

92.5 Phoenix FM

Community Radio for Dublin 15

NEWSLETTER, MARCH 2014

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

48 HOUR NON-STOP BROADCAST MARATHON COMING TO PHOENIX!

GET IN TOUCH NOW, SOME SLOTS LEFT



We are excited to announce details of our first ever 48 hour **Radiothon**. We kick off on Wednesday, March 26 at midday and finish off 48 hours later at midday on Friday, March 28. During this time we will broadcast from the 92.5 Phoenix FM studios as well as the Blanchardstown Centre, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown, Draíocht, Blanchardstown Areas Partnership, Coolmine Training Centre and lots of other locations around the Dublin 15 area.

You, your family, a team from your organisation or workplace can book a slot to take 60 minutes on air to promote your cause or simply have a chat about your favourite topic. Simple!

The Radiothon is a fundraiser for the Station and will support all we do in the Dublin 15 community. Each team will donate or sponsor their programme – each hour is only €50. Music can also be requested for €1 per track through our Paypal donation button on the website. For more announcements keep an eye on www.phoenixfm.ie as well as our Facebook

92.5 Phoenix FM staff launch the first ever 48 Hr Radiothon. From left to right: Iain O'Connor (Programming Coordinator), Pauline Poole (ITB Placement Researcher), Denis McEvoy (Station Manager), Freda Hughes (Development & Promotion Officer), Shane O'Neill (Sound Operator), Alan Maxwell (Technical Coordinator)

(facebook.com/PhoenixFM.Dublin) and @925PhoenixFM on Twitter. If you, your organisation, friends or family would like to be involved please contact fredahughes@phoenixfm.ie NOW!

PUBLICATION OF THE CBSS REPORT

COMMUNITY BROADCASTING SUPPORT SCHEME

In October 2012 we undertook a BAI funded Evaluation 1) which examined if we are reflecting the community needs of the wider Dublin 15 area in our existing programming and 2) to highlight the parts of our community with whom we need to develop relationships and with whom we need to develop programming.

The Report recommended we establish a working group to make sure that all outcomes were delivered. The working group was led by the Volunteer Representative Darah Carroll Noonan and reported, inter alia, that there was improved communication with stakeholders, effective feedback to programmers, better governance etc – see full report titled “CBSS Report” on our website.

We were delighted when the BAI chose to use our Final Evaluation Report to be circulated to all Community Radio stations as a model of good practice.

PROGRAMMING WORKING GROUP

GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS CALLED TOGETHER FOR REVIEW & PLAN

Last year we established a working of volunteers to look at extending our broadcasting hours to cover current gaps and reviewing our current schedule. The group included Petra Schoenweiss, Caroline Brennan, Colman Duggan, Paul Whitty, James Nugent and Valerie Nowak and was chaired by Rachel Devlin.

The group submitted their report to the Board in January and the findings and recommendations have been incorporated in the 2014 Strategic Plan. We would like to congratulate the group on their excellent work! A group will now be set up to implement the recommendations. If you would like to be considered for membership of the Implementation group, email your interest to manager@phoenixfm.ie

OUT & ABOUT IN D15

PHOENIX FM'S OUTSIDE BROADCAST PROGRAMMING

92.5 Phoenix FM continues to broadcast from various locations and events in the community. This has been made possible by the training and up-skilling of many of our volunteers in the use of our outside broadcast equipment. We love to get out into the community and give a voice to all of the wonderful initiatives that are going on around us. Recently we have broadcast from the Ethnic Diversity Day in Scoil Ghráinne in Phibblestown (Pictured Right) and EU Election Event in the Fingal County Council Grove Road Offices. A live broadcast from Ongar Community Centre



for a concert organised by Munitir na Gaeilge was held earlier this month. The ceolchoirm was kicked off the organisation's Seachtaine na Gaelige celebrations and was presented for the Station by Fergus Lynch.

The Station was also on hand to record the World Day of Prayer service held in St Brigid's Church of Ireland, Castleknock. The event was recorded and broadcast on the Station for the first time last year.

If you would like to invite us out to broadcast from your area please contact Iain at iainoconnor@phoenixfm.ie

THREE LONG-SERVING BOARD MEMBERS STEP DOWN

ALAN CONNOLLY TAKES A BACK SEAT AFTER 25 YEARS

Three long serving volunteers decided not to put their names forward for reelection at last month's AGM. Alan Connolly was involved in founding Phoenix FM and was its first Secretary in 1998. He has been Chairman for the last 6 years. "It's been a great learning journey. It's been more about building community capacity, than it has been about radio. I would have strong confidence in our new Board to bring our project to the next level." Chris Hitchcock has been presenting a variety programmes during the last 14 years and continues with his main programme on Sunday night at 9pm, Nice 'N' Easy. Dr Garvan Browne has contributed to many programmes since 2000. He is a jazz and blues specialist and his show, Straight No Chaser continues on Tuesday night at 9pm. 92.5 Phoenix FM is very grateful for the strong legacy left by Alan, Chris and Garvan.

