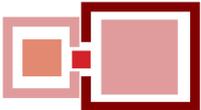


radio+

A GERMAN-AFRICAN RADIO PROJECT

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



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Are you tired of always being confronted with the same old stereotypes of Europe and Africa in the media? Are you interested in developing intercultural radio programs? Do you have firsthand experience in radio or journalism and would like to become part of a unique German-African radio network?

Then apply now and join radio+!



In cooperation with the Partnership with Africa Foundation e.V., the Go Africa...Go Germany Alumni Association (GOAL) e.V. is granting fellowships to students from Berlin and Harare. Fellowship holders will take part in advanced media trainings, jointly produce radio programs and become part of a network of young radio broadcasters from two continents. Participation fees and further expenses will be covered by the organizers.

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WHO

radio+ is an initiative by the Go Africa...Go Germany Alumni Association (GOAL) e.V. which was funded in July 2011. GOAL unites about 100 former participants of the exchange program "Go Africa...Go Germany". It aims to foster cooperation between Germany and African countries based on sustainable and mutually-beneficial partnership. GOAL addresses different working fields, such as exchange programs, multiplier work, civic education projects, new media and entrepreneurship.

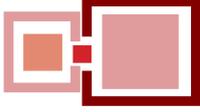
WHAT

radio+ aims to enhance interaction between students from Germany and Zimbabwe. The program contributes to reducing stereotypes and misconceptions and to strengthening interregional exchange. Intercultural working teams will produce radio shows on current social, political and economic issues which will be broadcasted via open channels, university radios and community radio stations in both countries. radio+ further fosters media usage and technical know-how with a special focus on bilingual radio programs. radio+ draws on an already existing media infrastructure and reaches out to a large audience.

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1. Kick-off

August 2013: During a one-day kick-off workshop in each city students will familiarize themselves with the project, meet other participants and receive an introduction to producing bilingual radio shows. Participants will be involved in the planning of upcoming project activities and will take part in a first online get together in August 2013.

2. International Training Week

September 2013: The group will come together in Berlin for an international training week throughout which students will build intercultural working teams and participate in an advanced media training to broaden their editorial and technical skills. The training week further aims to establish personal contacts between radio+ participants and with external media experts.

3. Practical Phase

From September 2013 onwards students will produce radio programs in German-Zimbabwean teams which will be broadcasted in both countries. The teams will work together independently and will communicate mainly via internet. Regular follow-up meetings – online and offline – will be organized by the radio+ team to exchange experiences and support the finalization of radio features.

HOW

radio+ is directed at students from Berlin and Harare. Applicants should be between 18 and 29 years old and have firsthand experience in the fields of journalism, broadcasting or community/university radio. The number of participants is limited to 5 participants from each country. Please note that participants should be willing to host (German students) a student and likewise to be hosted (African students) during the training week in Berlin.

Interested students should apply with a letter of motivation (max. one page), CV, a work sample (if available) and a suggestion for a short radio feature on one of the below mentioned topics (max. one page). Keep in mind that you will be working in a German-Zimbabwean team and that the features should appeal to a broad public and touch upon existing similarities and differences in both countries.

Please send your full application (in English) to radioplus@goal-association.org by July 21st, 2013.



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Topic 1

ETHNICITY

Ethnicity can be defined in many ways. People using the concept classify individuals as belonging or not belonging to a distinct group in society based on commonly shared characteristics, such as origin language, religion, class, and culture. The social construction of these groups is sometimes used and abused by interested parties. Together, these ethnic groups make the overall culture of the country and form the basis for cultural diversity. Considering these characteristics, how would you define your ethnicity? What role does ethnicity play in your country (i.e. in policy making, day-to-day life, societal debate, etc.)?

Topic 2

EDUCATION SYSTEM

How to deal with drop-outs? Both, in Zimbabwe and Germany recent cases of school drop-outs have sparked a heated debate. This debate not only points to individual behavior but also to more structural aspects of the school system(s). While some advocate to ban grades from classes, others plead for a stricter approach to deal with unwilling school kids. How do the school systems in both countries address these challenges? Which are the positions on the best 'education principles'?

Topic 3

MARRIAGE

In Germany and in Zimbabwe more and more young people do not follow the life model of their parents' generation (job – marriage – children) but seek alternative forms of shaping their love life. Marriage is often considered an old-fashioned and out-dated concept. In many cases, practical or financial reasons, such as tax advantages, the costs of a potential divorce or joint custody, seem to prevail when couples think about marriage. In Germany the number of marriages is clearly regressive with every third marriage ending in a divorce. Whereas in Zimbabwe, most marriages have been sustained through cultural coercion that perceives divorced women as social deviants. However, the increasing rate of women and men who decide to stay out of marriage for "independence" reasons has resulted in a new social construct of co-habitation between men and women with "no strings attached". So is marriage really worth while?