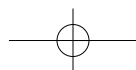
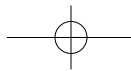


Statement of Commitments 2008





RTÉ

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RTÉ is proud to be Ireland's public service broadcaster that sets and meets standards to the highest levels of accountability. As part of this process RTÉ publishes an annual Statement of Commitments to its audience – commitments which can be independently assessed at the end of the year.

The *Statement of Commitments* reflects RTÉ's responsibilities as outlined in the *Public Service Broadcasting Charter* published by the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in June 2004. The purpose of the *Charter* is to provide an understanding to the people of Ireland of what is expected of RTÉ in return for the significant public funds provided to it from the proceeds of the television licence fee. RTÉ details, in its *Annual Report*, how each commitment has been met; this document is available on the organisation's website.

In response to the *Charter* the RTÉ Authority published *Guiding Principles: Implementing the Public Service Broadcasting Charter* which details the core values and goals of the organisation and an outline plan, by each division of the organisation, for achieving the goals over the period 2004-2007. These principles have now been developed into and superseded by *RTÉ Strategic Corporate Plan 2007-2011*.

RTÉ's Vision, Mission and Values

In September 2005 RTÉ's *Strategic Framework*, detailing the vision, mission and values of the organisation, was published. The key elements of that document are as follows:

RTÉ's vision is to grow the trust of the people of Ireland as it informs, inspires, reflects and enriches their lives

RTÉ's mission is to:

- ♦ Nurture and reflect the cultural and regional diversity of all the people of Ireland
- ♦ Provide distinctive programming and services of the highest quality and ambition, with the emphasis on home production
- ♦ Inform the Irish public by delivering, nationwide, the best comprehensive independent News service possible
- ♦ Be the unifying source of national participation in all major events

RTÉ's values are to:

- ♦ Operate in the public interest, providing News and Current Affairs that is fair and impartial, accurate and challenging
- ♦ Connect with our audiences by understanding and satisfying their needs
- ♦ Deliver a value for money service
- ♦ Be creative in everything we do
- ♦ Be honest and transparent in all of our activities
- ♦ Take personal responsibility for pursuing the Organisation's goals
- ♦ Be responsible to our employees and consider everyone as an individual
- ♦ Optimise the performance of each person, department, division and the Organisation by working together
- ♦ Respect each other and our diversity
- ♦ Take pride in everything we do, everything we are and everything we create

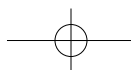
It is clear from these statements that RTÉ believes that trust is the foundation stone of its relationship with the audience and that the organisation strives to ensure it can be trusted to be independent, impartial and honest in all of its activities.

RTÉ Corporate Communications

- ♦ Following the publication of RTÉ's *Strategic Corporate Plan, 2006-2010* in March 2006, a second iteration was published in July 2007. This document, which is monitored on an ongoing basis by the Executive and the Authority, is helping to ensure strategic ongoing planning across the organisation. A third iteration of the *Strategic Corporate Plan* will be published at the end of 2008
- ♦ RTÉ will continue to work with the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR) and the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, on the development of comprehensive broadcasting legislation
- ♦ The RTÉ Authority adopted RTÉ's first Corporate Responsibility report in 2006; it was then published and widely disseminated. The second edition was published in 2007 and a third edition will be published in 2008
- ♦ The Irish language translation service piloted in 2007, as part of RTÉ being in a position to meet fully all the requirements of

the Official Languages Act once it is applied to RTÉ, will be consolidated in 2008

- ♦ RTÉ, in Q3 2007, established an Audience Reaction Panel which will be consolidated during 2008 to provide a direct channel of communication between a representative sample of the audience and RTÉ
- ♦ During 2008, RTÉ will partner the Dublin Transportation Office in their campaign to encourage car users to take personal responsibility for reducing congestion. We will promote the campaign to all RTÉ staff and implement a workplace travel plan during 2008
- ♦ RTÉ will continue its interaction with, and service to, young people in an educational and scientific context by its sponsorship role in BT Young Scientists competition
- ♦ By the end of 2008, RTÉ will publish a comprehensive action plan on interculturalism – mainstreaming cultural diversity across output, staff training and recruitment



RTÉ ONE

RTÉ Drama

A hit crime drama returns; a brand-new screen version of an acclaimed stage play airs exclusively on RTÉ; the shocking real-life story behind one of our most heart-wrenching medical scandals is re-told: RTÉ Drama will have you hooked in 2008

- *Single-handed*: Sergeant Jack Driscoll is back to find a missing child in this new two-part instalment of the hit crime drama
- *BitterSweet*: three very different worlds, three very different women - but with everything in common. *Bittersweet* is a new feature-length drama for RTÉ
- *Whistleblower*: a story of moral courage and the enduring strength of the human spirit, *Whistleblower* traces the story of three fictionalised characters who, when faced with a professional dilemma, are prepared to challenge the status quo in their quest for justice
- *Eden*: a feature-length film based on the acclaimed stage-play by Eugene O'Brien

Fair City will continue with four episodes per week

RTÉ Factual and RTÉ Diversity

Addressing you as citizen, not just as consumer, RTÉ's factual output reflects and challenges your emerging Ireland. *Hidden History* and *Arts Lives* return in 2008 alongside more new factual programming strands than ever before, including a range of new series like *Ancient Vision*, *The Importance of being Irish* and *The Limits of Liberty*.

In 2008 RTÉ Factual will bring you a diverse range of voices and commentaries. From Diarmuid Ferriter to David Coleman, Liz O'Donnell to George Lee, Mark Little to Des Bishop, Marie Cassidy to John Banville, RTÉ Factual will explore the unique visions of some of our most individual voices.