STATION WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR IRISH LANGUAGE CONTENT

NEW IRISH SHOWS NET GLÓR na nGAEL PRIZE FOR 92.5 PHOENIX FM

The Station is this year's recipient of the prestigious Glór na nGael award for Community Radio. This is the first time the Station has received the honour and comes after a year of intensive work on our Irish language programming. This, BAI sponsored, national award comes with a prize of €1,500 and celebrates the achievements of the Station in promoting the Irish language through its entire programming schedule. Speaking at the announcement of the prizes, Glór na nGael leader Lorcán Mac Gabhann, said: "92.5 Phoenix FM broadcast a range of material in Irish every week and deserves this recognition for that work". The Station will be presented with their award at the annual prize giving ceremony in Clontarf Castle in Dublin on March 29. Shows in the Irish language can now be heard on 92.5 Phoenix FM every day of the week. Phoenix FM is now in top four stations nationally for Irish language output. Over 12 per cent of the Station's programmes are now in Irish. These shows can be heard between 6.30 and 7.30pm on week nights, from 7 to 8pm on Saturday and 6 to 7pm on Sunday. Programmes include 'Fiche Bliain' (Monday) which features interviews with well-known personalities such as; Dara O'Briain, Taoiseach Enda Kenny, President Michael D Higgins, Theatre Director Fiach MacConghail, Sinn Féin Leader Gerry Adams and Clannad singer Máire Ní Bhraonáin and 'Scothcheól' World Music Show on Thursday nights. For a full list of Irish language programmes you can check out Phoenix FM's website at www.phoenixfm.ie/schedule.

PROGRAMMING NEWS

NEW SHOWS & RECENTLY HEARD

D15 ANTI-RACISM DOCUMENTARY

92.5 Phoenix FM recently aired our documentary series on racism - 'Afraid to Complain: Racism in Dublin 15'. The series was produced, presented, researched and edited by Station staff members Freda Hughes and Shane O'Neill. The documentary investigates racially motivated crime in Dublin 15, how it manifests itself and how it is dealt with. The series was made with the support of the Mary Raftery Journalism Fund. Many local anti-racism campaigners and victims of racial abuse feature in the series. The programme highlights the subtle and often unidentified impact of unchallenged racism and prejudice in our society. The series can be accessed as a podcast on our website here: www.phoenixfm.ie/1089.

URDU LANGUAGE PROGRAMME ABOUT TO LAUNCH!

Ghar Se Ghar Tuk is a new programme based around integration and involves members of the Urdu-speaking community within Dublin 15 talking about their experiences of Ireland including their contribution to Irish society. The producer is Asiya Saleem and the show begins broadcast every Friday evening at 7.30pm. The programme adds to the Romanian, African and Polish shows already on the Station, reflecting D15's diverse community.

LET'S TALK ABOUT DRUGS

Let's Talk About Drugs looks at all aspects of drug use. Issues like policing, recovery, health and advice for families will all be featured on the show which is hosted by Philip Keegan from the Greater Blanchardstown Response to Drugs. This programme complements the existing Coolmine Therapeutic Community Show on Friday at 11.30am.

RECENTLY HEARD...

The first Munitir na Gaeilge concert/ceolchoirm for Seachtaine na Gaeilge, the Oireachtas Justice Sub Committee's visit to Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group, Fr Dan Joe O'Mahony on administering the last rites to John Gilligan, local folk band Lynched about their upcoming album 'Cold Old Fire', the commencement notice issued to Castleknock Community College for a school extension and sports hall, results from St Mochta's, Verona FC and the other local clubs, Blakestown Community Centre's 'Buy a Book, Bring a Book' event, Paul Smyth from Foroige on the 'Supporting Youth Health' and Roderic O'Gorman on the closure of the Porterstown Road.



PHOENIX NIGHTS #2

CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR STATION FUNDRAISER GIGS

The second Phoenix Nights gig was held on Friday, February 28 in Captain America's. Local bands Here To Help You Out, The Generations and Thunder Hustle (formerly White Roads) were joined by Thieves on stage. You can listen to tracks from the bands here <http://phoenixfm.ie/1196>.



