

Everyone keeps talking about the importance of Community Radio and the need for all communities, especially those in rural areas, to have their own radio stations. The truth is that there has been much talk, particularly by Government, but little that will help to drive up the number of community radio stations in this country. This consultation deals little with the future and more about the past. It is correcting mistakes that have been made in previous consultations & those brought about through pressure from a commercial radio industry which ditched the local aspect of their broadcasting many, many years ago.

If this consultation is to work it needs to address the core issue; why can't Community Radio stations obtain licences? Perhaps the consultation would be better served by looking at how these licences are issued, who issues them and the role the BBC could play in the structure of Community Radio?

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