New programmes include:

- *Arts Lives*: eight new *Arts Lives* documentaries on artists as varied as Ronnie Drew and John Banville
- *Ancient Vision*: can we re-build some of Ireland's most iconic ancient sites? Using feature-film standard Computer Generated Imaging, this new two-part series aims to do just that
- *21st Century Child*: Psychologist David Coleman tracks the development of a group of children from

RTÉ TWO

RTÉ Drama

Stay tuned for more drama on RTÉ Two:

- *Little White Lies*: a fresh new drama for younger adults. Barry is a down-on-his-luck actor whose life and career has fallen to bits since he was dumped by his high-flying girlfriend
- RTÉ Two will also be first to screen RTÉ part-funded feature dramas *Pavee Lackeen*, *Winters End*, *Short Order*, *Country*, and *Love and Rage*

RTÉ Factual and RTÉ Lifestyle

The emphasis is on quality home-production on RTÉ Two, with the return of some of last year's hits, and some newcomers too

- *Hollywood Trials*: Follow ten acting hopefuls - including some once-familiar faces - as they try to break Hollywood
- *The Ultimate Guide To Everything*: Telly newcomer Mairéad Farrell takes six self-help books and road-

before they are born through their first six months of life

- *Science Friction*: Four contemporary and controversial science documentaries look at paedophilia, stem-cell research, nuclear energy and obesity
- *Cromwell in Ireland*: a major new two-part hour-long documentary series will graphically re-create the most traumatic invasion in Irish history

RTÉ is also delighted to announce the return of *Surgeons* and *Future Shock*; Irish-language series *Oileán*, *Scannal* and *Leargas*; a new disability series; and multicultural strands *What in the World?*, *Faraway Up Close* and *No Place Like Home*. Meanwhile RTÉ will soon announce a range of new series dedicated to health, wildlife, crime, rural affairs and literacy, all to air in 2008.

RTÉ Lifestyle

RTÉ's lifestyle programming literally transforms your day. From wardrobes to rooms, both outside and in, from gardens to garrets, 2008 promises more innovative programming than ever before.

- *Not Enough Hours*: a new series about coping with the fast-paced pressure of modern life
- *Guerrilla Gourmet*: Featuring Ireland's top chefs cooking up a storm outside of the comfort of their high-spec restaurant kitchens
- *Marry Me*: do you want to pop the question in a unique and memorable way? If so, tune in as RTÉ's Pamela Flood unveils those who said "Will you . . . ?" especially for RTÉ
- *Who Do You Think You Are?*: well-known people from Irish life trace their genealogical heritage
- *Designs for Life*: over two years in production, this unique series follows home-building projects right through from design to completion

Year-on-year RTÉ Lifestyle delivers you the programmes you want to watch, when you want to watch them. In 2008 we'll welcome back *No Frontiers*, *Life Without Me*, *How Long Will You Live?*, *The Afternoon Show*, *Seoige* and *O'Shea*, *Room to Improve* and *Show House*, as well as unveiling new cookery and self-improvement series.

RTÉ Entertainment and RTÉ Music

Aiming for more entertainment hours than in 2007, RTÉ Entertainment will be your number one in 2008.

tests them with real people in real situations

- *How Low Can You Go?* returns with the lads travelling across America, along with a new spin-off series

RTÉ Entertainment and RTÉ Music

Naked Camera, *The Podge and Rodge Show*, *The Panel*, *Soupy Norman*, *Dan & Becs*: 2007 was ambitious but 2008 is even more so. As well as a new experimental comedy zone, viewers can look forward to:

- *Makin' Jake*: PJ Gallagher takes his alter-ego stateside
- *Living With Lucy*: Lucy Kennedy packs her PJs and moves in with some well-known Irish and international celebrities
- Watch out for more short comedy shots on Two, too!



RTÉ Television

There has been a significant increase in investment in home-produced television programming. This has become apparent to viewers with a significant amount of new material enhancing the RTÉ Television Schedules. The following tables indicate some of these developments:

Home production – both channels, all time

Genre	2005	2006	2007	2008
	—ACTUAL HOURS—			MINIMUM TARGET
Young People's	738	889	850	788
Sports	767	899	811	969
News/Current Affairs	1128	1210	1226	1167
Subtitling	4820	5970	6861	6700

Home production – peak time, RTÉ One

Genre	2005	2006	2007	2008
	—ACTUAL HOURS—			MINIMUM TARGET
Drama	125	127	134	126
Factual	361	385	383	377
Music/Entertainment	266	282	282	263

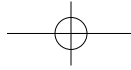
- Your number one, *The Late Late Show*, will return in 2008 alongside *Tubridy Tonight*, *Winning Streak* and *You're a Star*
- RTÉ Entertainment will renew its commitment to key national event programming, from *The Rose of Tralee* to the star-studded *IFTA Awards*
- *Come West Along the Road*, *Fleadh Ceoil*, and *The Full Set* will bring Ireland's rich traditional musical heritage to a wide audience
- It's that time of year again with *EuroSong '08* as you pick your Eurovision entry for Belgrade 2008

RTÉ Young People's

In 2008 RTÉ will bring younger viewers almost 800 – yes, 800 – hours of original, home-produced programming. Entertaining, challenging and informative, RTÉ offers programmes to pre-schoolers, teens and young adults alike.

- *One Minute Jr*: our unique international multi-platform exchange will enable more youngsters to make their own short films
- *Mini Myths and Legends*: a new animated and live-action series featuring local history and folktales
- *Teenology*: a new weekly series of animated shorts outlining what it takes to be a card-carrying member of our teen nation
- *Watch Your Language*: a language-based quiz series for under 12s
- *Star on Ice*: RTÉ Two's talent show for under 12s will culminate in a special one-off final

Younger viewers should also watch out for *Den Tots*, *Story Lane* and *The Bandstand* for pre-schoolers; *The Art of Don*, *Sattitude*, *Quizzone* and *Jam* for the Under 12s; *Eye2Eye*, *TTV* and *The Café* for teens and young adults.



RTÉ Sport

For so many, sport is not simply a pleasurable pastime but also a central part of everyday lives. RTÉ Television Sport will continue its commitment to a full and varied schedule of national and international events in 2008. With coverage set to rise from 652 hours in 2007 to 969 hours in 2008, you'll see it from every angle on RTÉ.

GAA

The Sunday Game Live will offer coverage of 40 live games from the 2008 Championships, while *The Sunday Game* will have all the highlights every Sunday night. *Sunday Sport*, *The Road to Croke* and *Pride of the Parish*, a new six-part series, will offer fresh perspectives on the ever moving goal-posts of GAA.

Soccer

It's Euro 2008 and RTÉ will have coverage of 31 games, 27 of which will be live on RTÉ. We'll also have all of Ireland's home matches in the World Cup qualifiers and, of course, there'll be delayed coverage of all Ireland's home friendly matches. *Champions League* charts the culmination of the 2007/2008 season on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights and, in addition to the live games, RTÉ will provide comprehensive highlights and reports from all games in the competition. *The Premiership* will offer a comprehensive round-up and analysis of all the day's games from the English Premier League. RTÉ will screen ten live Éircom League matches and live coverage of both semi-finals and the Final of the FAI Cup as well as an unprecedented 36 hour-long highlights programmes.

RTÉ will also air 36 hour-long highlights programmes in prime time.