Here to Help You Out playing at the most recent Phoenix Nights gig. © Kevin Shields Photography

LIVE BROADCAST OF EU ELECTION EVENT

FIRST EVENT ORGANISED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPE DIRECT



From left to right: John O'Brennan, Mary O'Rourke, Francis Jacobs

Phoenix FM hosted and broadcast live a special European Election Event on January 20 in Fingal County Council Offices, Blanchardstown in association with Europe Direct. The aim of the event was to encourage the public to think about EU issues and to encourage them to get out and vote in the European Parliament Elections. Presenter Jeff Murphy interviewed former Minister Mary O' Rourke on her views on the EU and her political experiences from working with colleagues in the EU. Phoenix FM Board member and Tolka River Project Chairperson Dave Hughes chaired the panel discussion with Francis Jacobs of the EU Parliament Office in Dublin and John O'Brennan of NUIM, who are experts on the EU and Ireland's relationship with it. We offered a prize of a Samsung Galaxy tablet for the best question and that was won by Daire Lawlor, a fifth year student in Luttrellstown Community College.

MAJOR CHANGES AT 92.5 PHOENIX FM SGM & AGM

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

The D15 Community Broadcasting Cooperative Society held a Special General Meeting and an AGM on February 20. Major amendments to update the Rules of the Society were voted on and agreed. The AGM heard a comprehensive account of our activities in the past year and confirmed that the Society complies with its Licence requirement to maintain a 60/40-speech/music ratio and is up to date on all regulatory returns to Revenue and the BAI. The Board has agreed a strategic plan for 2014. Three long-standing Board members, Alan Connolly, Chris Hitchcock and Garvan Browne decided not to put their names forward for election.

Three new volunteers were elected to the Board of Phoenix FM:

- Roselawn's **Rachel Devlin** is Producer of Thursday's D15 Today programme and is a Public Health Nurse by profession. She has worked as a Child Welfare and Skills Training Consultant, Member of Castleknock National School Board of Management
- **Colman Duggan** of Delwood has produced and presented on D15 Today for 2 years and has worked as a Child Care Manager in the HSE. He currently writes for Hospice Connection, St Francis Hospice. He also sat on the Board of Cari – Children at Risk in Ireland.
- **Jeff Murphy** has worked in psychiatric nursing and now produces and presents on D15 Today. Jeff was recently elected to the Board of Craol (www.craol.ie) which involves him in representative and advocacy issues on behalf of Community Radio nationally.

Volunteers exercised their right to elect a Volunteer Representative to the Board of Phoenix FM on March 11 when they elected Clonsilla journalist and musician Paul Hosford. Paul has participated in many sports and current affairs on Phoenix and currently works at Journal.ie.

A new Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary will be elected following the next Board meeting on March 19! Watch out for news on www.phoenixfm.ie.

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 our office Administrator, Eithne Moran. [eithnemoran\(at\)phoenixfm.ie](mailto:eithnemoran(at)phoenixfm.ie)

BACK ISSUES OF NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

DOWNLOAD OLDER ISSUES

This is our fifth issue of the 92.5 Phoenix FM Newsletter. The newsletter is issued on a quarterly basis so please send your ideas and suggestions to Freda Hughes at fredahughes@phoenixfm.ie. Back issues can now be accessed on our website at www.phoenixfm.ie/newsletters.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

TRAINING SESSIONS & RECRUITMENT EVENT



Volunteer Training Sessions

February 26 saw Colman Duggan deliver a session on Researching Community Affairs as part of our continuing Volunteer Training & Social Sessions. Colman explored the concept of 'community affairs' and how to research and cover news in the local area. The previous session in January was facilitated by Dan Pitcher and Denis McEvoy and covered Vocal Training and News Reading. These events provide a great opportunity for volunteers to get to know each other a little better over a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards. Each class takes an hour max and all volunteers are invited.

New Volunteers Recruited

Forty five people attended our open evening for new volunteers in BAP's offices in Dillon House on February 13. The meeting was a fun and informative look at the work of the Station, the equipment we use and the training opportunities available. Iain O'Connor, Jeff Murphy and James Nugent outlined the benefits of volunteering in terms of personal development and community participation. Almost 20 new volunteers have been provided with induction training since the meeting and have been allocated roles in broadcasting and other Station activities, such as researching news and running the desk. If you would like to volunteer, email us at volunteer@phoenixfm.ie.



STUDIO TECH TIP

GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE TALKBACK FUNCTION



TALKBACK: the talkback from control room to talk studio is done using the main presenter microphone. However the volume level set on this microphone is for presentation use and very loud for talk-back. To avoid startling / distracting presenters and possibly being heard on air from studio headphones into mics, you should ensure that microphone is placed at least arm's length away from you when using talk-back.

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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Board of Directors:, Jim Connell (Dublin 15 Community Council Rep), Sarah Devitt, Rachel Devlin, Colman Duggan, Paul Hosford (Volunteer Rep), David Hughes, Jeff Murphy, Mairead Murphy, Daniel Pitcher.

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

