### Members discuss schedule changes

Changing programmes on the schedule is never easy when presenters have been in a slot for some time, built up an audience and put a lot of effort into promoting the station and the time of the programme.



When a programme begins, it is given a thirteen week trial and rolled over with no end date. How can we introduce a transparent system for rotating and introducing new shows? What are the criteria that could be used e.g. phone calls/requests, the programme adds to the diversity of the schedule, reliability, involvement in station fundraising, committee and promotion activities, sponsorships, other...

## At the May Board meeting, it was proposed to:

- 1. Repeat Town Talk additionally at 5pm to reach a different audience and to offer time for training and pre-recording. (LLP Community Grant/Learn about Radio).
- 2. A general music programme should replace specialised music between 12 and 2 weekdays. (Greater potential for Dundalk businesses to advertise).

With the agreement of the presenter. Options for new slots are

<u>LIVE:</u> Monday to Friday 2pm-3pm and 7pm - 9pm/Saturday 8am-10am and 2pm-4pm/Sunday 8am.

<u>PRE-RECORD</u>: Monday to Friday after 9pm, Saturday after 6pm, Sunday after 5pm. A presenter can appeal to the Programme Committee (27/05 12pm).

# **CRAOL Community Radio Annual Training Féile,**

### May 28 & 29 Blanchardstown, Dublin

Places available for Saturday and Sunday community radio workshops, including meals and accommodation. Contact Alan if you are interested in attending.

### Welcome to new Board Member Rosemary Farrell who will join the Board in June.

#### Vacancy – CE Scheme – 19<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>hrs per week - Evening Duty Manager (July 2011). Check <u>http://jobseeker.fas.ie/</u> and send CV's to FÁS, Park Street, Dundalk.

**Dundalk FM Gig Fundraiser Blues night with Chaz DePaolo, Spirit Store, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2011** Tickets only €10 for a great night out for Dundalk FM listeners and presenters thanks to Micheal Duffy and sponsorship from Fyffes.

Dundalk FM Music Quiz Fundraiser

Monster Music Quiz Lisdoo on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Thanks to Quiz organisers Sean Callaghan, Tom Gernon, Jimmy Neary and Jim McAteer and looking forward to a good nights' entertainment.

Dubbed the **'Listener's Licence'** the Dundalk FM Monthly Draw tickets are on sale at reception. We've had five lucky €100 winners so far this year – is your name on a ticket? Thanks to all who support the draw.

If you have an interview you would like to podcast, send an email to padraigquigley@dundalkfm.com.



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Best wishes

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