Rugby

RTÉ will offer live coverage of all 15 games from the 2008 6 Nations Championship. We'll have live coverage of the autumn Internationals and extensive highlights of all Munster and Leinster games in the Heineken Cup, both home and away. *Against The Head* returns and we'll have three live games, including the final, of the domestic club competition.

Horse Racing

RTÉ viewers will get 31 days of live coverage of the biggest and most significant domestic days in the flat and national hunt seasons, including seven days at the Galway festival, live coverage of all four days from Cheltenham, live coverage of the Aintree Grand National and live racing from Goodwood and Kempton.

Olympics

RTÉ hopes to offer 16 hours of programming, daily, throughout the two weeks of the Olympics, with six special half-hour programmes on the Paralympics.

Boxing

Catch live coverage of the Bernard Dunne, John Duddy and Andy Lee fights as well as live coverage of the Irish Amateur Championships.

Athletics

RTÉ will broadcast live coverage of the National Athletics Championships, the European Cross-Country Championships and the Irish Indoor Championships.

Other Sports

Tune into RTÉ Television Sport, your only terrestrial destination for

- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Greyhound racing
- ◆ RDS Showjumping
- ◆ Hockey
- ◆ Golf: live Coverage of the Irish Open
- ◆ Camogie: Live coverage of the All-Ireland Final

Summary

In 2008 RTÉ Television Sport will ...

- ◆ remain the leading provider of free-to-air sport on Irish television
- ◆ host coverage of 40 games from the 2008 GAA Championships
- ◆ screen all of Ireland's home soccer matches in the European Championships live
- ◆ offer live coverage of the 07/08 season with Champions League
- ◆ provide a comprehensive round-up of all Saturday's games in the Premier League
- ◆ provide live coverage of all 15 games in the RBS 6 Nations
- ◆ bring viewers 31 days of live horse-racing, including all four days of Cheltenham
- ◆ broadcast live coverage of the European Indoor Athletic Championships
- ◆ follow the progress of Ireland's Bernard Dunne in addition to screening extended highlights of the Irish Amateur Boxing Championships

Subtitling

RTÉ will once again increase its subtitling hours from 6,320 hours in 2007 to 6,700 hours in 2008. Our aim in 2008 is to subtitle coverage on all news, current affairs and main weather forecasts on both channels as well as increasing the subtitling on children's programming. In addition, RTÉ will subtitle all GAA coverage in 2008.

EVENT PROGRAMMING

Last year RTÉ brought Irish viewers several stand-alone event pieces, from *RTÉ Playboy 100* to *RTÉ Telethon*. This year the plans are just as ambitious:

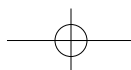
Health Watch: A week-long event involving all RTÉ platforms. Concentrating on health, diet, exercise and weight loss, RTÉ will unveil new series (*Operation Transformation*, *Future Shock*, *Science Friction*) to coincide with the themed week, as well as offering daily items on television, radio and on-line.

ARCHIVES

RTÉ is part of the very fabric of Irish life, and in 2008 we will continue to share the treasures of the archive with as wide an audience as possible.

- ◆ *Hostages*: A new six-part series revisits the stories of Irish people who have faced the trauma of kidnapping
- ◆ *War Stories*: Korea and Congo: two new series focus on the Irish soldiers caught in the crossfire
- ◆ *Disasters*: Returns for a second series
- ◆ *On The Street Where You Live*: Take a trip down six of Ireland's famous boulevards, from O'Connell and Grafton Street to Cork's Patrick Street, Limerick and more

RTÉ's dedicated team of archivists and restoration specialists will restore more of RTÉ Television's classic series to air in 2008, including *Murphy's Australia*, *I Live Here* and *Boat Spotting*.



RTÉ Radio

In 2008, RTÉ Radio 1 will confirm the local and regional diversity of its national service in programmes about

- Politics – with the Late Debate coming three times each week from outside Dublin
- Drama, music and the arts – in its coverage of local arts festivals, its community drama and music projects, and its Shakespeare workshop for students
- Multicultural Ireland – with special reference to the events of Intercultural Week in April

Following the *Judging Dev* project in 2007, Radio 1's history theme for this year will be the Great War (1914–18). *The Planet Earth Roadshow* will explore geosciences and environmental challenges. At the Beijing Olympic Games, Radio 1 will report on Ireland's athletes, and sports highlights of the year will include international soccer and rugby.

RTÉ 2fm plans to

- Maintain its support for transition year and Leaving Certificate students
- Ensure that the station remains number one for live music on FM and on the new digital service 2XM through coverage of events, concerts and tours
- Support two Irish bands at the 2008 Eurosonic festival
- Renew its commitments to news, current affairs, sport, and alternative music

RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta is committed to almost doubling its output of regional programmes in various genres including features and music. The station remains rooted in the Gaeltacht communities while it continues to extend its appeal to Irish speakers all over the country and overseas. There will be small increases in the output of factual and drama productions, and Raidió na Gaeltachta will provide commentaries and reports from the 2008 Olympic Games.

RTÉ lyric fm will develop its programming to bring listeners the best music to satisfy and challenge diverse tastes, from classical to contemporary, jazz to Irish traditional and world music. As well as its core offering of music, lyric fm is committed to

- Producing programmes of contemporary spoken arts
- Sustaining an education outreach project of 45 visits to schools and colleges
- Providing a full service of news bulletins

Coverage of regional festivals and cultural events will continue and lyric fm will represent RTÉ in the European Broadcasting Union's exchange programme for classical performances and orchestral concerts. The station will also host the International Rostrum of Composers which will meet in Ireland for the first time in 2008.



RTÉ News and Current Affairs

RTÉ ONE

RTÉ One output in 2008 will include 1,005 hours of material produced by the News and Current Affairs IBD including:

- 564 hours of material transmitted in peak time
- Comprehensive news and current affairs coverage
- Investigative current affairs programming
- *One to One* personal interview series
- *Nuacht* and *Cinnlín Nuachta* of 55 hours; *Pobal* and *Nuacht Pobail*
- *Nationwide*, *Capital D*, *Oireachtas*, *European Parliament* and *The Week in Politics*

RTÉ TWO

The News and Current Affairs IBD will contribute:

- 84 hours of news, including 69 hours in peak time
- 32 hours of Young People's programming, *news2day*

Commitment to TG4

Daily *Nuacht*, news documentaries and summer regional programme and *Nuacht Pobail*

RTÉ Radio

News and Current Affairs IBD is planning to provide the following programming for the radio schedules:

- 1,228 hours for RTÉ Radio 1, including bulletins, Morning Ireland, *Nuacht*, News at One and This Week
- 370 hours for RTÉ 2fm including bulletins and *Nuacht*
- 130 hours direct provision for RTÉ lyric fm including *Lyric Nuacht*

RTÉ Performing Groups

During 2008 the RTÉ Performing Groups will give a total of 190 public performances.

