## **COMMUNITY CLASS: DO IT YOURSELF PODCAST**

**GRADE OR AGE LEVELS:** Grades 6-12

**ENROLLMENT LIMIT: 6** 

FORMAT: In person at Arden Grace, 6891 M-139,

Berrien Springs

## **CLASS TIME:**

Fridays 1:30-4:00 January 10 - February 21 (7 weeks)

Note: February 21th class only: 1:30-4:30

**TOTAL REQUIRED HRS:** 16

ADD'L POSSIBLE HRS (OPTIONAL TIME): 2 (Contacting/

reaching out to your dream interview subjects!)

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 18** 

**INSTRUCTORS:** Dan Collison & Elizabeth Meister of Long Haul Productions, a not-for-profit audio documentary production company based outside Three Oaks.

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**INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:** Dan & Elizabeth are national award-winning audio producers and documentarians who contribute to NPR, ESPN, Michigan Radio, and others. See their Long Haul Productions website at <a href="longhaulpro.org">longhaulpro.org</a> for more info samples of what they do.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION: Curious? Creative? This class is for you!**

We'll start by interviewing each other — and graduate to interviewing cool people doing great things. We'll gather with pillows and popcorn for listening sessions, and we'll edit and craft a mini-podcast that will be offered online and (hopefully) on local radio. We'll likely choose a few people to interview about their jobs, and those occupations might include anything from doctor to dancer to race car driver. It's all up to you and your classmates.

We'll encourage students to reach out to specific people they want to interview.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:** This will depend entirely on the group, but expect each week to include listening to great audio stories, brainstorming, some creative writing, and lots of curious questioning. Each class will include a 15-30 minute "get up and move" break for jumping, stretching, deep breathing - moving your body helps with creativity!

**EXPECTATIONS:** That you be curious, authentic, and willing to explore new things. You provide pillows, blankets, notebooks, etc. We'll provide audio equipment, instruction, and encouragement. In the event of bad weather, we'll meet online.