

TECH2503-18 Community Media Production

Community Media Co-Production in Cambodia

<http://www.dmuglobal.com/Opportunities/community-media-co-production-in-cambodia/>

Workshop Two: Running a Community Media Cafe

1. Ice Breaker: (20 mins)

- Divide into groups – no more than four people in each group.
- Explain the rules of the card game Rummy, and play a couple of hands.
- Learners can introduce themselves and discuss what music they have bought or brought with them that they are listening to this week.

2. Discussion – Why Run Community Media Cafes?

- What are people keen to discuss that isn't covered in local or national mainstream media?
- How do people articulate a sense of belonging to a community?
- What forms do the communities take that people associate with?

3. Investigation - What is a Community Media Café?

- Visit the following blogs and make a note of what the main features of a community media café are?
- How do they operate?
- What are their main features?
- How do people interact in them?
- What role and purpose do people ascribe to them?

Join the Community Media Cafe revolution!

"The Community Media Cafe (CMC) model was originally developed in Leicester by John Coster, editor of then-community news agency, now community media consultancy "Citizen's Eye," when looking at ways in which to bring members of the community together to come together to discuss the needs of a community-led website. There was also the opportunity to show people how easy it is to tell, produce and share your own stories using the mobile tools in your pocket – including smart phones, tablets and small video and audio recorders – and to put them on free and accessible websites (such as youtube, wordpress, flickr and twitter) for sharing." <http://jennifermjones.net/2013/11/20/community-media-cafes/>

Hosting a Community Media Cafe

"With over three years' experience running drop-in café's for community media, John Coster knows the ins and the outs well. As the founder of Citizen's Eye, John has been meeting volunteers and activists from the community media groups and charities in Leicester to help connect people. The community media cafes are not only a chance for volunteers to share their experience about how they can develop their projects, it's also a social platform in which it's possible to meet people with a like-mind and a common passion for community media and social enhancement."

<http://robwatsonmedia.net/hosting-a-community-media-cafe/>

News Cafés: A Way of Encouraging Community Conversations

John Coster, Managing Editor of Citizens' Eye explains how he uses the idea of a regular News Café to encourage people to bring their community news to The Eye. <https://youtu.be/kmcVY4JQ0Q>

Pocket Mobile Reporting

John Coster talks Pocket Mobile Reporting. <https://youtu.be/u2KIY7jYlok>

Citizen's Eye

John Coster, founder and Editor of Citizens' Eye, the Leicester-based citizen journalism website talks about the ethos that drives one of the UK's most established citizen-led media projects and its links to mainstream media.

<https://youtu.be/mYrEH91zglk>

International Community Media Day 2013

Monday 4th November, 2013 marked the first (hopefully of many) International Community Media Day. King Lambie Productions were the official Scottish partners in the event co-ordinated through Citizens' Eye with over 25 countries participating. Below is a highlight of some tweets, content and quotes from #commedia13 discussion in Glasgow <http://www.kinglambie.co.uk/?p=122>

Become a Dispatch Writer at Latest Community News Cafe

Would you like to catch up with the Dispatch at our community news cafe on Friday? Is there something happening in your community you'd like to write about, or a local group that needs some publicity? Is there something you'd like to get off your chest – or something you'd like the Dispatch to write about? We're a volunteer-led community news organisation and we always welcome contributors from all backgrounds.

<http://westleedsdispatch.com/become-dispatch-writer-latest-community-news-cafe/>

New Venue for Social Media Cafe

The Riviera Cafe Bar in Teignmouth is the new host for the Teignmouth and Dawlish Social Media Cafe being held on Wednesday 3 September. Social media experts will be gathering upstairs at the venue to support local businesses and community organisations.

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/article/21222/New-Venue-for-Social-Media-Cafe---200814>

Free Digital Media Café: Social Media

This Wednesday (December 11th) sees the last of our four initial Digital Media Cafés, being delivered as part of the Digital Commonwealth project. Focussing on social media, the 2hr workshop will look at how you can promote your work and media content through sites like Twitter and Facebook, find information and connect with other groups and individuals with similar interests.

<http://www.shmu.org.uk/fm/free-digital-media-cafe-social-media>

Community Journalism

Yesterday Emma and I from the Centre for Community Journalism made the journey from Wales to Leicester to meet with John Coster, founder of the community media consultancy Citizens' Eye. We wanted to find out more about the Community Media Cafés and Community Media Training School sessions held on a monthly basis in the city, and how these services supported community journalists or reporters.

<https://www.communityjournalism.co.uk/blog/2014/03/05/citizens-eye-community-media-cafe/>

4. Activity: Community Media Café Wiki Page

- Open the Community Media Café Page on the DMU Commons Wiki
- https://wiki.our.dmu.ac.uk/w/index.php/Community_Media_Cafe
- Read the content on the page, then evaluate to what extent it tells you what a community media café is about?
- Discuss in a group what information can be added to the page in order to explain to an outsider how community media cafes work?
- Read the TECH2503 Component A Coursework Brief on the DMU Commons Wiki and identify the main tasks required in the assignment https://wiki.our.dmu.ac.uk/w/index.php/TECH2503_Community_Media_Production#Assessment
- Discuss as a group how you will each take responsibility for adding relevant information to the Community Media Café wiki page.
- Use the TECH2503 discussion thread on <http://talk.our.dmu.ac.uk> to allocate a list of tasks and who will be responsible for each task in order to develop content for the Community Media Café wiki page.

5. Activity: Blogging About Community Media Café Activities?

- Open a new blog post. Ensure that you use the DIY-DMU Category.
- Use a Featured Image in you post.
- Add Tags to your post: 'community media,' 'dmu,' 'leicester,' 'tech2503,' and any others you think of.
- Suggested Topics:

- What kind of activities in a community media cafe do you think would work best to bring people together and promote a sense of belonging?
- What kind of activities would you focus on that would encourage participation?
- How would you record and share media of the cafe?
- Is so-called professional journalism dying out?
- How can alternative voices be heard, and what's the best way to articulate them?
- What issues would people want to cover?
- Make sure you embed links and media to you blog post.