



Vincent Teeling

Vincent is Chairperson of the Committee of Management, and has been actively involved in the campaign and development of community radio for over 25 years. He is also a member of the Ardlea Parish folk group. Vincent brings a wide range of technical skills to the Committee and is employed as a systems engineer with an international company. His decision making ability and teamworking approach is demonstrated in the last successful award of a 10 year radio licence to the co-op from the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland.

Declan Cahill



Declan is Vice Chair of the Committee of Management is also drama co-ordinator of the near drama company in nearfm, which he co-founded. He is a founder and still active member of Riverside Drama Circle (founded in 1972). He is Chairperson of the Board of Management of Scoil Chaitríona Infants, Coolock Village with which he has been involved for 25 years. He is a director of Northside Partnership. He has extensive experience in company development and has worked in the public service for 40 years.



Dave O'Connor

Dave is Secretary to the Committee, and has been involved with the co-operative for 25 years. Dave is a regular presenter on nearfm and provides training to new volunteers in radio programme production. A former volunteer with respected organisations such as Irish Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children and St Vincent De Paul, he brings a wealth of experience in community development work to the Committee. Dave is a Director of the Northside Citizens Information Service. A civil servant, Dave has been worked in high profile Government Departments (Social Protection, Education and Health) working with customers across many socio-economic backgrounds.

Peter Cunningham



Peter is Treasurer to the Committee and has been with near for over 15 years. Peter was instrumental in developing and nurturing the stations new band policy. A regular contributor to current affairs programming and policy within the Co Op, Peter brings considerable analytical skills to the Co-Op. He is employed as a chartered surveyor.



Bronwen Maher

Bronwen has been a regular volunteer with our current affairs and environmental programmes with near fm during the past number of years. A campaigns, training and communications consultant Bronwen Maher has extensive professional experience in public affairs, communications, advocacy and campaigning. Bronwen represented the Clontarf ward on Dublin City Council between the years 2004 and 2009, elected Chairman of the Dublin Regional Authority 2007–2008, and appointed Chair of the Dublin Bay Task Force 2008–2009. A political activist for over twenty years, campaigning on community, environment, justice and human rights issues, Bronwen is employed by Labour Party MEP Nessa Childers.

Stephen Blayds



Stephen has been involved with the co-operative for over 4 years. His background is as an Artist having studied and exhibited around Ireland and in the UK gaining a Masters in Visual Arts practices from IADT. As well as working as a freelance Arts facilitator and technician he is currently a Youth Arts Worker for Sphere 17, Dublin 17's Regional Youth Service. Stephen maintains his own Studio practice being a member of the Market Studios.



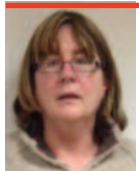
Andrew Robinson

Andrew Robinson is the presenter and producer of 'The Brief' near fms' legal affairs programme. Now in it's second year, the programme is a weekly hour long magazine show which looks at the latest news in the legal world. Regular contributors to the show include academics, lawyers and politicians. Andrew also makes contributions to other radio programmes mainly on law, current affairs and politics. Andrew became a volunteer with nearfm in 2012. Andrew is also a barrister in practice in the Four Courts. His main areas of practice are Chancery, banking, mortgage and commercial law. Andrew is also one of the original members of New Beginning, a not for profit organisation which is attempting to help solve the personal insolvency crisis in Ireland.

Shannette Budhai



Shannette became involved with near fm through the intercultural radio programme. She has a BA in Anthropology with a minor in Art History (State University of New York at Albany) and a MPhil in Ethnic and Racial Studies (Trinity College, Dublin). Shannette volunteers with the Dún Laoghaire Refugee Project and in the past she has worked with at-risk' inner city youth in Dublin and in New York. Currently works with Comhlámh, an organisation aiming to combat the root causes of poverty and injustice. Shanette brings a wealth of experience to the Co Operative, having lived on three continents, have been to 15 different countries, taught English to immigrants in New York and to individuals recovering from substance abuse in Crumlin. She was instrumental in the development of the Co-op's Intercultural Policy.



Sue O'Neill

Sue O'Neill grew up in Bayside and now lives in Killester. Sue began her career first training and subsequently working as a registered general nurse. She later attended Trinity College Dublin from which she holds a BA in economics and sociology and a Ph.D in economics. She has worked as a management consultant as well as a freelance social researcher. She worked with nearfm for 16 months and is now active as a volunteer. She has conducted a number of pieces of research for near media co-op.

Connie O'Reilly



Connie has been volunteer with near media co-op , primarily in a presenter role with Nearfm, since 2007. Connie has also volunteered as a presenter with Hospital Radio for ten years. She always has been involved in local community groups and is currently Chair of a number of Voluntary Organisations, including Shanowen Development Association. Connie's enthusiasm for community radio aims at the highest standards in training and development placing nearfm at the heart of the local community. Connie holds a degree in English Literature and Political Science.