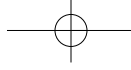
These Performances will include:

- 62 – RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra (RTÉ NSO)
- 6 – RTÉ NSO with the RTÉ Philharmonic Choir
- 80 – RTÉ Concert Orchestra (RTÉ CO)
- 30 – RTÉ Vanbrugh Quartet
- 9 – RTÉ Cor na nÓg
- 3 – Guest ensembles

The RTÉ Performing Groups will also engage in a total of 84 education-related performances, workshops and talks and be involved in Television, Radio and Recordings.

RTÉ Publishing

- Launch a new Food site on RTÉ.ie
- Extend RTÉ Guide brand to new audiences through multimedia projects
- Anticipate and meet changing audience behaviour by providing new RTÉ content and services on mobile, broadband and emerging platforms
- Grow the current online audience by increasing monthly usage by at least 20%
- Grow the availability of Aertel as a popular information service on new platforms
- Ensure all telephone and competition activities between TV and Radio audiences are maintained to the highest integrity
- Live IPTV streaming of a range of acquired programmes from RTÉ.ie website
- Provide coverage of intercultural week on RTÉ.ie and in RTÉ Guide



Irish Language Commitments 2008

RTÉ Radio

RTÉ RADIO 1

- In 2008 Radio is committed to having Irish Language Programmes as a central part of our programme output. We will continue to provide a daily output of *Nuacht* and will have a designated Irish Language half hour slot on a weekly basis. RTÉ Radio1 will undertake to commission new programmes across a range of genres and will actively promote events and festivals that have a significant Irish Language content. RTÉ Radio is committed to encouraging creativity in Irish Language and will continue to sponsor such events as New Irish Drama at an tOireachtas as well as transmitting a selection of Irish Language Dramas in 2008
- RTÉ Radio will actively encourage the use of Irish in its general programme output particularly during events such as Seachtain na Gaeilge in which continuity announcements will be in Irish and all music programmes will include songs with Irish language lyrics
- In 2008 RTÉ Radio will form a panel of new producers and will seek to recruit a number with competence in Irish

RTÉ RAIDIÓ NA GAELTACHTA

RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta will fulfil its role as Ireland's leading Irish-language radio service for local, regional, national and international listeners. Specifically, RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta will:

- Expand its regional output to include more programmes from urban centres Limerick, Sligo, Belfast and Waterford
- Enhance and extend its presence in the Eastern Region by a more extensive series of Outside Broadcasts
- Offer comprehensive coverage of 2008's main sporting events including the Olympics from Beijing and the GAA National League and Championships
- Increase its annual hours of factual production to include weekly current affairs and literary strands
- Publish a CD commemorating 35 years of the Sean-Nós singing competition Corn Uí Riada as well as a CD celebrating music and song recorded by RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta at the Willie Clancy Summer School since 1972
- Add to the range of programmes available to podcast. These include *Nuacht a hAon*, *Rónán Beo@3*, *Focal Faire* and *Céim ar Chéim*

RTÉ 2fm

RTÉ 2FM will:

- Maintain its *Nuacht* service, twice daily, Monday to Friday.
- Support Seachtain na Gaeilge and other Irish language and cultural promotions.
- Assist Junior and Leaving Certificate students through the annual exam-brief programmes (broadcast and podcast).

RTÉ lyric fm

RTÉ lyric fm will continue its music series *Ag Rince le Ceol* in which guest presenters choose their favourite pieces of music. 13 hrs of Irish language programming to be broadcast in 2008.

RTÉ Television

RTÉ ONE

In the Name of the Fada - a popular, contemporary learning initiative

The new initiative comprises a series with comedian Des Bishop as he sets out to learn Irish, and to come to a greater understanding of Irish culture. *In The Name Of The Fada* will have accompanying online material which will include a simple language learning component. This initiative will be followed by a repeat of the more advanced learning series, *Turas Teanga*. *Turas Teanga* will start transmission on Sunday 20th April, the Sunday after the last *In The Name Of The Fada* and will run every weekend until 5th September. Online access to the two courses will continue and will be a valuable tool for all those interested in learning Irish. The complete *Turas Teanga* learning package – Book, and three CD's, is on sale all the time from the RTÉ shop.

RTÉ TWO

Fluffy Gardens - The series is in the *Den Tots* schedule again in 2008, with the Irish language version playing 5 days a week at 13.20. It is planned to run it at least twice more in 2008.

RTÉ Performing Groups

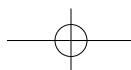
RTÉ Performing Groups, primarily through its amateur children's choir, RTÉ Cór na nÓg, will continue to maintain its artistic capacity to perform live and recorded music in the Irish language and will make such music available for broadcast on other RTÉ media platforms including Raidió na Gaeltachta and on-line.

RTÉ News and Current Affairs

- Maintain current levels of staff with competence in Irish
- Continue to develop *Pobal* as a bilingual programme
- Extend *Nuacht* regional coverage through video journalist presence in Mayo and North Connemara

RTÉ Publishing

- Irish Language Website: aggregate Irish language output across all services on a common portal to include audio/video content such as *Nuacht*, *Pobal*.



RTÉ Television Programme Commitments 2008

RTÉ ONE peak time

Genre:	Drama
Actual Hours 2007:	134
Min. Target Hours 2008:	126

- ♦ *Single-handed*: Sergeant Jack Driscoll is back to find a missing child
- ♦ *BitterSweet*: an optimistic story of three re-united friends now in their early-40s. Three very different worlds, three very different women – but with everything in common
- ♦ *Whistleblower*: a story of moral courage and the enduring strength of the human spirit, *Whistleblower* traces the story of three fictionalised characters who, when faced with a professional dilemma, are prepared to challenge the status quo in their quest for justice
- ♦ *Eden*: based on the play of the same name by Eugene O'Brien

Genre:	Factual
Actual Hours 2007:	383
Min. Target Hours 2008:	377

New Series of Arts Lives

- ♦ Subjects in 2008 will include: novelist John Banville, comedy writer Graham Linehan, The Kilfenora Céili Band, Dubliner Ronnie Drew, novelist and screenwriter Patrick McCabe, singer Noirín Ni Riain, and a fly-on-the-wall account of pianist John O'Connor's annual masterclass in Positano, Italy

