

Press Release
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SWINDON VOICES

Two Swindon communities will have a regular voice thanks to SWINDON 105.5, the town's community radio service and funding from the National Lottery's Awards For All.

£9,900 has been awarded to the station to deliver training to two neighbourhoods, Broadgreen (Central Swindon) and Penhill.

Shirley Ludford, broadcaster and Manager of SWINDON 105.5 says "This is excellent news for the station, helping us meet our promise to provide accessible training to communities and individuals. These particular projects are under our "Swindon Voices" programming and will give a regular public voice to people living within these areas.

John Taylor, MBE, represents the Broadgreen community and has already started producing programmes for weekly broadcast with a wide mix of people living in the area "This is brilliant news and will develop the skills and confidence of many more people of all ages and abilities. The station is an amazing facility for the town and has immense potential. It is really working for us"

A small Penhill Media group has been formed and will start training very soon. The aim is for the communities to have a monthly programme, working up to a weekly programme, profiling local people, promoting local activities and discussing local issues.

"We are a non-commercial broadcasting service" says Shirley "so grants like this are essential to the future and the development of the station. We've just launched a campaign to encourage local people, organisations and companies to take out standing orders which also creates a feeling of participation and ownership in this locally unique service".

Members of the Broadgreen Community will attend a launch of the initiative at Les Gowing House, Penhill Drive, this Thursday, 12th February, at 5.30 p.m. where they will share thoughts and experiences on programming and develop a neighbourhood relationship.

About 100 volunteers from age 11 to 74 are currently involved in the station's programming, admin, research and technical support from studios are based at the county Ground

Anyone interested in supporting the station can contact the station on Swindon 611555.

PHOTO CALL : PROJECT LAUNCH

Thursday 12th February. 5.30-6.30pm

Venue: Les Gowing House, Penhill Drive, Penhill, Swindon
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