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OURMedia, in cooperation with the Community Communication section of IAMCR, the Community Radio Forum of Ireland (CRAOL) and the Global Media and Social Change section of the ICA

Pre-Conference to IAMCR 2013

'Dealing with Crisis: Community, Alternative, Citizens' and Social Media in Times of Change'

City Wall Space / Dublin City University,
Dublin, Ireland
June 24-25, 2013

PROGRAM: DAY 1, JUNE 24

VENUE: Wood Quay venue, City Wall Space
Dublin City Council Civic Offices,
Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

Tea and coffee, conference pack collection from 8.30am

OPENING (9.30-10AM):

Welcome and Introduction to the Pre-Conference

SESSION 1 (10-12PM):

'What news does Dublin need? An exploration of models of news and information that we should build for our city'

PANEL SESSION: This session is organised by Dublin City Community Media Forum with speakers from community and alternative media groups around Dublin.

Panellists:

Donal Higgins, The Live Register (DCTV Current affairs show)
Jack Byrne, CRAOL / NearFM
James Redmond, Rabble
Other contributors to be announced

LUNCH, 12PM-1PM

SESSION 2, 1PM-2.30PM (Concurrent Sessions):

ROOM 1

‘Media Power, Activism and Technology: Activist Practices in Digital Environments’

Hilde Stephansen, Goldsmiths, University of London

Rethinking ‘communication power’: towards a non-media-centric approach to understanding communication activism

Stefania Milan, Tilburg University and The Citizen Lab, University of Toronto

Rethinking counter-hegemony in times of social media

Andrew O Baoill, Cazenovia College, New York.

Engaging with emerging technologies: opportunities and challenges for community-based media

Kate Coyer, Central European University, Budapest.

Feminist technology collectives and women's rights activism

Emiliano Trere, Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro (México)

and Alejandro Barranquero Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (España)

Techno-myths in new social activism. Case study: 15M / Indignados movement in Spain

SESSION 2, 1PM-2.30PM (Concurrent Sessions):

ROOM 2

‘Community Media and Working with Disadvantaged Groups’

PANEL SESSION AND WORKSHOP: This session features representatives of various community groups discussing the advantages they have gained from working with community media. The panel will be made up of migrants, people with disability and youth.

Facilitator: Sally Galiana, Radio Coordinator with NearFM, CRAOL treasurer, and AMARC Europe Vice-Chair

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK, 2.30-3PM

SESSION 3, 3.00-4.30PM (Concurrent sessions)

ROOM 1

‘Aswatona (Our Voices): Community Media in the Arab World’

PANEL SESSION: In February 2013, more than 100 community media and civil society activists gathered in Cairo for Aswatona (Our Voices) 2013, www.aswatona.net - the second regional conference on community media in the Arab world. We heard from activists creating new community media initiatives in Gaza, northern Syria, Bahrain, Tunisia, Libya, Yemen, among others, whose experiences make all too tangible the challenges of doing community media in conditions of conflict, crisis and political transformation. This panel witnesses the role of

community media in political transformation in the Arab world – how activists engaged in community communications have responded to conflict and crisis.

Panel Proposer: Steve Buckley, CM Solutions
Facilitator: Eman Jaradat, CM Solutions/Aswatona

Panellists:

Eman Jaradat, CM Solutions/Aswatona (Jordan); Radio Al Balad
Ahmed Samih, Radio Horytna (Egypt)
Wajdi Raweh, Yemeni journalist with Sheffield Live
Steve Buckley may join the panel live from Gaza City, connectivity permitting

SESSION 3, 3.00-4.30PM (Concurrent sessions)

ROOM 2

‘Community Media for Peace and Development in Cyprus’

PANEL SESSION: This panel explores the emergence of the Cyprus Community Media Centre in the UN buffer zone in Nicosia, supported by the UN Development Programme Action for Cooperation and Trust in Cyprus (UNDP-ACT). It explores CCMC’s role in bringing together Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot civil society organizations, participatory communication and development processes, and digital storytelling projects as a method of building bridges between the divided communities (www.youtube.com/CyprusStories).

