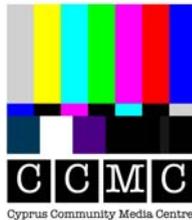




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The Cyprus Community Media Centre (CCMC) opened its doors in late 2009, aiming to establish community media in Cyprus and support local organisations and community groups in communicating their message to a wider audience. It does this in many different ways, whether it's training, dedicated support, equipment loan, creating videos, taking photographs, holding public events, setting up online forums or even just being on the end of the phone, offering advice to its members. Through its work, CCMC strives to be diverse, inclusive, collaborative, transparent, equitable and nonpartisan, promoting the benefits of community-based media to as wide an audience as possible and giving people the skills to be in control of their own messages. It also wants to help bridge gaps and enhance relationships between the mass media and civil society through the creation and broadcasting of productions that contribute to multiculturalism and diversity. CCMC is made up of a core team of six staff members who work at the centre in Nicosia, Cyprus. With a background in media, communications, journalism, community based approaches, the team is also fully equipped with the equipment it needs to produce multimedia content. We also work with a group of talented creatives, whom we call our 'mediamakers'. They are filmmakers, photographers, sound engineers, graphic designers, viral marketers, editors and writers, who assist us in our productions and training. A management committee comprised of elected representatives from CCMC's members, provides the team with strategic direction, advice and support in achieving its aims.

I was born in the UK to an Armenian Cypriot family where I attended primary school. We later returned to Cyprus, and after highschool I completed my undergraduate degree in Communications with a concentration in TV and Video Production in the United States, where I then worked for a digital training centre in New York. I later returned to Cyprus where I worked as a Media Officer for the Communications department at the University of Nicosia for three years. I decided to complete a post graduate degree in Film Production and Screen Culture in Dublin, Ireland, after which I returned to Cyprus where I currently reside, and work as the Technical Officer for the Cyprus Community Media Centre (CCMC) in Nicosia. I have a Masters degree in Film Production and am a professional videographer (camera operator, editor etc). I have an interest in theatre, in which I minored during my undergraduate degree whilst studying Communications (with a concentration in TV and Video Production).

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