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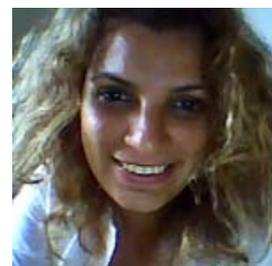
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The Foundation for Civil Radio was established in Budapest in 1993 to support and popularize the cause of non-governmental and non-profit radio broadcasting. In addition, it was established to operate a local radio station in Budapest for the same purpose. More than a

hundred associations, foundations and institutes joined the program initiated by the four founders: the Association of Community Developers, the Open Training Association, the Hungarian Institute of Social Workers and the Lágymányos Public House. Since 1994, Civil Radio has had six periodic programs through which a group of volunteers could get technical experience in the field with support from media experts. In the spring of 1995, Civil Radio got permission to establish a studio and the license to broadcast. Since September 1995, Civil Radio has been on broadcasting on the 98 FM frequency. This frequency has been shared by three different community radios: Tilos, Civil and Fiksz Radios broadcasting at different times of the day/week. The three mentioned non-profit radios, in spite of an extremely modest financial background, were the first radio stations in Budapest to begin their on-air programming after getting their licenses. They began round the clock broadcasts on September 1, 1995. Although other radio broadcasters have huge financial resources at their disposal, they could not put out full-time programming, while their "poorer cousins" were able to broadcast permanently on this frequency. Of course, community radio stations also have huge resources, but these can not be measured in forints but in the love and labor of their volunteers. Currently, Civil Radio broadcasts everyday with the help of more than a two hundred volunteers. Cultural, social, environmental protection events, communities, conflicts and the life of the capital city and its districts are the central topics of our programming. About 220 volunteer programmers and technicians present more than 170 programs that go onto the air in two week cycles. Civil Radio is unique in its effort to give forum to the third sector, i.e. representatives or members of the civil societies, NGO-s and community initiatives.

I am a psychologist, sociologist, anthropologist & journalist, who became a civil activist in 2008; and on an Amnesty International Hungary event I met a Civil Radio journalist, and joined him in making a weekly live program in Civil Radio on human rights issues worldwide. I started to do my own programs 2 years later, mainly on social / political & human rights issues. After a little pause, I am starting a program-series this September related more to Psychology.



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