New series of Hidden History, subjects will include:

- ♦ *Cromwell in Ireland*: two hour-long documentaries with drama, military re-enactments and ambitious Computer Generated Imaging (CGI) sequences detailing the most traumatic invasion in Irish history
- ♦ *The Last Confession of Alexander Pearce*: this high-budget dramatised documentary, co-funded by RTÉ / ABC and NIFTC, will recreate the remarkable story of the prison escape and cannibalism of a Monaghan-born prisoner from Tasmania in the 1820s – a story that caused headlines around the world
- ♦ *Summer of Sorrow*: two-part co-production with History Channel Canada dealing with the tidal wave of Irish refugees that all but overwhelmed the city of Toronto in the 1840s

Other new History strands:

- ♦ *Ancient Vision*: re-examining, re-defining and ultimately "re-building" some of Ireland's most iconic ancient sites is the core mission of this new, two-part, big-budget history series, using feature film standard Computer Generated Imaging
- ♦ *The Limits of Liberty*: historian Diarmuid Ferriter presents an authored series of programmes detailing the history of Ireland after independence as experienced by communities and people in their villages and towns, alongside but distant from the formal chronicle of Dáil politics and national and international events

Popular Documentaries;

- ♦ *Operation Spider*: a special two-part documentary on the framing and imprisonment of Donegal publican Frank Shortt following a corrupt Garda investigation
- ♦ *The Importance of Being Irish*: a four-part series on Irish people of excellence in leading and pioneering positions around the world in Science, Medicine, Business, Administration and other key disciplines
- ♦ *Future Shock*: two major new documentaries examine how specific national crises might play out in the Ireland of the near future
- ♦ *Surgeons Series 2*: the team responsible for *Junior Doctors*, *Our Lady's* and *Surgeons* returns with a further special observational series following the expert work of some of Ireland's leading surgeons and the pressures and hospital politics that surround them

New Landmark Factual programming on Monday nights, including:

- ♦ Major series on recent Irish political history by the team that produced *Haughey*, and *Fine Gael: A Family At War*

Daytime & Lifestyle

New Irish lifestyle series for mid-week 20.30 slot: these will include:

- ♦ *Not Enough Hours*: a new series about coping with the fast-paced pressure of modern life, by new presenting talent, Owen Fitzpatrick
- ♦ *Guerrilla Gourmet*: a high-end cookery adventure, featuring Ireland's top chefs cooking up a storm outside of the comfort of their high-spec restaurant kitchens
- ♦ *What Am I Worth?*: a career make-over show fronted by newcomer, Lisa Holt
- ♦ *My Family Are Wasters*: RTÉ goes green as two families are challenged to live sustainably in their own homes in a series of specially formatted tests
- ♦ *Corrigan Knows Food*: the return of the popular chef as he travels the length and breadth of Ireland celebrating our food culture

Popular current series such as *How Long Will You Live?*, *Room to Improve*, *No Frontiers* and *Show House* will also return

For Sunday evenings, 20.30

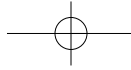
- ♦ *Marry Me*: a new original lifestyle series for RTÉ One in which members of the public are helped to "pop the question" in a unique and memorable way

Mid-week 21.30

- ♦ *Who Do You Think You Are?*: this major international series arrives on Irish screens, as Irish celebrities trace their genealogical heritage
- ♦ *Designs for Life*: a major new architecture series; over two years in production, this unique series follows projects right through from design and planning, through construction to completion

Mid-week 19.00/19.30

- ♦ *One Thing To Do Before I Die*: a new six-part series focusing on fulfilling the long-cherished dreams of six participants
- ♦ *Dealers*: second series of the popular series about antiques and collectables
- ♦ *Trish Deseine*: Irish-born chef and food writer Trish Deseine take us on a gastronomic tour of Paris, her new home city, in this new food show



Diversity

- ♦ *No Place Like Home*: presenter Bob Kelly wanders far afield to meet the families of new immigrants in his continuing quest to learn the true meaning of home
- ♦ *What In The World?!*: Peadar King brings stories from the unreported world as he investigates, among other issues, how global warming threatens the survival of the island of Tuvalu and the impact of billionaires' greed for land on the people of Patagonia
- ♦ *Faraway Up Close*: in this series, co-funded with Irish Aid, Liz O'Donnell tells the stories of those who benefit from our tax money, in some of the world's most undeveloped countries
- ♦ *George Lee In China*: China – a massive business opportunity or massive economic threat to Ireland? George Lee will work around the double-edged sword of threat and opportunity to bring viewers on a journey that will provide them with the fascinating insights into the world's newest economic miracle
- ♦ *Islam in Europe*: this new European co-production investigates how Islam is lived and perceived in various European countries
- ♦ *Festival Of World Cultures*: a celebration of Dun Laoghaire's hugely successful multi-cultural festival
- ♦ *A Bronx Dream*: Caroline Duggan from Dublin found herself teaching Irish dancing in the West Bronx. The programme tells of Caroline's life in the Bronx and the stories of the kids who have taken to Irish dancing with unbridled enthusiasm
- ♦ *21st Century Child*: psychologist David Coleman's latest venture has him tracking the development of a group of children from before they are born through their first six months of life, as he helps out their parents and gives useful tips to viewers
- ♦ *Written Off*: this inspiring approach to literacy programming is a 'reality' style format, in which ten people are given an opportunity to realise their goals and ambitions by attending an intensive learning centre specifically set up for this series. The programmes track their progress and interactions
- ♦ *Science Friction*: four contemporary and controversial science documentaries; presented by Liz Bonnin. The content – stem cell research, nuclear energy and obesity – will stimulate public debate and reflection
- ♦ *American Dream – Dead or Alive?*: Mark Little looks at the decline of American influence in the world and the pivotal role of the upcoming 2008 U.S. presidential election, which offers the American people an opportunity to confront ten years of fear and self-doubt, and influence how America is going to respond to that decline
- ♦ *In The Name Of The Fada*: a new series to mark the annual Seachtain na Gaeilge event, which draws on the talents of comedian Des Bishop and charts his journey as he spends a year learning Irish in Connemara
- ♦ *Oileán, Scannal and Léargas*: The return of these three successful series 'as gaeilge' looking at people, issues and events that reveal unusual insights and stories

