Temp Radio Studio in city context

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During the lockdown local community radio such as Phonic FM in Exeter has been difficult as there is no access to the studio for many presenters. But pre-recorded shows have been possible. Technology exists at home for this but has to be improvised in some ways. Later Zoom and other video conference software was better known. Sound recording quality improved. It became possible to create a radio show from limited equipment.

So a temp radio studio in the city is possible to imagine. Previously proposals assumed access to empty space—shops or offices that were hard to let. These spaces can be used by artists for display or installations but sound is not often included. Studio space for public access even more unusual. So the proposal could be quite open. If there was a budget to rent a mixing desk this would be welcome. But a laptop sheltered from rain might be enough.
Sometime in April or May there may be a return to the Phonic studio for some. But tests of mobility will continue. The pre-recorded film will include clips for broadcasts intended as sound / and or video. there will be some sort of clarity in time for the conference.

The context is the city of Exeter at this time. Debenhams final sale yet to come. Many sites demolished for student accommodation. These blocks contrast in style with the new swimming pool and bus station. So topics for local radio discussion include why the university will need so many buildings if learning moves online. There is reporting on shops and offices but not student accommodation so much. Exeter is not the only city where this is an issue but it could be an extreme case. Harlequins is a complete mall due for demolition.

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