



# Supervising Community Editor

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## Role Introduction

- To be well-versed and engaged in the development of [Community Realism](#)
- To prepare the role of Community Editor (possibly also your role) for the following responsibilities:

Collect and compile safely researched details on community events to be condensed and edited for 3 minute CloudBuster Action Reports delivered once every hour\*, plus the daily Community Hour discussion - working with, or as, the show's host.

\* As we build the role we build towards hourly reports but will likely start with weekly reports as we compile and grow our networks and staff.

# Community Editor



Glossary

## Community Events

**Any and all community action that is part of our reporting.**

**Your role will be to discern the effectiveness of reporting certain Community Events over others and to try to codify a safe and fair method of differentiation or prioritisation.**

A non-exhaustive list provided by the Community Realism document;

- *Activist communities,*
- *Community infrastructure projects,*
- *Creative projects,*
- *Socially progressive movements,*
- *Marginalised groups' struggles,*
- *Secular and Religious groups,*
- *Social impact projects,*
- *Local sports associations and supporters,*
- *Parental support groups*
  - *Housing co-ops,*

## Action Reports

**Hourly Bulletins resembling traditional news reports.**

**These are the most direct method of delivering Community Realism and will portray a friendly yet informative tone.**

Action Reports will always be community-focused and attempt to represent as broad a slice of UK communities as possible in a short time. The

Community Editor will rotate communities and Community Events over time. An important aspect of the Action Report is remembering that an individual may hear about action in their area, or something to which they can lend skills or personnel.

It may also inspire individuals to take similar action in their own community.

## Community Hour

**Daily CloudBuster show with an extended hour on Saturdays and Sundays.**

**A way to go into more detail than Action Reports, introduce members of communities, experts or facilitate discussion. The Community Editor has the opportunity to take part as guest, presenter, or stay behind the scenes and liaise with a host.**

This show will continue as a music-focused show until we are ready to deliver enough content.

- *Workers' groups,*
- *International solidarity movements*

Community Events are events organised by these communities in the interests of building power, such as community cohesion, skills, community improvement, infrastructure, safety.

# Passive Research

Passive Research will be crucial to making this role sustainable for volunteers. It involves utilising pre-existing contacts, newsletters and other outreach from partners, orgs and organisers to keep a steady flow of Community Events to our inbox, that the Editor can pick through. This is not a passive role by any means but the aim is to find a way to have an automated influx of information at our disposal. Here are some newsletters we are currently subscribed to at [communityrealism@cloudbusterradio.com](mailto:communityrealism@cloudbusterradio.com):

Forward  
Planner  
**NEON**  
**(New Economy  
Organisers  
Network)**

*The Forward Planner is a **weekly email** sent out on Fridays with important upcoming dates, announcements, news items and actions progressive organisers can use to plan their activities and coordinate with one another. It covers the 15 days following the day it is sent on.*

NEON  
Fortnightly  
Digest  
**NEON**  
**(New Economy  
Organisers  
Network)**

*The NEON Network is a trusted space for people working across UK progressive movements to connect, share, and collaborate. Our open network is our mailing list – a simple way to stay plugged in. By joining or updating your details, you'll receive our **fortnightly newsletter** with updates, events, and opportunities from NEON and across the wider network.*

FOE  
Community  
Group  
**Friends of the  
Earth Local Action**

*Friends of the Earth local action groups are part of the largest grassroots environmental campaigning network in the UK. You'll receive a **monthly digest email with updates on each priority campaign**, including how you can get involved. We'll share opportunities to take part in other areas of work, let you know of any new resources and upcoming events, and shout about successes from around the network.*

CAG  
Oxfordshire  
**Community Action  
Groups Oxfordshire**

*The Community Action Group (CAG) Oxfordshire Network consists of over 100 groups across Oxfordshire, at the*

Community  
Action: MK  
**Community Action  
Milton Keynes**

*By signing up to our mailing list, you will receive up-to-date information regarding the voluntary and community sector in*

UK  
Cohousing  
Network  
Newsletter  
**UK Cohousing**

***Monthly Newsletter** - The UK Cohousing Network was established following the*

forefront of community led climate change action. Groups are organising events and projects to take action on issues including waste, transport, food, energy, biodiversity and social justice. **Every two weeks**, we will send you the latest news and activities, as well as the best events and job opportunities in the area.

Milton Keynes, such as our fortnightly newsletter, volunteering opportunities, events, training and learning opportunities, and much more! We send out **weekly bulletins** which include information to strengthen your group or organisation, events in our communities, volunteering vacancies, jobs in the voluntary sector, funding opportunities and more.

UK's first Cohousing Conference in Lancaster in 2007, to promote awareness of cohousing and support the development of new cohousing communities.

## UK Youth for Nature

[ukyouthfornature.org/](http://ukyouthfornature.org/)

Thank you for subscribing to the UK Youth for Nature newsletter! From now on you can expect a newsletter dropping into your inbox **every two weeks** with all our latest news, exciting youth events and opportunities, and a round up of UK nature news. UK Youth for Nature are a group of 16-35 year olds from across the UK, working together to campaign for change for nature.