Facilitator: John W. Higgins

Panellists:

John W. Higgins, University of San Francisco, USA (Facilitator and presenter)
Seán Ó Siochrú, NEXUS Research Cooperative, Dublin, Ireland
Pembe Mentesh, Programme Analyst, United Nations Development Programme, Action for Cooperation and Trust (UNDP-ACT), Nicosia Cyprus **[via Skype]**
Larry Fergeson, Project Manager, Cyprus Community Media Centre (CCMC), Nicosia Cyprus **[via Skype]**

4.30pm: DAY END

7.30pm – Evening Event

2013 is the centenary of the 1913 Lockout, a major industrial dispute that took place through pickets, strikes and competing media views in the newspapers of William Martin Murphy, the media baron who led the employer’s side and the newspapers and propaganda of the Irish Transport Union and James Connolly.

To mark the occasion and link into the OURMedia conference, DCTV is hosting an event in Liberty Hall, one of the most iconic buildings in Dublin. We will hear a historical account of the lockout and the media of the time and then a keynote speech by Frank Connolly, Communications Officer of SIPTU, Ireland’s largest trade union and previously executive director of the Centre for Public Inquiry on ‘Workers media, 1913 and 2013’.

This will be followed by a social.

PROGRAM: Day 2, JUNE 25

**VENUE: Dublin City University
Glasnevin, Dublin 9**

Please note the sessions at the preconference are designed to group together like-minded papers, and to facilitate a panel-type discussion that is more informal than a structured conference paper session. The organisers encourage audience engagement and discussion in these sessions.

SESSION 1, 9.30-11am

ROOM 1

‘Social Media and Crises’

Fatemeh Khonsari and Shahriar Khonsari
The Role of Social Media in 2012 North-West of Iran Earthquake

Sirin Dilli, Giresun University Turkey, and Sjors Bos, Editor, Indoweb.nl
The ‘Like’ Times: Community media and the opportunities of crises

Jose Marichal and Russell Stockard, California Lutheran University
The Promise and Perils of Defining Crisis as a "Hacking Problem"

Minttu Tikka & Johanna Sumiala, University of Helsinki, Finland.
Mediatized Crisis – Media Anthropological Reflections of News Making on YouTube

Emiliano Trere, Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, México
Looking beyond social media centrism in researching activism: Mexican struggles against neoliberal capitalism

SESSION 1, 9.30-11am

ROOM 2

‘Contemporary Crises in Community Media? Issues of Scale, Policy and Technology’

PANEL SESSION: This panel discusses some of the recent thinking and gaps in knowledge about contemporary community media. It unpacks a set of possible crises and illustrates the value of comparative global research.

Facilitator: Jo Tacchi

Jo Tacchi, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) (Facilitator and presenter)
Florenca Enghel, Karlstad University, Sweden
Elske van de Fliert, University of Queensland
Pradip Thomas, University of Queensland
Verena Thomas, University of Goroka
Silvio Waisbord (contributing, but not present for panel discussion)

MORNING TEA BREAK, 11-11.30AM

SESSION 2, 11.30-1.00pm (Concurrent sessions)

ROOM 1

'International Perspectives on Community Media Innovations and Challenges'

Folker Hanusch, University of Sunshine Coast, Australia

**Emphasising cultural values in creating alternatives to the mainstream:
An empirical study of Māori journalists' professional views and motivations**

Rob McMahon, Simon Fraser University, Canada

Community-based broadband development in Canada: First Nations Innovation at the First Mile

Gergely Gosztonyi, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary

Alternative (?) Media: Aspects of the legal regulation of community media [Hungarian experience]