Regional

- ♦ *Death Duties*: a major three-part observational series profiling the State Pathologist, Dr Marie Cassidy, through some of her more high-profile cases
- ♦ *Living the Wildlife*: a wildlife series for all the family, featuring new presenter Colin Stafford Johnson as he explores Ireland's hidden wildlife and encourages families to interact with their natural world
- ♦ *Use It or Lose It*: a new health series, using former sporting heroes to promote healthy living
- ♦ New observational series featuring the daily encounters of the Customs and Excise Department throughout the country
- ♦ New crime series exploring the real story behind some of Ireland's infamous criminals
- ♦ New summer series profiling the passions that consume people's spare time
- ♦ Rural Affairs series targeting issues and stories that directly affect Ireland's rural community

Genre: Entertainment & Music

Actual Hours 2007: 282

Min. Target Hours 2008: 263

- ♦ The return of anchor series, *The Late Late Show*, *Tubridy Tonight*, *Winning Streak* and *You're a Star*
- ♦ Key event programmes, including *The Rose of Tralee*, *St Patrick's Day Parade*, *People of the Year*, and *The IFTA Awards*
- ♦ *Killinaskully*: a fifth series of the very successful comedy entertainment show
- ♦ A one-off entertainment show to select for Eurovision: *Eurosong 08*
- ♦ *Celebrity Bainisteoir*: new family entertainment series for Sundays on RTÉ One
- ♦ *Ireland's Wealthiest*: a successor to the one-off *Ireland's Richest* programme
- ♦ *Come West along the Road*, *Fleadh Ceoil*, and *The Full Set* all bring Ireland's rich traditional music heritage to a wide audience

Genre: News, Current Affairs & Weather

Actual Hours 2007: 600

Min. Target Hours 2008: 592

- ♦ Regularly scheduled News and Current Affairs programming will continue, including *Prime Time*, *Questions & Answers*, *Nationwide*, and *The Week in Politics*
- ♦ Comprehensive Weather Forecasting Service

RTÉ TWO peak time

Genre: Drama

Actual Hours 2007: 31

Min. Target Hours 2008: 30

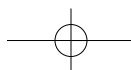
- ♦ A new series for the RTÉ Two audience: *Raw*
- ♦ *Little White Lies*: A fresh new drama for younger adults; Barry is a down-on-his-luck actor whose life and career has fallen to bits since he was dumped by his high-flying girlfriend
- ♦ RTÉ Two will be the first to screen RTÉ part-funded feature dramas *Pavee Lackeen*, *Winters End*, *Short Order*, *Country*, *Love and Rage*

Genre: News, Current Affairs & weather

Actual Hours 2007: 70

Min. Target Hours 2008: 80

- ♦ RTÉ News on Two
- ♦ Comprehensive Weather Forecasting Service



RTÉ TWO peak time continued

Genre: Entertainment & Music

Actual Hours 2007: 112

Min. Target Hours 2008: 112

- ♦ *Naked Camera–Makin' Jake*: a development of a key RTÉ Two talent, PJ Gallagher, with a new series following Jake's attempt to make it big in Hollywood
- ♦ A new comedy/entertainment series for RTÉ Two
- ♦ A series on RTÉ Two featuring talented new names emerging from the comedy circuit
- ♦ *Living' With Lucy*: a new talent-led series with Lucy Kennedy hanging out with some well-known Irish and international celebrities
- ♦ The return of successful RTÉ Two comedy programmes *The Panel*, *The Podge and Rodge Show* and *Anonymous*
- ♦ Continuing production of comedy shorts for RTÉ Two

Genre: Factual

Actual Hours 2007: 49

Min. Target Hours 2008: 48

Lifestyle

- ♦ *Hollywood Trials*: this new series follows ten acting hopefuls as they undergo acting coaching in LA with the hope of getting their first big break in Hollywood
- ♦ *The Ultimate Guide To Everything*: presented by newcomer Mairéad Farrell, this new series takes six self-help books and road-tests them to give viewers all they need to know about life, the universe and everything!
- ♦ *How Low Can You Go?*: the series returns with the lads travelling across America, along with a spin-off series

RTÉ Television across both channels all times

Genre: Young Peoples

Actual Hours 2007: 850

Min. Target Hours 2008: 850

- ♦ *One Minute Jr.*: international multi-platform exchange enabling youngsters make their own short films
- ♦ *Mini Myths and Legends*: new animated and live action series featuring local history and folktales
- ♦ *Crap Rap special*: one-off half-hour animated holiday special for youngsters and teenagers
- ♦ *Teenology*: a new weekly series of animated shorts outlining what it takes to be a card-carrying member of the adolescent population
- ♦ *My Life*: a new documentary exploring life for a boy when his father leaves to work abroad. This documentary contributes to the EBU Young Peoples Documentary series
- ♦ *Watch your Language*: a language-based quiz series for under 12s
- ♦ *Kidspeak*: a new series of young people's thoughts and ideas for transmission each day
- ♦ *Star On Ice*: talent show for under 12s, culminating in a special one-off final
- ♦ *Kazoo*: a new daily series for 5-8 year olds
- ♦ *ICE*: a daily series for 9-12 year olds
- ♦ *Summer-time*: a new daily series for summer 2008
- ♦ Children's News Service

Returning programmes and series include *Den Tots*, *Story Lane* and *The Bandstand* for pre-schoolers; *The Art of Don*, *Sattitude*, *Quizone* and *Jam* for the Under 12s; *Eye2Eye*, *TTV* and *The Café* for teens and young adults.

Genre: Sport

Actual Hours 2007: 811

Min. Target Hours 2008: 969

GAA

- ♦ *The Sunday Game Live*: coverage of up to 40 live games from the 2008 Championships
- ♦ *The Sunday Game*: comprehensive Sunday night highlights, discussion and analysis on the Championship season
- ♦ *Sunday Sport*: highlights, discussion and analysis of the Allianz National Leagues from February to May
- ♦ *The Road to Croker*: this magazine/chat show takes an alternative look at the Championship season
- ♦ *Pride of the Parish*: six part series, produced with funding from the BCI. A look at the role and importance of GAA clubs throughout the country

Soccer

- ♦ *Euro 2008*: coverage of 31 games, 27 of which are live (4 simultaneous)
- ♦ All of Ireland's home matches in the World Cup qualifiers in Sept/Oct/Nov
- ♦ International Soccer: delayed coverage of all Ireland's home friendly matches
- ♦ *The Champions League*: live coverage of the culmination of the 2007/2008 season on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. RTÉ TV Sport continues with both nights of every week of Champions League action. In addition to the live match, RTÉ will provide the audience with comprehensive highlights and reports from all games in the competition. In addition 30 half-hour Champions League Magazine programmes supplied by TEAM, voiced by RTÉ talent
- ♦ *The Premiership – Saturday*: a comprehensive round-up and analysis of all the day's games
- ♦ *The Premiership – Sunday*: RTÉ will continue to have highlights access to the Premiership matches played on Sundays throughout the season
- ♦ Domestic Soccer: 10 Live Eircom League matches and live coverage of both semi-finals and the Final of the FAI Cup. RTÉ will also air 36 hour-long highlights programmes in prime time.

