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From the Station Manager - Phil Gibbons

I can't believe Christmas is almost upon us! Check the website soon for the Christmas listings and special shows being broadcast over the festive season. Full listings will be in the December newsletter.



It was six months ago when I shared some internet listening figures with you about the BCfm.org.uk site so here is a little update.

Last month over *32,000* pages were visited on our site with the most popular button being the 'listen live' button!



and with over *2,000* people viewing the studio webcam in the first 4 days it's all very positive



The new City and Guilds radio production skills course is well and truly up and running with some very excited and eager students. I was asked to talk at a City and Guilds Conference this month about how we did so well last year with the course and attained such good results. It's simple really – with the radio station playing a large part in all the student's coursework, we could not fail to achieve high marks and credit!

All presenters are going to be 'refreshed' in the New Year with a short course on studio techniques and production with the new 'driving licence' that has been developed for all those who use the studio to take! (Joanne talks more about this under 'programming')

Let's build even more on where we are and what we offer the City of Bristol.

Now sit back grab a coffee and enjoy the newsletter.



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programming



Programming & Outreach Manager
Joanne Schofield (right!) with the new
breakfast show presenter!

I am still busy fund raising but am slowly getting back involved with the programming. As with last year, the New Year will ring in lots of refreshing changes on the broadcast. We've said goodbye to volunteers this year who have moved on and benefited as a result of their time on the radio station. It is great that Bristol also has another community radio station, Ujima 98, which are able to take on volunteers as well now, easing the load for BCfm 93.2. As we continue to grow CSV's Ali Grant (and BCfm Ltd Director) is able to spend time training new volunteers and offering additional support to current volunteers. This is being supported by her employer CSV. I am busy making space for them in the New Year schedule. In the New Year all existing and new volunteers will need to go through the BCfm Driving Licence which is a training course to enable everyone to fully understand the studio desk and how to use it. Phil and I (in partnership with Gloucester University) have put together a training manual for the studio desk which all presenters that drive the desk will have a copy to keep and use after they have been through the training. We have already started training new volunteers and you will be contacted shortly.

AGM

6.30pm Thursday 20th November

The AGM for BCfm Ltd will be held at The Barton Hill Settlement
43 Ducie Road
Lawrence Hill
Bristol
BS5 0AX

Please RSVP to secretary@bcfm.org.uk

You are invited to our AGM

BCfm Ltd is the organisation that manages community projects based around radio broadcasting in and around Bristol. BCfm Ltd's first project was B200fm, a two week Arts radio project broadcasting 'from the era of Isambard Kingdom Brunel' to celebrate his anniversary in 2006. BCfm Ltd then also managed the Radio 19 community radio project funded by Community at Heart, the regeneration initiative for Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill, Redfield and The Dings. BCfm's Director Phil Gibbons became the consultant employed to set up the Community Internet Radio Broadcast Salaam Shalom with another BCfm Director Kyle Hannan becoming the Station Manager. BCfm 93.2 then went on air in March 2007 under the management of BCfm Ltd becoming it's own Charity in April of this year.

Agenda

Reports
Presentation from Sponsor/Support
Presentation from Nominees for Board

Refreshments

Votes
Resignations
Close



BCfm Volunteer Mohammed Elsharif wins top national award

Not only is Mohammed Elsharif a committed volunteer for BCfm 93.2 presenting 3 hours of the Sudanese programme every Saturday and another 2 hours every Wednesday with friend Mohammed Makawi, it seems he is pretty good at his job as well.

On Thursday 17 October, Mohammed Elsharif was nominated as the winner for the NHS Acorn Alliance Awards - the equivalent of the NHS Oscars! Mohammed has won the award as part of a partnership project between University Hospitals Bristol, North Bristol NHS Trust and Great Western Ambulance Service specialising in an innovative customer service project focussing on black and minority ethnic communities (BME) across the city. The project has been successful in opening up a dialogue with many of our BME communities in some of our most hard to reach groups in Bristol. The result has been improved health services that have given local people the access to and the service that they require.

Through Mohammed's commitment and drive the project has also successfully dispelled many of the myths and some concerns about engaging with health professionals, held within the community.

Community Radio Conference for Bristol

Bristol Community Radio Consortium is made up of the three community radio stations in Bristol, the internet radio station Shalom Salaam, Ujima 98fm and BCfm 93.2.

On 20th November we are organising a major conference in the City at the Council House.

The conference will demonstrate investment opportunities such as commercial advertising and sponsorship, service delivery agreements that deliver to corporate social responsibility objectives and the promotion of intercultural and interfaith community cohesion events, dialogue and activities.

If you would like to attend this conference, or to nominate a colleague, please contact Asif Khan, Community Engagement Manager, Bristol City Council asif.khan@bristol.gov.uk or phone: 0117 3534298



BBC Points West and BBC Radio Bristol Presenter Alex Lovell will be the 'Guest presenter' for the day



BCfm 93.2 studio webcam – you're being watched!



You should have noticed the webcam by now in the studio. I am trying this and will assess the impact and usefulness of it after Christmas. Any comments would be welcome at this stage – Are we radio with pictures? Does it exclude those who are not 'logged in'? If we continue to use it to our advantage (maybe some of us guys should wear a hat to cover the shinny bit), then we will keep it going.

One thing it is NOT there for is for presenters to get distracted and 'play to it' just reference it and concentrate on the show. The more hits we get anywhere on the website the more opportunity we get for advertising and sponsorship so it does have a useful business purpose so please respect it. Phil.



Tom Bigwood

I can't stop listening to Claudia Aurora. Claudia's a Portuguese singer who lives and works in Bristol. She brilliantly sings the wistful, haunting, mournful and passionate traditional songs of love and longing from Portugal - known as Fado. She's got a top CD out at the moment - there are only six songs on it - but they're all great. Check out 'As Maos que Trago' - that's a gem! Claudia often sings live around Bristol - so keep an ear out for that. I've been lucky enough to have Claudia sing live on my programme - Face to Faith - and you can watch a couple of her performances on www.facetofaith.org.uk.



For more of Claudia go to www.claudia-aurora.com

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