

Minutes from the meeting in A Coruna – Excerpt –

Sally spoke

Discussed the meetings and mobilities so far. First meeting held in November 2012 in Hungary, the second meeting was held in Tübingen in February 2013, then to Montpellier in May, Strasbourg in June, Brno in October and now in Coruña where we also took part in the Spanish Community Radio conference and where attendees were invited to the Craol Media Literacy Conference to be held in Dublin, the next meeting will be in May in Finland. Today we will learn about the type of training that is delivered by some of our partners. This project is about the training that we deliver in our organisation and about Media Literacy. In today's meeting and radios have joined together with the Federation of Community Media in Spain.

Mariano spoke

We are going to talk about the workshops they do in Madrid as we are meeting now in this different form there are other community radios and they have changed the structure of training throughout the network in Madrid. Due to the economic crisis the lack of funding and support they have used in training as an alternative way to make up funding for the stations. Due to the financial situation it is better to do this work as a collective. In the last few years the community in Madrid have tried to find alternative to this lack of funding, they look to local elements in response to the crisis.

Community radio have participated very actively into the new actions that have come out of that social movement.

This has also reflected on the training, community media has been incorporated into training of civilians that want to teach and be part of the movement. When they were camping on Civil Square in Madrid, Agora sol Radio was created in 2011 and are still going at the same time as part of the actions in the square incorporated the training of learners in their work and taught how to use second

media, not just training but the methodology has changed, not just the content of the training but how we deliver training.

We are going to show you a webpage for one of the training workshops that took place. The training has been basic e.g. how to put together a transmitter to cover a specific event taking place, also, Media Literacy, one of the main activities they did was to show people how mass media manipulates the news and that the message is manipulated by the media gives just one side of the story.

Community radios have now changed the training, they are delivering and creating new workshops, there are 3 methods

1. Citizen of Journalism, they take part in the editorial aspect of the news
2. Workshops address specific groups and community radio being more involved with people with disabilities and migrants
3. Organise and provide community radio production training on how to produce a radio programme.

Specific Workshops

The very first groups that they worked with are training young people, it's a good way to integrate young people in media. Training involves minors and people in their 20's, it is about social communication and social interaction, it's a challenge because the kids are of deprived backgrounds.

The Youth in Action project where we make radio are creating neighbourhoods, the training is about young people taking over the media, not just radio, IT, Poster Design, taking ownership of the media. They use a methodology that is participative and get kids involved in it, they move work from the usual format and methodology they give them the tools to use straight away so they can familiarise themselves with the equipment which is very participative and get them to talk.

They make radio on the streets to encourage the media to be open to everyone. They also get to know the young kids through their relationship with families and friends. A space for social interaction and also workshops for social workers. Thanks to the work of Social Workers they are preventing young people from becoming drug users, to be aware of specific gender based violence and to learn how to share their space and live with each other.

They also train social workers who are availing of training.

They deliver a benefit to each other through the work they are doing. Radio for delivering training and social works through training about radio. The content that is being produced influence the neighbourhood. Social workers in community radio has a way to integrate young people within society. They have other training aimed at people learning about radio journalism. Joining community radio gives them the experience of radio.

They teach people how to do everything in the station from engineering to research and presenting.

Q&A

Question: How do you get into contact with the groups and how do you get them to the radio station?

Answer: They have established key actions for this kind of training. When they realised there was a need and were approached by social workers they saw it as an opportunity for schools to get involved so they approached the schools, they recognised that the station is a tool for education and integration and helping them to get kids involved. Question: How do you manage to keep them interested and get them to stay with the station? Answer: They work in groups of 20 and maybe out of that group 2 or 6 will stay with the Station. They are starting to become active volunteers and they get involved. They go ahead and make their own programmes and help other volunteers.

Question: Do you get funded?

Answer: The funding situation is complex, public administration is ignoring community media, they get some Youth in Action funding from Europe and some funding from a bank. Madrid: prior to 2009 there was regulation for local funding which came from the City Council and regional Government.

Question: How often do you carry out training, how do you manage to train and run a Station?

Answer: projects work with the group for the whole year with a break during the summer. They will have people who are focused on workshops, 80% of the time is for training, and the rest make content for the Station on an ongoing basis, Media production incorporated into the schedule.

Monday Presentation In the radio the challenge is between the community and the radio. We were shown a series of photos - Almenara and Vallekas.

Workshop facilitated by work of the Federation of Free Radios in Madrid, they continue radio work together.

When they are covering a big demonstration all the community radio stations come together to covering it for the Union of Media and Community Radio in Madrid.

Radio is an important and interesting place for young people.

Young people are creating a space where people are involved in every aspect of running the Station to obtain a suitable product, key elements to the training for this training approach.

Trainers/Teachers are facilitators.

The facilitator has responsibility to help you feel comfortable and they that you are enjoying what you are doing. Young people do not look at Roman as a member of the State or a teacher, but someone that they can work with and we are bringing forward this new procedure of learning that offers the possibility to

bring more creative elements to production and creativity is a key element with these groups, they have 2 factors ahead of them.

1. Getting people to understand the empowerment and the knowledge they already have
2. Production of important content and neighbourhood as part of our work.

This weekend is the 9th meeting of community radios in Spain, it has been nearly 2 years since the last meeting. The meetings are important to learn best practise and to learn from each other their strengths. It is here where we can have a prospective of what community radio is like in Spain.