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Street Radio Futures: Finding a Collective Voice

Lisbon's "Street Radio Blaster" co-creates a mobile station with local youth, merging music education and urban research. This collaboration empowers young voices in Portugal to address local conflicts, inequalities, and find their collective voice.

Challenge

The project set out to co-create a mobile street radio station with young people in Lisbon, but faced logistical constraints, changing schedules, and the unpredictable nature of community-based youth work. Rather than rushing to build a prototype, the challenge became creating the trust, confidence, and foundational skills participants needed to meaningfully shape the project and claim public space through their own voices.

Solution

The partners shifted the focus from producing a physical prototype to participatory learning through workshops on radio-making, storytelling, and sound recording. Combining StreetUniverCity Berlin's expertise in community radio with Criar Cidade's local engagement, they created a safe environment where young people developed skills, explored social issues, and collectively imagined the future street radio station.

Impact

Although no physical prototype was completed, the project established the foundations for long-term community ownership. Young participants gained confidence, creative skills, and a platform for self-expression, while the partners developed a stronger collaborative methodology. The exchange also opened pathways for future prototyping, youth exchanges between Portugal and Germany, and new local partnerships that will extend the initiative beyond the residency.

Milestones & Learnings

Building trust and confidence is essential before introducing technical production.

Radio-making can foster dialogue, storytelling, and collective expression beyond media skills.

Community projects benefit from adapting to participants' rhythms rather than fixed timelines.

Cross-sector collaboration strengthens participatory methodologies by combining education, urban research, and creative practice.

Young people become active co-creators when given space to shape both the process and outcomes.

Key Takeaways

- Foundational skills are essential before moving into prototyping and production
- Radio-making can create safe spaces for dialogue and self-expression
- Flexibility is key when working with young participants and community contexts
- Cross-sector collaboration enriches both process and outcomes
- Long-term impact requires continuity, resources, and sustained engagement

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