## Zambia Radio Elder And The Voices Of Free Speech

In Zambia, community radio stations have become a powerful force for promoting free speech and holding those in power accountable. One of the most prominent of these stations is Radio Elder, which has been broadcasting for over 20 years and has a loyal following of listeners throughout the country.



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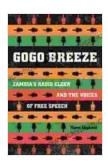
Radio Elder was founded in 1998 by a group of journalists and activists who were concerned about the lack of independent media in Zambia. At the time, the country was ruled by a one-party state, and the government controlled all of the major media outlets. Radio Elder was one of the first independent radio stations to be established in Zambia, and it quickly became a popular source of news and information for Zambians who were tired of the government's propaganda.

Radio Elder is a community-based radio station, which means that it is owned and operated by the people who live in the community. The station's staff is made up of volunteers, and the station is funded by donations from listeners and supporters. This allows Radio Elder to remain independent of the government and other powerful interests.

Radio Elder's programming includes a mix of news, talk shows, and music. The station's news coverage is particularly important, as it provides Zambians with an alternative to the government's controlled media. Radio Elder also broadcasts a variety of talk shows that discuss current events, social issues, and other topics of interest to Zambians.

Radio Elder has played a significant role in promoting free speech in Zambia. The station has been a platform for dissenting voices, and it has helped to raise awareness of important issues that are often ignored by the mainstream media. Radio Elder has also been a target of government harassment, but the station has remained defiant and continues to broadcast its independent programming.

Radio Elder is an important example of the power of community radio. The station has shown that community radio can be a powerful force for promoting free speech and holding those in power accountable. Radio Elder is an inspiration to other community radio stations around the world, and it is a testament to the importance of independent media.



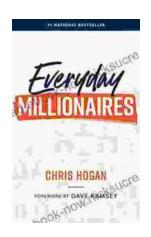
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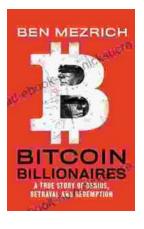
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