi-cultural celebration.

SECOND ANNUAL STATION DEVELOPMENT DAY

CONTNIUED SUCCESS FOR STATION FUNDRAISER GIGS

We are delighted to announce details of our 2014 Station Development Day which will be held in Dillon House, Coolmine Industrial Estate on Saturday, July 5 from 10am to 2pm. The day will be filled with discussions, workshops and plenty of opportunities to give feedback and input on how you want your station to be run. We encourage all volunteers, staff and board members to attend and take part in this important day for 92.5 Phoenix FM.

BROADCASTING IN THE COMMUNITY

STATION BROADCASTS LIVE FROM FAIRS, SCHOOLS & FESTIVALS

Art in Action

Art in Action was held at Farmleigh House on the May Bank Holiday Weekend. The Arts and Crafts festival saw over 100 artists exhibit their work and hold workshops from adults and children over the three days. Dave, Jeff, Carmen, Shane, Iain and Seán presented live interviews and discussion which gave an insight into the artists involved and what they do. 92.5 Phoenix FM has broadcast live from this event for the past few years and intend to continue our support for this unique and important festival in Dublin 15.



Spring Break

The Spring Break Music Festival idea developed from the Safer Blanchardstown Community Events programme with the aim of providing a quality Music Festival experience for young people 13 to 18 years of age that is free of drugs and alcohol. The festival is overseen by a large group of partners which include Foroige, Mountview Family Resource Centre, Mountview Youth & Sport's Centre, Huntstown Community Centre and community representatives.

The event is sponsored by Fingal County Council, Blanchardstown Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force, Community Credit Union and Jigsaw. 92.5 Phoenix FM and The Blanchardstown Gazette are the festival's media which meant that we broadcast live on April 17 with

Phoenix FM's Jordan Crowther and Ailish Fitzsimons presenting interviews and live music from the event.

Corduff Health Fair

Colman, Rachel, Jim, Esther, Iain and Valerie pre-recorded their D15 Today show from the Corduff Health Fair on April 30th. The event took place in the Corduff Family Resource Centre and featured everything from massage to healthy eating. You can listen to a podcast of the show by visiting our website.

Scoil Bhríde Boys National School

On Thursday 29 May Rachel Devlin broadcast live from the opening of a new National boy's school, Scoil Bhríde, in Blanchardstown Village. This fun filled segment formed part of her regular D15 Today programme with Colman Duggan and Jim Connell linking in from the Phoenix FM studios.



St Mochta's Parish Picnic & Fun Day

We were delighted to be invited to take part in the St Mochta's Parish Picnic & Fun Day again this year. The annual event took place a little earlier than usual this year on Sunday, June 8 in the grounds of Dublin 15's stunning local Luttrellstown Castle. The St. Mochta's Parish Committee, headed up by Mary Green, run this event which brings together all sorts of community groups, sports clubs, local bands, crafts people and businesses for a day of entertainment and community spirit. Dave Hughes and Jeff Murphy presented a show on site which was broadcast at 10am on Monday, June 9. Our roving reporters interviewed lots of

attendees while staff members Nuala Smith, Freda Hughes and Emma Bailey ran an outreach and information stall.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

HAMILTON NICULESCU

We first met Hamilton Niculescu in 2011 when we visited DCTV studios with the Access All Areas crew. Hamilton was in charge of sound and vision mixing there and spoke to Alan and Irina about getting involved with Phoenix FM. He started off in the Station as sound technician, but later started his weekly programme Actualitatea Irl which is aired at 8pm every Tuesday. Actualitatea Irl is a Romanian language and community magazine show, but Hamilton also writes for a Romanian community magazine and produces Actualitatea TV. Hamilton is renowned in the Station as a bit of a technical pro. He once built a phone hybrid from scratch using a schematic he found online. We rely heavily on his technical expertise here at Phoenix. He is an essential part of the team!



NEW STAFF MEMBERS

NUALA & SUZANNE START WORK AT STATION

Nuala Smith has been appointed as our new Outreach and Training Coordinator. From Dublin 15, she has a strong interest in youth and community engagement and was previously developed and coordinated the O2 Think Big programme for Headstrong. She is currently studying for a Masters in Education and eLearning.



Suzanne Martin has been appointed the new Broadcast Supervisor. She has a diploma in event management and ran her own successful media news website for a few years. She has a keen interest in local politics and sports. Suzanne will be working evenings generating content and news for programmes and helping evening programme teams.

BECOMING A STATION SHAREHOLDER

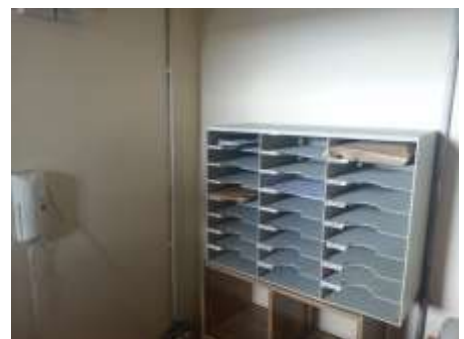
BUY YOUR SHARE NOW

Would you like to become a shareholder? To ensure that the Station is held accountable, you can purchase a share in the coop society and become a shareholder and have the right to attend the AGM and actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The Board of Directors is elected by and accountable to the membership. Each member/shareholder has equal voting rights. Becoming a member/shareholder is a simple process and costs only €13. You can purchase your share directly from the Station office by filling out a short form. For more information contact [eithnemoran\(at\)phoenixfm.ie](mailto:eithnemoran(at)phoenixfm.ie)

NEW STATION POST BOX

VOLUNTEERS POST IN STUDIO

We have installed a new post box in the studio reception area which will house any item that comes into the station for volunteers. We will also post community newsletters and items of interest and/or information in it so please feel free to have a look inside when you are in the studio.



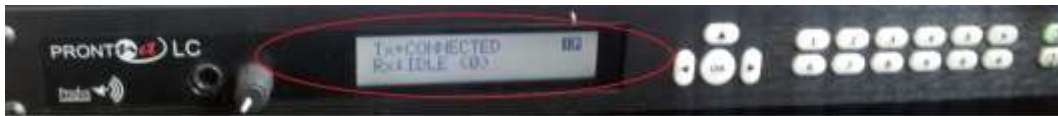
STUDIO TECH TIP

GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE TALKBACK FUNCTION

If your show is the first one on in any given broadcast period (9am, 6:30pm etc) then have a look at the channels light above each fader and make sure they're both on, A and B.



Also look at the transmitter link and make sure the display is lit up and shows connected and idle like in the photo. If this isn't the case then call Alan on 085 7067 647 immediately.



WE NEED YOU!

GET INVOLVED IN 92.5 PHOENIX FM

We seek committed individuals to volunteer in the following roles:

- Presenters/Researchers for talk programmes in news, current affairs, arts, sports, specialist subjects
- Recording vox pops around D15
- Sound Editors/technicians

Experience is not required. Training will be provided. If you are interested in getting involved email us the following at volunteer@phoenixfm.ie. If you would like to get to be involved with the production of the newsletter, please email fredahughes@phoenixfm.ie.

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Station Manager: Denis McEvoy **Staff Members:** Iain O'Connor, Freda Hughes, Eithne Moran, Nuala Smith, Alan Maxwell, Emma Bailey, Shane O'Neill, Suzanne Martin.

