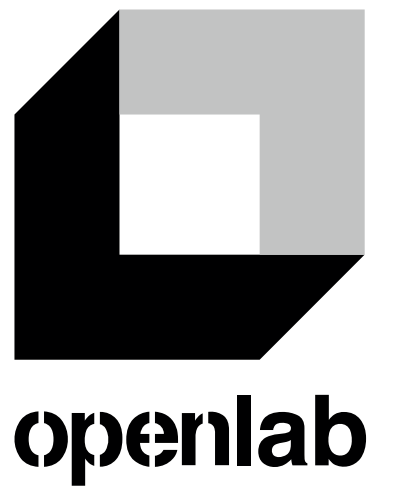


# The Later Life Audio and Radio Network

a participatory action research project to promote older people's voices



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This poster outlines our process of using **participatory action research**, a collaborative and democratic method of researching together with local communities [1].

**Research questions on using audio/radio to promote civic participation in later life** [2,3]

Can we **promote positive views** & challenge negative stereotypes on age and ageing by providing talk-based audio/radio content created by diverse groups of older adults?

How can we **strengthen the visibility of content created by older adults** in media & encourage the expansion of radio programming related to ageing and intergenerational relationships?

In what ways can **older adults engage in broadcasting** & how can **skill development** be facilitated?



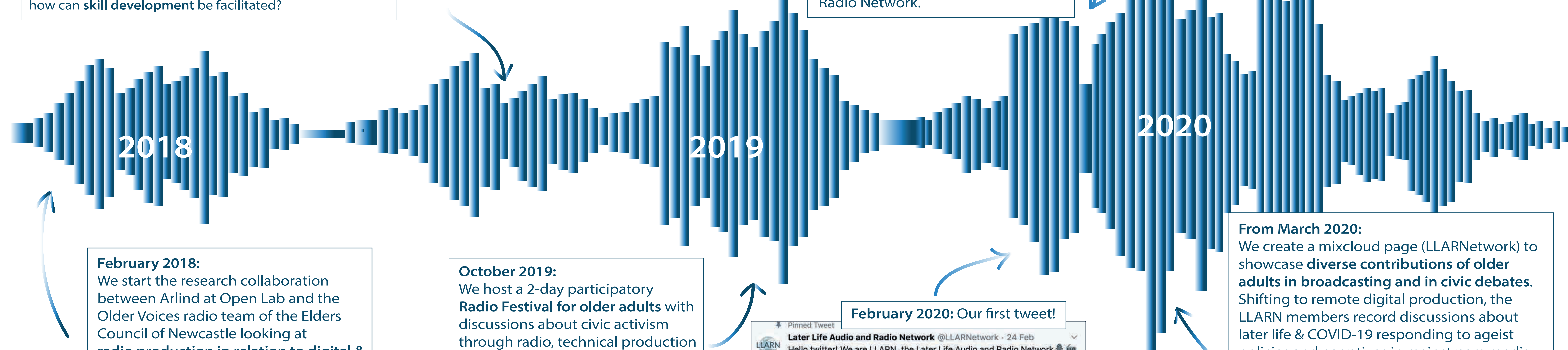
**March 2019:**  
Arlind & Mervyn record an episode of Age Speaks at East London Radio. We discuss **creating a radio network**, which promotes the work of older radio producers and involvement of older adults in civic life (on- & offline).



**July 2019:**  
We meet Sonder Radio (Manchester) at Open Lab to talk about **radio as a tool for engaging cross-generational communities** with technology & content creation. Sonder join the Radio Network.



**February 2020:**  
The founding members meet in York. We name our network **"The Later Life Audio and Radio Network" (LLARN)**. We take first steps to become a co-operative.



**February 2018:**  
We start the research collaboration between Arlind at Open Lab and the Older Voices radio team of the Elders Council of Newcastle looking at **radio production in relation to digital & civic participation**.



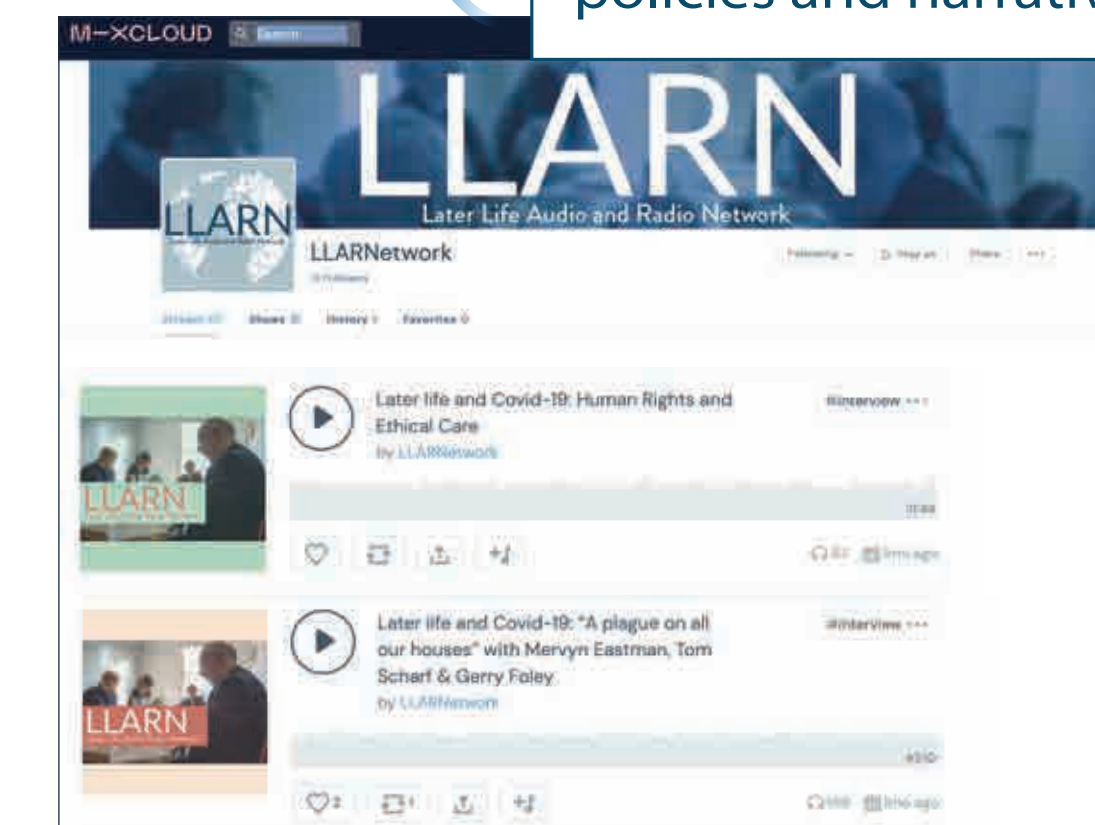
**October 2019:**  
We host a 2-day participatory **Radio Festival for older adults** with discussions about civic activism through radio, technical production workshops and live broadcasts. The Network is born.



**February 2020: Our first tweet!**



**From March 2020:**  
We create a mixcloud page (LLARNNetwork) to showcase **diverse contributions of older adults in broadcasting and in civic debates**. Shifting to remote digital production, the LLARN members record discussions about later life & COVID-19 responding to ageist policies and narratives in mainstream media.



## References

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