



Community Participation Policy

Purpose

Encourage members of the community to participate in the operations of Community Broadcaster Great Lakes FM in providing service to the community.

Continue to represent the community interest.

Great Lakes FM is committed to a totally open and non-discriminatory policy in regard to membership, participation and programming. Membership and participation can only be rejected or revoked under the most extreme circumstances. Programming content will not at any time express prejudice on the basis of ethnicity, race, language, gender, sexuality, age, physical or mental ability, occupation, religious, cultural or political beliefs. This policy states how we ensure community participation in practice.

Great Lakes FM Community Interest

Community Interest officially stated on our broadcasting service license

RA1 Forster / Great Lakes Council Boundary

Policy

As a community-based, not for profit association, Great Lakes FM relies on members of the community for its ongoing operation, administration.

1. Great Lakes FM will seek to have a level community participation in all operations.
2. Great Lakes FM will articulate and develop the strategies it uses to encourage community participation in the station's operations.
 - Structured Engagement Program
 - Community Consultation Strategy
3. Great Lakes FM will encourage individuals and Business in our area to become members of Great Lakes FM and invite them to participate in activities of Great Lakes FM
4. Great Lakes FM will encourage all local community groups to become members of Great Lakes FM and invite them to participate in activities of the station's operation and broadcast.



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5. Great Lakes FM will ensure that it meets the needs and interests of the local community in the following ways:
 - a. Provide regular on-air announcements encouraging new members
 - b. Provide training programs to equip potential volunteers in their involvement in the station
 - c. Provide community service announcements about local activities and interviews with local people to encourage regular participation of those in our broadcasting area
 - d. Provide access to information about Great Lakes FM through our website, social media
 - e. Provide opportunities for community members to be involved in producing quality programs for their peers and the whole community
 - f. Seek opportunities to engage with other local community groups
 - g. Seek funding to broaden Great Lakes FM's scope in delivering services to the communities we serve
 - h. Provide opportunities for Great Lakes FM members to take part in areas of interest indicated on their application for membership
6. Great Lakes FM will encourage presenters who use social media to promote their shows to their peers as well as on Great Lakes FM Facebook page.

Reference Documents

Great Lakes FM Community Consultation Strategy

Great Lakes FM Structured Engagement Program