## Northern Eco Substack

**Northern Eco**

Welcome to The Northern Eco  
Join the hundreds of people who receive a **weekly round up** of news seen through a green lens each Tuesday morning. Enjoy a mix of original content written by Sarah Hartley plus a curation of the best from others. Local environmental issues in the north of England.

## Climate Cymru Updates

**climate.cymru**

Climate Cymru is a movement of thousands of individuals and a network of hundreds of organisations from all sectors in Wales, brought together by shared values and a recognition that the climate and nature emergencies require urgent, fair action. We believe that action should be guided by science and the voices of people across Wales. We're delighted you want to receive updates from us. You can expect to

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|  |  | receive <b>one email per month</b> from us. |
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As you can see, this is far from the exhaustive collection of movements and organisations we would require in order to keep our news updates frequent. There is a combination of national and local interest, and the Community Editor will need to select according to Community Realism's principles;

“Community Realism aims to ground public discourse in a sense of community outside of your immediate space, online and offline. It provides access and belonging and draws a clear link between local issues and ‘national importance’, giving us a greater sense of place and a connection to our communities.”

([cloudbusterradio.com/community-realism/](http://cloudbusterradio.com/community-realism/))

# Active Research

Action Reports, by necessity, are a continually updated medium, relying on both established and growing movements to present the outlook of progressive community work. The establishment of passive research angles will therefore be augmented by a continuous growth in networking, communication and outreach. The Community Editor will use part of their time to create new links, drawing new connections between communities in order to report and to make nationally relevant the local issues they uncover. The ratio of passive/active research will be the Community Editor’s decision based on need, access and time.

Conversation, email, interview, social media, there may be a number of approaches to find more leads but it is important to develop a system that will be sustainable on a weekly basis. There may be an incentive for information sharing, which is encouraged, as the principles of Community Realism align with democratising information as much as possible.

# Action Reports

Action Reports will contain the following;

## Successful Community Actions

Positive reports of Community Actions will be integral to achieving the optimism Community Realism sets out to affect.

## Demonstrations of Unity (solidarity)

Alongside successful Community Actions this is valuable fuel for providing the outlook CR strives for. Not only does it report its own power, but demonstrations of unity

## Calls to Action

A Call to Action could be 1 of the following;

- *Hypothetical*: “If you have been inspired by any of these stories, why not reach out..”
- *Specific*: “This community group has

From minor benefits to national successes, each achievement can be related to all communities' struggles and prove why any Community Action is worth fighting for.

provide a vicarious belonging which, when coupled with Calls to Action, can inspire listeners to join or begin Community Action in their communities.

sent out a request for assistance with setting up a Mutual Aid station and anyone with relevant experience should contact here..."

- *Broad*: "If you're in the area, why not head down to this demonstration to show some solidarity with the strikers..."
- *Online*: "Please help raise awareness of this community action..."

Note: petitions and online campaigns are secondary to the act of community action and are not primarily the focus, though it must be noted that all of us do only what we are able and there is no hierarchy of personal choice.

## Demonstrations, Strikes

Safety in reporting and safety for those putting themselves in harm's way are paramount, and we will work with the Community Editor and enlist outside advice if necessary to ensure this is part of our reporting. Tools such as [strike map](#) and other sources can be utilised.

## Ongoing Campaigns

The mix between new and ongoing campaigns will be an editorial decision. These are important reports because they demonstrate that the work never stops, and they provide a continuity for listeners. Reporting on ongoing campaigns also provides connection and context between campaigns

## "Politics" Free

Community Realism is uninterested in "Politics" as spectacle, and this principle must infuse all Community Reporting. Petitioning your MP contains some assumptions about power to which CR does not subscribe. It is also firmly against the fetishised reporting of violence and

starting and finishing, showing that the work must continue to reach the goal. It also provides communities with the sense that Community Realism is not simply taking their story and moving on, the reporting continues because it is our demonstration of support.

crime which only serves to breed mistrust and divide people along arbitrary lines. While some reporting may occasionally mention political structures, this must be done with all awareness of the traps that follow it, and indeed the default must be avoidance.

NOTE:

The "politics" in "politics" free refers to politics as generally seen nowadays - Westminster reporting, MP scandal, fiscal budget bollocks, all stuff that isn't real. If we actively avoid that, plus aim to look at things people are actually doing together, we'll keep the CR principles solid.

# Conclusion

The roles of Supervising and Community Editors could be merged into one but it is important to allow volunteers to manage their own time with as little restriction as possible. Ideally there will be more than one contributor (a role which reports to the Community Editor) so as to break research into more manageable pieces, but it will be necessary to rely on an Editor to compile and ensure core principles are adhered to. This role will have to allow for volunteers' time commitments and as such will be malleable to allow for delegation.