

# 92.5 Phoenix FM

## Community Radio for Dublin 15

### NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2014

Welcome to our November 2014 newsletter where we feature news on new programmes, wider community group involvement and loads of other exciting developments. Comments to [info@phoenixfm.ie](mailto:info@phoenixfm.ie)

#### A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

RACHEL DEVLIN

On Behalf of the Board I hope you all had a good summer. It has been a busy time in 92.5 Phoenix FM. Among other things a subcommittee of the Board is working on Schedule Expansion. We are currently broadcasting 57 hours per week and our plan is to increase this by 5 hours per week by six times before December 2015. That equals 30 new hours.

This is building on new programming already on air since our last newsletter. Several ideas have been submitted and a number of shows are in the process of development. The first of these is a Health and wellbeing series, A 'Desert Island Discs' type show yet to be named, A history of Blanchardstown by older people and an interfaith series under the umbrella of Blanchardstown Churches Together. We are looking for any other suggestions you may have or if you want to participate in any particular programme please contact Nuala Smith Volunteer Coordinator. The Board has approved the Volunteer Handbook and Policy and will distribute this to all volunteers.



Rachel Devlin, 92.5 Phoenix FM Chairperson pictured with volunteers, staff and Board members at the pre-wedding send off for Station Manager, Denis McEvoy. L to R: Iain O'Connor, Denis McEvoy, Daniel Pitcher, Rachel Devlin, Nuala Smith, Shane O'Neill, Suzanne Martin, Eithne Moran, Alan Connolly, Eddie McGinley

On behalf of you all I congratulated Denis on his impending marriage to Zofia in her native Poland on August 23. We arranged an afternoon tea for him in early August. Thank you to all who attended and for your contribution to his wedding gift.

### Christmas Pot Luck Meal:

A Christmas gathering of volunteers, Board and staff will be held on Saturday, December 13 in the Castleknock Community Centre. This follows our very successful Pot Luck Dinner held in September. It will be a great opportunity for food and chat and camaraderie. Do make a special effort to attend as it helps for us all to get to know each other.

I would like to thank all volunteers for your time and effort in keeping 92.5 Phoenix FM broadcasting, in furthering programme development and your co-operation in making the Station what it is today. Thanks also to Denis and the staff for their work in fundraising, getting grant aid to make programmes, participating in EU projects, facilitating in recruiting and training of Volunteers, running the office and maintaining the Website and Social Media. In our next newsletter there will be more about how we aim to celebrate 25 years of Broadcasting in July 2015. Do think about how you can be a part of that.

The Board and I wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year on all fronts.

Sincerely in Broadcasting,  
*Rachel Devlin*

### 92.5 PHOENIX FM 48 HR RADIOTHON 2015

#### SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS TO MAKE RETURN



The crew St Mochta's Youth Group during last year's successful 48 Hr Radiothon Fundraiser

After the success of last year's 48 Hour Radiothon we are delighted to announce the dates of the 2015 event. The Radiothon will kick off on Wednesday, March 25 at midday and finish 48 hours later at midday on Friday, March 27. During this time we will not only broadcast from the 92.5 Phoenix FM studios, but also from other locations around the Dublin 15 area. If you would like us to broadcast from a location of your choice please get in touch and find out more about the excellent packages we are offering to businesses and community groups.

Volunteers are asked to assist us in raising much needed funds to ensure the continuation of community radio for Dublin 15 by raising €50 for each hour that they broadcast during the event. Please keep an

eye on our website and Facebook page for more details. All volunteers will be contacted by email about this over the coming weeks. If you would like to book your slot in the Phoenix FM 48 Hour Radiothon please contact [fredahughes@phoenixfm.ie](mailto:fredahughes@phoenixfm.ie).

## STATION EVENTS

### FIVE STATION REPS ATTEND CRAOL FÉILE

#### National Sports Campus Guided Walk

On August 17 we hosted a Guided Tour of Abbottstown House Grounds and the National Sports Campus. After an initial shower we had beautiful weather for the tour in which we learnt about how the historical site and buildings are being carefully and thoughtfully brought back to life to create a world class sports campus in Dublin 15. We'd like to thank our two guides Brian Hughes from 92.5 Phoenix FM's History Matters show and Robbie Whelan from the National Sports Campus. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the both the history and the future of the Abbottstown and hopefully this will become an annual event.



