

Community tutors

Using recent trainees as role models

"If we can do this - then so can you."

Example

People who had taken part in a year long community radio course became tutors for some of the following year's introductory course sessions.

Some advantages of training with community tutors:

Accessibility - being taught by people they knew and felt comfortable with

Enthusiasm - The involvement and personal stories around how and why community tutors became involved in radio was a powerful way of encouraging other people

Empathy - Until a short time ago they had been complete novices themselves - they were ideally placed to remember the hopes and fears they had themselves when first starting their own radio training.

Building on existing skills - The process of designing the training day was a useful way for the community tutors to reflect on their own learning and build new skills.