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**BCfm on BBC Radio Bristol**  
every Saturday and Sunday  
03:00 – 05:00

If this is too early for you remember to  
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click Listen Again  
look for BCfm  
and just click Sat or Sun to listen on line

**BBC RADIO BRISTOL**

94.9, 104.6 FM & DAB Digital Radio

### A message from your Station Manager, Phil Gibbons

Wow! What a roller coaster we've been on since our first anniversary a few months ago. We have had a small funding award from the Department of Culture Media and Sport/Ofcom. This money is going to support Joanne in her quest to raise more Longer term funding to keep this great station going. I will continue to focus on commercial sponsorship and advertising.



Lots of thank yous' this month; Firstly BBC radio Bristol and the SON&R training centre for their full-on training day for presenters. 37 BCfm presenters enjoyed an inspiring and educational day a couple of weeks ago. If we all take on a few things that we learnt then BCfm 93.2fm will sound even better!

Thank you to those presenters from BCfm 93.2fm who enjoyed and helped out at the great Bristolcares event at the Colston Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> July. We have been personally thanked by Organisers Sherrie Eugene, and Pat Hart from Elevation Media for the part you played. Read more about it in this newsletter.

Thank you to all those that helped out during Refugee week back in June, it seems so long ago but we are still enjoying the fruits of our involvement with many more people coming forward to get involved in the radio station. Read more about the event and see the great pictures on page 3.

Some great competitions as well recently such as a dozen pairs of tickets for Stephen Marley at the Bristol Academy, two pairs of tickets for the WOMAD festival and tickets for the Big chill as well. Steve Parkhouse has also given away many tickets for the Jelli Records gigs and St Georges. Bristol Zoo gave us tickets for the Boogie Brizzle event and the Bristol Hippodrome are now giving us tickets for listeners. Many companies are now seeing the benefit of using BCfm 93.2fm as a way of reaching new listeners.

*Phil*

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# BRISTOL CARED – SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008



On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July BCfm supported Sherrie Eugene and Elevation Media for 'Bristol Cares' at the Colston Hall. This was a Red Cross fund raising event to support the victims of the recent tragedies in Burma and China. Whilst raising funds the evening showcased local talent. For full information about Bristol Cares and to donate go to [www.bristolcares.com](http://www.bristolcares.com)

BCfm were there to 'shake the buckets' While Joanne and Phil were running around the audience with microphones to 'encourage' the audience to give. Thanks to the following people for working so hard on this event. Alec Milne, Ali Grant and her son Grant Hambly, Ruth Patchett, Emma Cox, Mohammed Makawi, Mohammed El Sharif, Paul Davis, Steve Parkhouse, Ian Joyner and Carol Wallner. You can see from the pictures below they all had a really good time and raised over £800 during the BCfm bucket collection audience sweep!!



The BCfm team waiting to 'perform'  
Top back left: Mohammed Makawi  
From L to R: Carol Wallner, Paul Davis  
Mohammed El Sharif



Ruth Patchett  
enjoying the show



Mohammed El Sharif and  
Steve Parkhouse (front)



Grant Hambly with mum  
Ali Grant

BCfm Also took part in Bristol Refugee Week in June. Many contacts were made with people who had heard of BCfm and were regular listeners particularly to our Somali and Arabic shows. Links were made with the Red Cross, City of Bristol College, Young Volunteers and the Global Exchange project. BCfm broadcast from many of the events that were happening throughout the week and each day two guests from various events came into the studio to promote their events and raise awareness. Feedback was brilliant both about the broadcasts and the support that the volunteers gave during the event. So thanks again to our volunteers who proved that BCfm 93.2 is not just a radio broadcast it is very much about getting out into the community and helping others raise awareness as well.

L: Mohammed El Sharif  
Centre: Emmanuel JA  
R: Mohammed Makawi



Phil Gibbons with some of the BCfm  
Refugee Week volunteers



L to R: Alec Milne, Nimo, Abdi  
And Joanne



Work Experience pupils  
Soria & Javier interviewing  
June, Pierian Centre



Marie Shaw at the BCfm  
Stall speaking to listeners



Abdi Hassan and Nimo with  
Red Cross Worker



## THANK YOU

Marie Shaw  
Alec Milne  
Nimo  
Abdi Hassan  
M. Makawi  
M. El Sharif  
and of course  
Bryn!



Nimo, Phil, Joanne &  
Joanne's Greyhound  
Bryn always a willing  
helper

# BBC RADIO BRISTOL

## 94.9, 104.6 FM & DAB Digital Radio

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July BCfm were invited to attend a full day of radio workshops at The BBC's SON&R Centre in Bristol. 37 of our volunteers took up this opportunity to understand more about what makes a good radio presenter.