#### Pot Luck Dinner

The first of our Pot Luck Dinner was held on September 13 in the Castleknock Parish Centre, Main Street, Castleknock. More than 30 people attended and some lovely food and great camaraderie was enjoyed. Thank you to Asiya, Mary and Eithne for cooking and to Denis for shopping to Alan & Colman for setting up and clearing away and all others who helped in any way on the night. Thank you to our sponsors who provided prizes for the raffle and to Castleknock Parish Centre for the splendid venue for our gathering.

L to R: Frida Maurimootoo, Asiya Saleem, Carol Azams, Nuala Smith, Carmen Miller

## DEVELOPMENT DAY UPDATE

### SECOND ANNUAL STATION DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Saturday, July 5 we held our annual Station Development Day. More than 30 volunteers, staff and board members showed up for the sessions. The day is designed to allow everyone to have a say in how the Station is run. Inputs and workshops were delivered by Rachel Devlin, Alan Connolly, Dave Hughes, Denis McEvoy, Iain O'Connor, Shane O'Neill, Hamilton Niculesco and Asiya Saleem. The day was facilitated by Freda Hughes. Minutes of all discussions and workshops were taken and many of the suggestions for new initiatives have already begun to be realised within the Station.





## STATION ORGANISES MIGRANT MEDIA CONFERENCE

### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF IRELAND FUNDS INCLUSION PROJECT



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. A

survey to be distributed nationally collecting data on migrant representation and training. Drawing on this material we will develop an on-line 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. It will take place in the Teachers Club on Parnell Square in Dublin on Friday, January 23, 2015.

## EU ADULT EDUCATION PROJECT TRAINING IN HANNOVER

### 11 EU COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS MEET

In 2013, 92.5 Phoenix FM was awarded a grant by Léargas to take part in a 2-year project with Community Radio stations in Austria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Slovenia, the Basque Country and Sweden. The project, which is titled 'Memory under Construction: Giving Voice to Forgotten Memory'.

Earlier this month a team of four from the Station visited Hannover, Germany for a second training meeting. The training was hosted by Radio Flora which is based in the city. The station now exclusively broadcasts online after losing their licence a number of years ago. Speakers at the training gave seminars on a number of historical memory topics such as women in the antifascist movement, German participation in the bombing of Guernica during the Spanish civil war and documenting the memories of Holocaust survivors.

More than 30 people from the 11 stations participated in the training. Participants were given a guided tour of the site of a former women's work camp in Hannover which was run for the benefit of the Continental tyre company.



Volunteer & Board member, Colman Duggan, interviews event organiser Mechthild Dortmund while Irena Cvetkovic from Athlone Community Radio listens

Station Manager, Denis McEvoy, took part in a live broadcast on Radio Flora with Mechthild Dortmund, pictured above, along with representatives from the nine other stations to mark the event.

In May 2014, a team of six people from 92.5 Phoenix FM made up of staff, board members and volunteers attended a planning meeting for the EU partnership project in Athlone. As part of that event, staff from radio stations in Slovenia and Sweden visited 92.5 Phoenix FM before leaving Ireland. Recently two members of staff from Radiofabrik in Austria, Romana and Alf, visited Dublin and worked with staff and volunteers from Phoenix FM to share best practice and work on project ideas. As part of this visit they met with our resident historian Brain Hughes and members of the Board as well as taking a tour of Dublin 15. They were also interviewed on D15 Today on Friday, October 9 and produced a joint one-off programme related to the EU Partnership Project with volunteers from 92.5 Phoenix FM.

## **VOLUNTEER PROFILE**

### **DAVID SCOTT**

David has been involved with 92.5 Phoenix FM for over 10 years and was part of the group that wrote our licence application. He is a local Dublin 15 resident and attended Coolmine Community School before going on to become an accomplished opera singer and music teacher. David is involved with a number of choirs across Dublin and has performed in The National Concert Hall and at Electric Picnic amongst other places. He currently hosts D15 Today on Tuesdays and Phoenix Rising on Thursdays with Dan Pitcher. Over the years he has hosted numerous shows over the years including Saturday Soundbites and Sports 15.



## **GOODBYE TO SHANE & FREDA**

### **STAFF MEMBERS MOVE TO NEW JOBS**



**Shane O'Neill** is no longer working at 92.5 Phoenix FM. Shane was our Sound Operator from August 2013 to August 2014. He was a hugely valuable asset to the

Station and was loved by staff and volunteers alike due to his commitment, amicable manner and attention to detail. Shane's band 'Here to Help You Out' played at the Phoenix Nights gigs which raised money to keep our Station open. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish him well in his new job. Shane is hoping to remain involved with the Station in a voluntary capacity and we look forward to working with him on a number of projects in the pipe-line.