Priya Kapoor, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, USA

Community and Transnational Media Trajectories: Community Radio in India

Manuela Grunangerl, University of Salzburg, Austria

Old values in bottomless pits? Dealing with the challenges of a changing media landscape: The case of Austrian community television

Raúl Rodríguez, Patricia Peña, Chiara Sáez, Universidad de Chile

**Crisis y cambio social en Chile (2010 – 2013). Experiencias de comunicación comunitaria y ciberactivismo: radicalización de la democracia o sólo una ilusión?
Crisis and Social Change in Chile (2010-2013). Experiences of community communication and cyber-activity: Radicalization of democracy or just an illusion?**

SESSION 2, 11.30-1.00pm (Concurrent sessions)

ROOM 2

'Alternative Media, Activism and Participation'

Bu Wei, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Conceptual crises and opportunities of 'our media' in China: Social transformation, media power, and action-orientated media by migrant workers

Melissa Wall, California State University, USA

Citizen Media and Domestic Workers in Lebanon: When the Story Goes Viral

Helen Odame, University of Guelph, Canada

Participatory and Citizen Approaches to Video-Mediated Communication for Social and Environmental Change in Rural and Northern Canada

Sergio Villanueva Baselga, University of Barcelona

Documentaries produced by communities: A review of the participatory mode of representation proposed by Bill Nichols

Alejandro Barranquero and Miriam Media, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid

From purity to mediations. Agenda, participation and diversity in Spanish community media

Marcos Pereira Dias, University of Melbourne

Playing with crisis: reflecting on media ideology through participatory art

LUNCH BREAK, 1-2PM

SESSION 3, 2.00-3.30pm

ROOM 1

'Other communication, Our Media and a critical environmental perspective'

(Panel primarily in Spanish)

PANEL SESSION: This panel will explore the communication dimension of environmental projects in different parts of the world: two cases in Colombia, two in Bolivia, one in Chile, and one in Spain.

Facilitator: Amparo Cadavid

Panellists:

- Amparo Cadavid (Facilitator, and presenter), Uniminuto, Bogotá
- Alejandro Barranquero, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid
- Eliana Herrera, Uniminuto, Bogotá
- Jenny Ampuero, Universidad Autónoma "Gabriel René Moreno", Santa Cruz
- Jair Vega, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla
- Carlos Camacho, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, La Paz

SESSION 3, 2.00-3.30pm

ROOM 2

'Watchdogging the Humanitarians through Alternative, Networked Journalism'

Workshop by Jane Regan, Université d'Etat d'Haïti and Tufts University (USA)
Coordinator, Haiti Grassroots Watch

The objective of this session is to discuss with interested activist-scholars the Haiti Grassroots Watch model and its potential for replication in order to examine "development," the "humanitarian industry" and "disaster capitalism" in other global south countries from a grassroots perspective. The session will include discussions of international law and practice as regards the humanitarian and development "industries" in the global south, the "watchdogging" track records of the commercial and state mainstream media of the global north, and a case-study section about the Haitian experiment and its principal challenges.

SESSION 3, 2.00-3.30pm

ROOM 3

'Using Participatory Video to Re-discover the Community'

A video-letter from children from Tlaxcalancingo (Mexico) to the world

Video presentation and discussion: Claudia Magallanes-Blanco

During the academic semester of fall 2012 a group of students from a private Jesuit university in the Mexican city of Puebla learned to use participatory video and then worked with children (from 6 to 13 years old) from a marginalized/semi-rural community named San Bernardino Tlaxcalancingo in the production of a *videocarta* (video-letter) about their community and their interests and realities. In the midst of learning or un-learning (especially for the college students) how to use the video camera the children became the teachers about their community and its traditions.

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK, 3.30-4PM

SESSION 4, 4.00-4.30pm

ROOM 1

Closing Session: Summary of the Pre-Conference: Plenary and Discussion

'Alternative and Community media issues for Ireland, and beyond'

PRE-CONFERENCE CLOSE, 4.30PM