Rugby

- ♦ 6 Nations: live coverage of all 15 games from the 2008 Six Nations Championship. RTÉ are committed to two live games from the Under 21 Championship in the same period
- ♦ November Internationals: live coverage of the Autumn Internationals, minimum of 3
- ♦ Heineken Cup: extensive highlights of all Munster and Leinster games in the Heineken Cup, home and away
- ♦ *Against The Head*: 10 part rugby magazine programme with highlights of the major games in the International, European and Domestic competitions to include the Magners League and visits to rugby clubs around the country. Plus 3 more Specials around the Autumn Internationals
- ♦ AIB Rugby: three live games, including the final, of the domestic club competition

Horse Racing

- ♦ Live coverage of the 31 biggest and most significant domestic days in the flat and national hunt seasons, including seven days at the Galway festival
- ♦ Live coverage of all four days from Cheltenham
- ♦ Live coverage of the Aintree Grand National
- ♦ Live coverage of the Epsom Derby
- ♦ Live racing from Goodwood and Kempton
- ♦ Vincent O'Brien (1hr) documentary
- ♦ The Irish Horse (1hr) documentary

Olympics

- ♦ TBC – 16 hours of programming, throughout the day and night for the 16 days of the Olympics
- ♦ 1hr Olympic Preview programme and Review programme
- ♦ Paralympics – six half-hour programmes, averaging one programme every second day

Boxing

- ♦ Live coverage of pros Bernard Dunne, John Duddy & Andy Lee fights (4-5 fights)
- ♦ Live coverage of the Irish Amateur Championships

Athletics

- ♦ Live coverage of the National Athletics Championships
- ♦ Live coverage of the European Cross-Country Championships
- ♦ Live coverage of the Irish Indoor Championships
- ♦ Live coverage of The Great Bupa Run in the Phoenix Park
- ♦ Sonia O'Sullivan (1hr) documentary commissioned by RTÉ Sport with BCI funding

OB Sport

OB Sport will continue on a fortnightly basis for 2008 until July, with a continued commitment to the community of sports on the island of Ireland. Approximately 40 different sports will be profiled in this prime time magazine style programme. *OB Sport* will become an Olympics preview programme for the month leading up to the Olympics.

Others

- ♦ Basketball: live coverage of the semi-finals and finals of the domestic cup competitions
- ♦ Live Greyhound racing
- ♦ RDS Showjumping: live coverage of three days
- ♦ Hockey: live coverage of the finals in the Men's and Women's cup competitions
- ♦ Golf: live Coverage of the Irish Open and Highlights of the European Open
- ♦ Camogie: live coverage of the All-Ireland Final
- ♦ The FAI & GAA awards shows as well as the *RTÉ The Sporting Year 2008*

Genre:	Subtitling
Actual Hours 2007:	6861
Min. Target Hours 2008:	6700

Ongoing commitment to subtitle all national and international events including:

- ♦ Subtitle coverage on all News, Current Affairs and main Weather Forecasts on both channels
- ♦ Increases in the subtitling of children's programming
- ♦ All live Entertainment programmes will be subtitled
- ♦ All GAA coverage will be subtitled

Genre:	News, Current Affairs & Weather
Actual Hours 2007:	1226
Min. Target Hours 2008:	1167

- ♦ Comprehensive News and Current Affairs coverage
- ♦ Investigative current affairs programming
- ♦ *One to One* personal interview series
- ♦ *Nuacht* and *Cinnlinte Nuachta* of 55 hours, *Pobal* and *Nuacht Pobail*
- ♦ *Nationwide*, *Capital D*, *Oireachtas*, *European Parliament* and *The Week in Politics*
- ♦ Children's News Service on RTÉ Two
- ♦ Comprehensive Weather Forecasting Service

EVENT PROGRAMMING

Young People's

- ♦ New classical music series for teenagers featuring mentors and music students
- ♦ New gameshow series exploring what it takes to be a TV Presenter

Cross-platform

- ♦ *Health Watch* – January 2008
This is a week-long event involving all platforms which will concentrate on health, diet, and exercise and weight loss. A number of existing television programmes within the week will feature the theme and the centerpiece of programming is *Operation Transformation*. This is a 360 commission which involves TV (8 x 30mins) Radio (daily radio inserts) and the Web (Live and Interactive) and deals with weight loss, fitness and overall well being.

ARCHIVE PROGRAMMING

RTÉ is committed to sharing the treasures of the archive with as wide an audience as possible. The Archive Unit team originate new programming based on material from the archive complemented by newly filmed material, as well as identifying archive programming for restoration and re-broadcast to a new audience.

New Programming

- ♦ *Hostages*: 6 x half hours
Stories of Irish people who have faced the trauma of kidnapping
- ♦ *War Stories/Korea*: 4 x half hours
The stories of Irish Korean War veterans and Catholic missionaries caught in the 1952 Asian conflict
- ♦ *War Stories/Congo*: 2 x half hours
The stories of the Niemba Massacre and the Siege at Jadotville in the Congo and the Irish soldiers caught in the crossfire
- ♦ *On the Street Where You Live*: 6 x half hours
A trip down six of Ireland's famous boulevards where we will learn about the urban history, the people, the changes. From O'Connell and Grafton Street or Synges Street in Dublin, to Cork's Patrick Street, Limerick and more
- ♦ *Disasters: (Series 2)* 6 x half hours
Second series of the ratings-winning series that looks at the human stories behind Irish disasters

Take Two – Film Restoration Programming
– 52 Weeks Offering for 2008 will include the following:

- ♦ *Take Two: Murphy's Australia* 6 x one hour
Restoration of Mike Murphy's landmark travel series to Australia
- ♦ *I Live Here* 6 x half hours
First transmitted in 1988, visits to the homeplace of notable Irish people
- ♦ *We Live Here* 6 x half hours
A 1977 environmental series that focuses on topics as varied as seaside resorts, rural housing, Georgian architecture, canals and railways
- ♦ *Boat Spotting* 6 x half hours
Series on boats and boat lovers

