

Program Schedule

Weekday schedule as proposed to the BCI. The different options listed will air on different days of the week.



Time	Program
7.00am to 9.30am <i>3min News @ 8&9pm</i> 1min News @7.30 &8.30	Breakfast Show A busy breakfast show full of interesting features
9.30am to 10.00am	Great outdoors / Mums & Toddlers / etc
10.00am to 12.00 midday	Let's Talk - Magazine Programme
12.00 to 12.30pm	Focus on the Family
12.30 to 5.00pm <i>News @ 1pm</i>	Afternoon programmes with music inspirational readings and an afternoon radio drama.
5.00pm to <i>News @ 5 & 6pm</i> 7.00pm	The Drive time programme will include repeats of the best features from breakfast with live Local Sports and Youth News programmes. Initially this programme will be voice tracked by the breakfast presenter who will be replaced by a volunteer presenter or future staff as the station grows.
7.00pm to 8.00pm	Ceol & Craic Behind the Walls Core issues Across the Street ...around the world. Back to the 60's
8.00pm to 12.00midnight	Youth Life This will be a younger and more contemporary music driven version of the daytime programming

The programming will be of interest to a wide variety of people and will include all the normal elements of music, chat, current affairs, news and community information but with an emphasis on material of interest to a Christian audience. The station will play both secular music that reflects our Christian values, and a mixture of Christian music – contemporary and traditional. Children's programs should include items such as Chronicles of Narnia, Adventures in Odyssey, etc.

Life FM Newsletter

Sept 2005

Broadcast Commission of Ireland (BCI) awards Radio License to LifeFM

After many months of waiting our dream has come true. Our application was lodged last October and since then we have been waiting for news. On September 15, BCI announced that they have decided to award a licence to LifeFM in Cork. This will be the first full time license for Christian Radio in Ireland.

It is both a privilege and blessing to be the first such station and yet the magnitude of such an undertaking, providing programming seven days a week, is an onerous task. We look forward to seeing God at work in this.

We wish to offer our thanks to the many volunteers, friends and supporters who have helped us get this far – to those who prepared the application, those who served on committees, those who have supported us financially, those who have prayed and those who have helped in many other ways. Our sincere thanks to all.

Several other Christian groups are also applying for licences in other Cities and towns. Spirit FM is operating on a temporary licence in Dublin at weekends. Dundalk, Carlow and Athlone have applied for licences for Christian Radio but unfortunately have been refused. We hope they can apply again and that they will be successful the next time around.

But now we need to turn our attention to the task of getting the radio station on air. We estimate this will take about 9 – 12 months. We first need to raise get the funding in place. Then we need to find a suitable building for a studio, get planning permission and then construct the sound proof studios inside and install all the necessary equipment. We will need to find a building we can buy or rent for the duration of the licence (5 years), we need money for the rent, for construction, for equipment, etc. We need volunteers that can help with the work, the organisation, the office work, and the fund raising.

The screenshot shows a press release from the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland (BCI) dated 15th September 2005. The headline is 'BCI ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FURTHER COMMUNITY LICENSING'. The text states that the BCI has today (Thursday 15th September) announced the following decisions with regard to the licensing of further community and community of interest radio and television services. A table lists the license awarded in principle:

Service Area	Proposed Station Name	Company Name & Address	Contact Name and Phone Number
Cork City	LifeFM	Cork New Life Media Ltd Cork New Life Media 33 Tigher Road, Tigher, Cork.	Paula Brien Daly Tel: (021) 455 4346 Email: info@lifeinss.net

At its Board Meeting on Monday September 19th last, the Commission decided to award a licence in principle to LifeFM for the operation of a community of interest service in Cork City. Subject to the successful completion of contract negotiations, the Commission will enter into a...

Announcement on BCI Website

God's Help

The disciples fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told them to "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch" Lk 5 NIV. They caught such a huge catch of fish that they had to call others to help. This project is too big for us, but we feel that God is now telling us to move forward and He will go before us. As he guided the fish into the net for the disciples we trust Him to make things happen for us regarding the station.

Making a Start

It will be a enormous task to get the station up and running, but with your help it can be achieved. Here are some important headings as we begin.

Funding

To make it all happen we are going to need about €150K to construct the studios plus money to run the station. We need your support. A number of people have generously signed up to give each month through direct debit. Others have made cash donations. Some of the churches have also helped. Could you help in this way, or could you be involved in some other method of fund raising. Could you run a coffee morning or do a sponsored thingy? Would you be prepared to canvas the businesses in your area looking for sponsorship?

If we could get 50 people to give €100 per month, 200 people to give €10 per week and 200 people to €20 per month, this would amount to about €200K per annum. Any contribution helps, no matter how small – even if its only €1 a week or a month.

Please consider prayerfully if you can contribute to this ministry.

Building

We need a building for the studios. We can either rent a building if we can find a suitable one or we can buy one. This will depend on your generosity. If we buy we will save on rent in the long run. If we rent and have to move for any reason, then much of the investment in constructing the soundproof studio would be lost. If we have the luxury of space and could build a larger studio, it could be used for programs with an audience, and as a recording studio for budding artists, etc. The equipment cost would be about the same.

Volunteering

The list below gives some of the current needs:

- Finding / Negotiating on a suitable studio
- Making a Planning Application
- Fund Raising Executive, Advertising Executive
- Production of Promotional Material (Powerpoint Presentations, Video Presentation, Printed Material & News Letters, Web Master)
- Studio Construction (building, electrical, carpentry, plastering, plumbing, etc)
- Programming
- Office staff, House keepers, etc

Let us know if God has given you some talent which you could use in this ministry.

Our Web Site – www.corklifefm.org

Visit our website to keep up-to-date on what's happening. This contains some useful information on the station.

The Make-up of LifeFM

LifeFM is owned by Cork New Life Media Ltd, whose board is made up by representatives of the larger churches in Cork, and representatives of the members, volunteers and full time staff. Each church is to elect their own representative. To become a member a person must donate at least €50 per annum to the station. Cork New Life Media and its board is a legal entity entrusted with overseeing the operation of LifeFM and looking after the member's money and other assets.

While there will be a few full time staff, most of the work for the station will have to be undertaken by the volunteers. These will be responsible for at least half of the programming (evenings and weekends) and will enable community participation in the station. It is envisaged that groups from churches, drama groups, musicians, talented individuals, etc, will participate.

There are five committees helping to run the station. These are:

Programming Committee	– responsible for production of programmes by volunteers
Community Relations Committee	– responsible for promoting the station
Training Committee	– responsible for training volunteers to produce programmes
Finance Committee	– looks after the money
Technical Committee	– looks after the computers and radio equipment

A couple of people from each of these committees meet together as the Management Committee. This means that each committee can have information on what's happening overall in that station.

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