

Learning Waves Skillnet & BBC Radio Ulster Partnership 2016

About the Partnership

Learning Waves Skillnet is delighted to announce an exciting new partnership with BBC Radio Ulster. The process of developing this partnership began in 2014 when Teresa Hanratty, Project Manager, Learning Waves Skillnet and Jackie Neill, Station Manager, BBC Radio Ulster met following a PPI meeting. The seeds of the idea were sown and following a number of meetings, the partnership was agreed by the board of Learning Waves Skillnet and BBC Radio Ulster in March 2016.



The partnership consists of 4 main areas :

- **BBC Radio Ulster Insights Programme for Learning Waves members:** The BBC Insights Programme offers Learning Waves members the unique opportunity to visit the BBC studios in Belfast. Successful candidates will observe how the BBC production team put programmes together such as The Stephen Nolan Show, Proms in the Park and many more. See below for details on how you can apply.
- **Access to BBC trainers and facilitators for Learning Waves members:** This will be agreed with Learning Waves Project Manager and Station Manager in BBC Radio Ulster.
- **Opportunities for BBC staff to train with Learning Waves:** BBC staff can access training programmes being offered by Learning Waves where places are available and courses are suitable. This will be agreed with the Learning Waves Project Manager and Station Manager in BBC Radio Ulster.
- **Insights into Irish Independent Radio for BBC staff:** Staff from the BBC will have the opportunity to visit Learning Waves member stations with a view to learning how stations within the Independent Commercial Radio Sector operate in Ireland. Visits to stations will be set up in conjunction with the Learning Waves Project Manager.

BBC Radio Ulster Insights Programme

Opportunities Available & How to Apply

Phase 1 June 2016

- 1 person for 2 days in June to observe and meet the Stephen Nolan Show team
- 1 person for 2 days in June to observe and meet the News team in BBC Radio Belfast
- 1 person for 2 days to work with the Proms in the Park team to see how the show is put together – this is available on 9th and 10th September 2016. This option is mainly suitable for Engineering Staff and those involved in putting outside broadcasts together.

Phase 2 September to November 2016

- One person each month for 2 days in September, October and November to observe and meet the News team in BBC Radio Belfast.
- 1 person for 2 days in October and November to work with the Irish Language programme teams
- 1 person to work with Arts Production teams in September

How to Apply

We are now seeking applications from those who are interested in participating in this programme. There are a limited number of places available in this round with additional places becoming available 2017.

The Application Process

Stations can nominate one person to participate in the programme, only one person from each station can be nominated for each category.

Station managers can nominate the person directly or allow all staff within the station to participate in the nomination of the person.

Stations can use selection criteria when nominating a member of staff. Selection criteria can include the following :

- Position in the station
- Participation in training since January 2015
- How you think the experience will benefit the individual and the station
- Will the participant be open to sharing their experiences with Learning Waves at events
- Stations must be willing to cover travel and accommodation costs for participants

Each participating station will select a member of staff and recommend them to the Learning Waves Board. The successful station participant will complete a short application form provided to them by their manager. **Click here for application form.**

A shortlist will be selected by committee members appointed by Learning Waves and final participants will be selected by way of a draw from the shortlist.

Participating stations will liaise with the Head of Station in BBC Belfast to agree times and dates of visit. Applications must be completed on or before **Friday 27th May 2016 at 5pm**. Applications will not be accepted after this date. Successful candidates will be notified by **9th June 2016**.