**Freda Hughes** has worked with the Station since March 2013 as our Promotion & Development Officer. She's now moving on to another organisation and she will be sorely missed. Freda was responsible for our fundraising events, including the first Radiothon earlier this year. She also applied and was successful in obtaining funding from a number of different sources. Freda added a lot of cheeriness and positivity to the office and she will be missed by all. We wish Freda all the best in her future endeavours and hope to see her often as she remains involved as a volunteer.



## **BROADCASTING IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **STATION BROADCASTS LIVE FROM FAIRS, SPORTS EVENTS & FESTIVALS**

The Station has carried out numerous Outside Broadcasts over the last few months. Some of the events we broadcast from include the Garda Open Day at Blanchardstown Garda Station in September and the Foróige Soccer World Cup in Corduff during the summer. We have been out and about in throughout community and would love to hear about your community's events. If you would like us to broadcast from an event in Dublin 15 please contact [iainoconnor@phoenixfm.ie](mailto:iainoconnor@phoenixfm.ie)

## **WELCOME TO ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS**

We'd like to welcome our new volunteers; Vusi Nkosi, Charlie Kurtz, Agata Krzemkowska, Carmen Miller, Chris Moynihan, Diaga Ancikowska, Daniel Gerber, Declan Hayden, Helena Brady, Jennifer Aust, Magdalena Fraczek, Oisin O'Neill, Rebecca Omokaro and Sophie Carroll to 92.5 Phoenix FM. We look forward to working with you all on the wide variety of projects currently being undertaken by the Station.

## **NEW PROGRAMMES FRESH SHOW FORMATS**

We have a few new programmes since our last newsletter that may be of interest to our listeners. 'National Sports Campus Live' goes out every Friday morning at 11am. Our Urdu language programme 'Ghar Se Ghar Tak' presented by Asiya Saleem has been extended to an hour long programme from 8pm to 9pm every Friday night. We also launched 'Language for Living' a few weeks back. It is broadcast from 9am to 10am on Tuesdays

## **STUDIO TECH TIP REPORT ALL EQUIPMENT BREAKAGES & BE CAREFUL**

This issues tip is to report all equipment issues and breakages to Alan Maxwell as they happen or become apparent. Things break over time, everything breaks eventually. If you break something, you won't get in trouble, you won't be asked to pay for it. This isn't a problem as we have staff members who are trained to repair and maintain the gear in the Station.

It's only a problem if something which is to be relied upon for a live show turns up broken five minutes before that show is due to start. It disrupts program makers and staff and can make us appear amateurish to guests. So please, if you find something broken or break it by accident yourself, do the responsible thing and report it to [alanmaxwell@phoenixfm.ie](mailto:alanmaxwell@phoenixfm.ie).



## **MARY RAFTERY JOURNALISM FUND SUCCESS ORGANISATION FUNDS INVESTIGATION INTO HOUSING CRISIS PROJECT**

The Station has been successful yet again in its application to the Mary Raftery Journalism Fund which funds investigative journalism in Ireland. In 2013, Freda Hughes and Shane O'Neill made a 2-part series entitled 'Afraid to Complain: Racism in West Dublin' with the support of the MRJ Fund. This documentary went on to the Craol Award for Commissioned Programming in 2013. This year Freda and Colman Duggan have been successful in their application to make a documentary about the Housing Crisis. This documentary aims to present a factual overview of homelessness and the continuing housing crisis in Dublin 15. It will highlight the challenges facing families and single individuals seeking a home of their own in a rapidly developing urban environment. It will show the complex routes one must travel, even to obtain information, in a very long prelude to obtaining a home. It also aims to address the issue of Traveller specific accommodation in Dublin 15. The key message will be to alert the apparently 'comfortable' 65% of local home owners to the housing crisis. A production team comprising Freda, Colman, Dan Pitcher, Ailish Fitzsimons and Pauline Poole, has started to work on the project and they intend to broadcast the documentary in March 2015.

## 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](mailto:volunteer@phoenixfm.ie). If you would like to get to be involved with the production of the newsletter, please email [fredahughes@phoenixfm.ie](mailto: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.

