



## Eastbourne Youth Radio Celebrates 23rd Year

**Young people from local schools and colleges, together with more than 40 supporting organisations, took to the airwaves last week on Eastbourne Youth Radio (EYR) for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual broadcast.**

This 55-hour extravaganza was organised by the Eastbourne Education Business Partnership in association with East Sussex College. Particular thanks to lead sponsor Brewers Decorator Centres and also to Southern Water and Eastbourne and Lewes Community Safety Partnership for their additional funding.

EYR broadcast on 87.7FM and is still available at [www.eyr.org.uk](http://www.eyr.org.uk) via 'Listen Back'. Students aged 5-19 from local schools and other community organisations planned, created and presented an exciting mix of music, live performances, interviews, competitions and features. The programmes were broadcast from the college studios in Eastbourne with their creative media students responsible for the smooth running of the event.

As well as the individual shows, EYR also broadcast its popular 'Answer Back' panel show kindly hosted by The Cavendish School and sponsored by W.Bruford. A guest panel of politicians and prominent community figures debated topical issues of the day. A second panel show, 'Meet the Media', hosted and sponsored by East Sussex College, brought together several media professionals who shared their career experiences with the audience of college students.

A special hospitality tea at the college was attended by The Worshipful the Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr Candy Vaughan to recognise the support that local businesses, organisations and dignitaries had given to the project this year.

Tim Sorensen, Eastbourne EBP Programme Manager, said: "EYR would not be possible without the generous support and involvement of our schools, colleges, community organisations and businesses. A massive thank you to them for helping to make EYR such a continuing success. We were treated to a fantastic schedule of programme features and live performances. It was great to see everyone coming away beaming with pride for having taken part."

Tim adds: "Eastbourne EBP looks forward to the annual Pantomime Technology Challenge in December (oh yes, it is!!) and is counting down to the next employability and skills event, The BIG Futures Show, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April next year".

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