The workshops were taken by BBC Radio Bristol's, Nick Bull (Senior Broadcast Journalist), the BBC's Tom Speight (Trainer), Darren Dailey, 20 years experience as a creative led presenter. His rounded experience includes working with Orchard fm, Red Dragon, Century fm, Severn Sound, 'Daley on the Loose at Breakfast' on Vibe fm, and most Afternoon Drive time Presenter on 2ten in Reading and Stuart Ellis who has worked for almost every adult commercial radio brand in the UK, including Heart, Century Radio, Real Radio and Smooth Radio.

Remember:-

### Your Audience

give them something worth listening to and remember they have their finger on the dial and generally don't keep it 'locked in' for more than 15minutes!

### Preparation,

it takes time and lack of it shows!

### Identity & Jingles

identify your station not you! Station identity is important, listening figures are based on the name of the station not the name of the presenter.



### BBC Workshop



### BBC Workshop



L: Nick Bull with Mohammed Makawi /

R: Stuart Ellis with Tom Speight



## TRAINING & WORK EXPERIENCE

This year BCfm 93.2 have worked with the University of the West of England's (UWE) **Schools Link Project**. We took 4 Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) pupils who wanted to get work experience within the media industry. Two pupils that did particularly well and enjoyed the experience were Soria (pictured bottom left guesting on BCfm on BBC Radio Bristol) and Javier, also at the BBC. We are looking forward to Javier returning to BCfm to present his own Music Show.



### BCfm Training Radio Production Skills

BCfm have just completed another very successful City & Guilds course in Radio Production Skills. There were 19 Students on the course, many of which are now active volunteers on BCfm. The course is open to absolutely everyone and anyone who is interested in Radio. It is held at our studios in Easton and it is part of the City of Bristol College prospectus. It is taught by Phil Gibbons and Joanne Schofield.

If you are interested in the course and would like more information contact Phil Gibbons: [phil@bcfm.org.uk](mailto:phil@bcfm.org.uk)  
The next course starts in September until June 09 and is held on Monday evenings at 6pm. The course is free. (there is a small registration fee)

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Phil Gibbons and Joanne Schofield are qualified Tutors working for the City of Bristol College

# PROGRAMMING



Programme Controller: Joanne Schofield

I love my job programming BCfm but there are times when, like every other job, it's a nightmare. Those nightmares include telling presenters that we are not renewing their current contracts or trying to find cover for a presenter who can't do their show at the last minute! We have to be an accessible project and radio station and I can not emphasis that enough. If a contract is not renewed it is because space is needed for other community groups, organisations, projects or individuals. Also, everyone has the opportunity to apply for another slot somewhere else.

I hope it keeps the output exciting and alive but. In fact I would be very keen to have your feedback and so would our presenters. Please feel free to send any comments you have by email to [feedback@bcfm.org.uk](mailto:feedback@bcfm.org.uk) or send to BCfm 93.2, Beacon Centre, City Academy Bristol, Russell Town Avenue, Bristol.

Summer 2008 is looking very interesting on BCfm with people on holiday, new presenters and some familiar voices rejoining us after a break. (see below).

We are also working very closely with Bristol City Council's Intercultural Dialogue initiative covering many of the events in Bristol and have just completed our Extended Schools radio project (see below).



**Becky Cotton**, seen here on the right in the photo with Katie Melua at Glastonbury Festival. Comes back to BCfm on Monday's.

Becky took a break from us to complete her Post Graduate Diploma in Broadcast Journalism in Cardiff. Welcome back Cecky Botton!!!



Regular listeners will remember Lucy Harrington (left) from the Weekend Breakfast shows when we first started. Lucy took time off to try her hand at TV. She worked on Deal or No Deal and Skins before deciding radio was a much better medium and BCfm is where she wanted to be..... (I've used a little editorial creativity here, I think Lucy would much rather be at the BBC getting paid, We just don't want her to go again!)

If you are ever around the studio on a Tuesday you will be familiar with Harriett Brennan (Right). Harriett volunteers and helps with the administration and editing. She has just finished university and is enjoying the summer with us and hopefully longer if we have our way.



Sabrina (pictured left) and Natalina (Pictured right) have just joined us every other Tuesday at 7pm. They present a show called Karibou. This is presented in Swahili, French and English! All in a 1 hour show! Both Sabrina and Natalina have just finished a Broadcast Journalism course with the City of Bristol College.

BE prepared! This show is lively, loud and packed full of laughter.

# Meet The Presenters



Hi. I'm Paul Davis. I joined BCFM back in March 2007 at the launch of Bristol's only Community Radio station at the time.

I have experience of both BBC and Commercial Local Radio and have been employed on a unpaid and paid basis by GWR fm, BBC Three Counties Radio (Luton), Capital Gold Sport (London), 107.3 The Eagle (Bristol) and currently Star Radio (Bristol). I wanted to make a difference to the local community in Bristol by producing a show that focuses on local sporting organisations on an amateur level who don't get as much publicity if any. This is usually reserved for the professional clubs.