RTÉ Radio Programme Commitments 2008

RTÉ RADIO 1

Genre	Actual Hours 2007	Min. Target Hours 2008	
Regional Focus (Cross-genre)	22 hours	10 hours	Special week of programming from a county/area that does not have a regular RTÉ presence. (Co. Mayo)
Outside Broadcasts	62 hours	40 hours	Main daytime and weekend shows will transmit from a regional location on a regular basis
Special Events Coverage ex Regions	19 hours	15 hours	Special series of recordings and OBs from national events (e.g. National Ploughing Championships, Arts Festivals)
Local Government	10 hours	40 hours	'The Late Debate' live from Regional Studios 3 days per week
Sport	N/A	25 hours 12 hours 24 hours TBA	Live coverage of Heineken Cup rugby Live Coverage 6 Nations rugby Live coverage of Ireland's Football Matches – home and away Full coverage of the Olympics – live coverage of all Irish interest/participation with additional coverage through general programmes
News and Current Affairs	1,190 hours	1,228 hours	Continuation of all main programming including <i>Morning Ireland</i> , <i>News at One</i> , <i>This Week</i> and <i>World Report</i>
Multicultural Society (Cross-genre)	42.5 hours	30 hours 10 hours	Continuation of programme on Diversity in Intercultural Ireland (Spectrum). A week of special programming to reflect Intercultural Week
History (Factual)	11.5 hours	6 hours	8 Thomas Davis Lectures on The Irish in the Great War + 4 public debates on the effects of the Great War
Music	30 hours	20 hours	Coverage of all the major music festivals in Ireland including Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, Willie Clancy Summer School, An tOireachtas and contemporary music festivals
	5 hours	8 hours	Maintain the number of live performances in Radio 1 general programming – 2 per week
	N/A	2 hours	Community Music Project – Cross-genre focus on young musicians in Co. Mayo
Irish Language Programmes	47.5 hours	6 hours 6.5 hours 3 hours 12 hours 2 hours	New Irish language Arts Portraits series Commission a new 13-part series of <i>Scríobhnóirí Faoi Chaibidil</i> Commission a new series based on the life and times of Seamus Ennis <i>Buille Faoi Thuairim</i> /new entertainment series Series on the History of Tara 400th Anniversary of the Plantation of Ulster <i>Philip King Show</i> <i>Nuacht</i>
Young People's	6 hours	4 hours	<i>Othello in Offaly</i> – a series for Leaving Certificate students including a week of workshops
Drama	N/A	6 hours	Community Drama Project – experimental project taking radio drama into communities around the country, featuring issues relevant to the lives of the people there. Each half-hour play, performed live on air from a home in the community, will be followed by a half-hour discussion between the cast and the audience
Science (Factual)	N/A	11 hours	Science Magazine series + Planet Earth roadshow project examining key environmental issues with particular focus on the responsibility of OECD countries

RTÉ 2fm

Genre	Actual Hours 2007	Min. Target Hours 2008	
Student Access (Children's and Education)	13 hours	9 hours	Examination focus
	6 hours	6 hours	A series of radio programmes made by transition-year students, under the guidance of an RTÉ 2fm production team
	24 one-day workshops	24 one-day workshops	Radio workshops in Schools for TY Students
New and Original Music Production	2 major festivals	2 major festivals	Coverage of Summer Music Festivals through Outside Broadcast coverage Oxegen and Electric Picnic Festivals
	40 sessions	40 sessions	Studio band sessions recorded in Studio 8 (day-long sessions) acoustic

RTÉ 2fm continued

Genre	Actual Hours 2007	Min. Target Hours 2008	
	222 hours	140 hours	Live music output 3.5 hours per week including dance/Oxegen 10 hours per day/Hifi 10 hours per day
		50 hours	Provision of live music output for 2xm (RTÉ Digital)
EBU	84 offering	30 offerings N/A	Live Recorded music Supporting 2 Irish bands at the 2008 Eurosonic festival
Regional (Cross-genre)	629 hours	500 hours	Regional Broadcasting
Sports	53 hours	50 hours	2007 hours will be maintained
Alternative Music	485 hours	1,000 hours	20 hours weekly – new Irish music, supporting composers, singers and musicians
News and Current Affairs	363.5 hours	370 hours	Maintain the current levels of news and current affairs minutage
Entertainment	N/A	40 hours	New voices to national radio

RTÉ RAIDÍO NA GAELTACHTA

Genre	Actual Hours 2007	Min. Target Hours 2008	
Drama	10 hours	12 hours	Drama Serial 15 minutes per week Young peoples dramas 4 X 30mins
Factual	55 hours	20 hours 6.5 hours 27 hours	Weekly Expert discussion programme on language history and grammar – <i>Focal Faire</i> 40 x 30 minutes Documentaries/Features – 9 programmes x 45 minutes Weekly interview series from Dublin <i>Agallaimh ón Ardchathair</i> 36 programmes x 45 minutes
		Total 53.75 hours	
Young People's (Children's and Education)	72 hours	Total 60 hours	<i>iClub</i> – Youth Programme – 40 programmes x 45 minutes Education Programme <i>Céim ar Chéim</i> – 40 programmes x 45 minutes
Regional (Cross-genre)	140 hours	40 hours 18 hours 120 hours 40 hours 40 hours	<i>Cois Laoi</i> – 40 programmes x 60 minutes <i>Bias</i> – 40 programmes x 28 minutes Magazine Programme from Dublin four programmes a week x 45 minutes x 40 weeks <i>Thar Tír Isteach</i> – music programme from Belfast 40 programmes x 60 minutes <i>Oideas agus Oidhreacht</i> – 40 programmes x 60 minutes
News and Current Affairs	900 hours	870 hours	Maintain existing news services

RTÉ lyric fm

Genre	Actual Hours 2007	Min. Target Hours 2008	
Education and Outreach	45 visits	45 visits	Maintain Education and Outreach to include schools and third level institutions (visits, not broadcasts) Appoint Composer-in-Residence to strengthen our educational and outreach activities
Regional Music and Arts	198 OBs	185 OBs	Maintain coverage of regional festivals, venues and events
Speech commissions (Factual and Arts)	14 hours	13 hours	Maintain and develop the extra hours of contemporary spoken arts
News	177 hours	175 hours	Expand lyric news supplied by news division bulletins and content for own bulletins
Factual	n/a	13 hours	Develop programme strand exploring contemporary music
Arts	n/a	25 hours	Introduce weekday Arts information bulletins on festivals and events
EBU	38 offers to	40 offers to	Maintain offers of Performing Groups and Irish material to EBU
	338 offers from	330 offers from	Take concert material from EBU and broadcast