

# FunFeral.org - Media Giraffe Profile

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*Andrew O''Baoill, in Media Giraffe interview (below) "*

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## About

Andrew Baoill founded funferal.org early in 2000. Funferal is a website that focuses on participatory and alternative media. The website discusses politics and some light-hearted issues.

O''Baoill writes: "The word "funferal" first appeared in James Joyce's "Finnegan's Wake", and is seen as an amalgam of funeral and fun-for-all, encapsulating some of the themes of that book."

The site includes a wealth of information about Irish media and politics as well as other links to media around the world. Sabryna Cornish is a guest columnist who posts articles on the site. The website is supported by selling merchandise and donations via PayPal.

O Baoill is currently a Ph.D. student of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the program of Institute of Communications Research. O Baoill is a native of Galway, Ireland. He is a life-long political activist. "By participating, I'm learning by doing, examining issues and taking part in the process in the practices, and talking about advocating in academic work. [By] Learning about the complexities of them, I'm able to write and learn," O Baoill said.

O Baoill has a M.A. in communications and cultural studies from Dublin City University and a B.S.C. in mathematics from NUF, Galway. He is the former member of Ireland's State Broadcasting Complaints Commission. He has worked as a market analyst in Eircom, Ireland's leading telecommunications provider. O Baoill also is a licensed radio experimenter and an experienced broadcaster.

He founded the flirtFm, Ireland's first permanent studio radio stations that gained exposure from the community-radio movement. As a result, he's authored a comprehensive blog post on how to set up a community radio station.

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