To be able to put back something into the community as a radio show providing a voice for the man on the street does only good and helps to build strong communities of which Bristol has many.

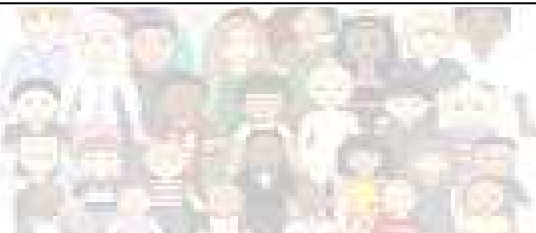
My name is Phil Lyons and I present the Country Music show on Thursday evenings. I first became involved in community radio through Radio 19 in 2006, when I presented a series of programmes to do with the world of work, introducing listeners to Employment Links and the support it offers to people in East Bristol looking for advice about employment or training. I interviewed former clients and workers connected to the service, as well as playing music with a work-related theme.



Joanne then invited me to present a couple of two-hour programmes on successive Saturday evenings dedicated to my passion for country music (everything from bluegrass to singer-songwriters to western swing), and my involvement with BCfm sprang from there.

Most of my professional life has revolved around working with local people in and around Bristol, whether in adult education (teaching English literature or creative writing) or offering employment support/careers advice, so it seems a natural extension of this to be involved in a project like BCfm, where I have the opportunity to share my love of a particular kind of music but also feel I am part of something that is helping to make Bristol more of a community and less of a fragmented collection of postcodes.

Community radio isn't going to put an end to the widening gap between rich and poor in this city, but it can help to build bridges between different groups (if only through sharing a common wavelength at first), and the incredible diversity reflected by the programmes on BCfm gives a truer picture of what life is really like in Bristol than you get anywhere else in the media. Long live community broadcasting!



Hi! My name is Zahir (pictured left) and I work full time at the Beacon Centre as the ICT Manager since November 2001.

The other head that I wear from time to time is that of a media studies tutor.



I have been involved with BCFM since its infancy. I got involved with it when Radio19 was launched and had a 2 hour slot per week. This was my first taste of broadcasting, and like a drug I got hooked to it.

I then enrolled on the radio production course with Phil and Joanne to further enhance my knowledge of the etiquette to be followed in the studio. This further developed my confidence to interview guests.

Since the launch of BCFM I have been presenting the Asian show with my son Mustapha (pictured top right). At the prime age of 7 we believe that he must be the youngest radio presenter in the country, driving the desk and generally producing the show. Another first for BCfm?.

Our show is primarily about the Asian scene and we present news, interviews and all the latest tracks that come out from Bollywood and Lollywood. I think we can safely say that every week we play tracks that have not been played anywhere on any other network. Again another first for BCfm.

The Asian show is on Saturdays at 7pm and is repeated on Wednesdays at 9pm.

# Events in Bristol

## BCfm /Jelli Records Benefit Gig

Steve Parkhouse is arranging another benefit gig at the John Sebastian on September 26th - Watch this space for more details

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Jelli Records will also be presenting the cascade steps at the Harbour side festival and Phil will be introducing some of the bands.



If you are interested in supporting this magnificent community radio project which is a registered charity please contact Phil Gibbons, Station Manager [phil@bcfm.org.uk](mailto:phil@bcfm.org.uk)

Support can happen in many different ways, not just money ....although this is our biggest need so don't be shy if money is all you can offer. The rewards are great.

# What's on BCfm

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## The Rock Show

### Sunday 10pm – midnight

Two hours of rock in all it's guises, from forgotten classics to the very latest underground releases, from trippy folk rock to the hardest of hardcore. If it rock's I'll play it.

Features regular interviews and features on up and coming bands and musicians from the South West, along with some well established names; regular expert guests including Top Bristol promoter Jeff Dart, Groundhogs drummer Ken Pustnik and cult prog rock soloist Ian Bartlett and a focus on the best underground rock from around the world.

Upcoming shows will feature interviews with The Band Of The Eye, Silo, Sharp End First and Sick Party Hijinks; In-depth features on the 1980's prog rock revival and the late 1980's 'power metal' scene; A History of the Rock Festival and much more....

For playlists and links to many of the bands featured on the show visit [www.myspace.com/stashy\\_ion](http://www.myspace.com/stashy_ion)

## The website !!!!



We're getting there! At least we now have something live that looks pretty good. Now the work starts to populate it with information and make it a place that people will visit on a regular basis.

Any information you want to be included on the website, whether its about your show, an event you want us to publicise, photos and any audio then all you need to do is email [webteam@bcfm.org.uk](mailto:webteam@bcfm.org.uk)

All presenters will be directing listeners to [bcfm.org.uk](http://bcfm.org.uk) and not personal web sites.

## Bristol Community FM Steering Group

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