

The Program MigraSons

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MigraSons is a program of Rádio Zero de Lisboa¹ on migratory movements, interculturality and cultural diversity, made by people of different origins, promoted by *Solidariedade Imigrante* (SOLIM) - [Association for the Defense of Immigrant's Rights].²

In a first phase, in February 2009, a number of activities, aimed at setting up the necessary team needed to produce the radio program, were carried out including the realisation of a workshop about radio. The training was conceived with a concern to provide learning experiences focused on the acquisition of skills and the preparation of the radio program. From the start of the project, an active involvement was expected from the participants, explaining their motivations and personal experiences, bringing in ideas, themes and news and contributing to shape the structure of the program. The training began with familiarizing the team with the radio studio in its technical dimension. In a second phase, the contents and preparation of different radio items was worked out from a script. During the last phase, the program got structured, identifying issues of interest to immigrants and related to cultural diversity.

Our intention was to create groups that were diverse in terms of nationality and gender, and that included people with a good knowledge of Portuguese and others with greater difficulties. We also sought to form a group that included both people with specific media training and people for whom *MigraSons* would be the first experience in this area. In the first edition of the Program MigraSons,³ 14 programs were broadcasted, of which the following topics can be highlighted: immigrant women; migration and development; presentation of the 'Pau de Arara' project; work conditions; associations and communities; immigration policies in Italy; human trafficking; Muslims in Europe; young and second-generation immigrants, among others.

In November 2009, a second edition of the program was initiated, the theme of re-entry being human mobility, in which we presented a gathering with Duarte Miranda Mendes (ACIDI Chief of Cabinet), Gustavo Behr (president of Casa do Brasil, in Lisbon) and Timóteo Macedo (president of the association Solidariedade Imigrante), that debated some of the central ideas of the United Nations' Human Development Report for the year 2009. In December, we presented a special with regard to December 18th - International Migrants Day.

MigraSons passes world music in its emissions, in different languages; it sings the need to travel, the longing, the despair, the gains and losses of those who continue to

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live far from their homeland. We stress, throughout our emissions, the Senegalese rap with Daara J Family, sounds of Guinea-Bissau with Jose Carlos Schwarz, Eneida Marta and Kimi Djabaté. We had in studio the presence of Minao Soldjah, who presented its *Mixtape Soldadu 3º Mundo – Lágrimas di Sangui*, we presented the solo project of Romi Anuel and the Orchestra di Piazza Vittorio, among others.

Notas

¹ Available at <http://www.radiozero.pt/>, accessed on 12.03.2010.

² Available at <http://www.solimigrante.org/>, accessed on 12.03.2010.

³ Available at <http://migrasons.blogspot.com/>, accessed on 12.03.2010.