

An online radio show to preserve rural memories through the elderly

LOCATION:Taberno (Almería)

DURATION:1'42"

SUMMARY:The oldest citizens of Taberno, in Almería, preserve the memories of the village through an online radio show called 'El cajón de los recuerdos' (or 'The Memories Drawer'). There, the elderly tell how being a child or a teenager was like during the post-war. These pieces of history are captured in podcasts and stored in a blog. This initiative was boosted by the Guadalinfo centre of the village, according to an active aging programme that promotes the use of new technologies.

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BACKGROUND: *"Today we have a very emotional show in our online radio 'The Memories Drawer'..."*

This is the online radio show hosted by the elders of Taberno, a village in Almería with around 1,000 people. Every Monday, a show gives voice to the memories of a whole generation that resists the idea of letting them vanish.

MANUELA CLEMENTE
Promoter of 'The Memories Drawer'

"The cradle of knowledge and the history of villages lie in the elderly, that's why this radio show is so important. It was also created with that intention, to recover the memories that are also a part of the village's traditions."

MARÍA CABRERA
Participant

"Preserving the memories of elderly people is something very beautiful, and many young people don't know anything about this, or can't understand it."

BACKGROUND: *"And, how old were you when you began to school?" - "Six years old." - "Was it near your house?" - "No, it was four kilometres away."*

María talks about her childhood during the post-war. Other shows and hosts addressed subjects such as immigration, agriculture or crafts. Everything is recorded in the podcasts that are filed on this blog, which contains the experiences shared within an active aging programme that promotes the use of new technologies.

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Promoter of 'The Memories Drawer'

"With all this we promote equal opportunities within the village and the social integration of the elders."

MARÍA CABRERA
Participant

"Old people can't do anything sitting on the couch, there's only nonsense on TV. They should come and learn, because here you learn and enjoy it more every day."

This initiative was boosted by the Guadalinfo centre of the village, which is part of a social innovation public network that brings technologies closer to the rural and depressed areas of Andalusia.

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