

Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) Progress report

Name of project: Spiral Media Project

Project Lead: Louise Durham, Spiral

Sub Group overseeing project: Taking Part in the City

Project Targets from original bid:

We aim to create a bi-monthly magazine, and a Spiral radio show that can be accessed as a podcast via our web-site.

How the project will do this work:

A group of our participants and volunteers have all been working together on a plan to develop Spiral Community radio and internet Magazine. This involves initially using our website to promote podcasts and then to continue working alongside Brighton Free Radio, BBC Southern Counties Radio and Heart FM to access air time for regular broadcasts.

How much 2010/11 LDDF money the project got: £5,000

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What the project has done from April to September 2010:

Our media course began in September 2010, we have 10 students who are studying media with us. This involves learning how to make an online magazine and radio show.

We have 3 paid members of staff and 3 volunteers who are responsible for running skills workshops in our classroom, taking students out on research field trips such as the Thumbs Up launch, producing articles and scripts, taking students to Radio Free Brighton to record their live radio shows and researching new ideas.

The first term has been based on learning new skills such as how to interview someone, using recording and photography equipment and developing ideas for our show and articles. We have also spent time on learning how to work in a group and as individuals.

The students now produce a live show for an hour every week, through Radio Free Brighton and have written their first article. Our aim is to have our web page live before Christmas which means that in their 2nd term the students will be producing a weekly radio show as well as a bi monthly magazine online. These will be available on our webpage and can be accessed by everyone. Currently we are designing the web page with several easy access options to ensure it can be accessed by as many people as possible, the students are involved in this process.

Magazine Article - October:

http://dl.dropbox.com/u/4717762/SSOFF/Spiral_Sounds_Off_Magazine_October.jpg

Spiral Sounds Off Podcast - October:

http://dl.dropbox.com/u/4717762/SSOFF/Spiral_Sounds_Off_Podcast_October.mp3