

WKU, Internews Build Community Radio Station In Jordan

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Bowling Green, Ky. - Western Kentucky University continues the partnership with Internews Network to improve the capacity of community radio in Jordan through the International Journalism and Media Management Training program at WKU.

The IJMMT is constructing a new community radio station in Amman, Jordan. Working with the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD), the new station will be located at the Princess Basma Youth Resource Center. The radio station staff is being hired and WKU will conduct a training session to include management and production in the coming months.

This phase follows the creation of AutoStrad, an Amman-based youth radio production unit, and Yarmouk FM in northern Jordan. WKU also provided Yarmouk University guidance in curriculum development to integrate the campus radio station into a new set of radio courses.

The IJMMT interconnects WKU's Public Broadcasting, WKU's School of Journalism and Broadcasting, and Internews Network, an international non-profit organization that supports open media worldwide. WKU and Internews have previously trained broadcast and print journalists, editors and managers from Indonesia, Cambodia, and Egypt.

WKU's Department of Educational Telecommunications manages the IJMMT. This current program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) recognized the collaborative possibilities of WKU and Internews and was instrumental in bringing the partners together and in the continuing support for this program.

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