

Forge TV - Station of the Year (Word Count: 499)

Forge TV is celebrating its 10th birthday this year and the last 12 months have arguably been the best in our history.

Elections

Our coverage of the Students' Union Officer Elections hit almost 7,000 views, with over 1,500 of them coming from live views on results night. We produced 60 second interviews with over 30 officer candidates in the space of two days, an incredibly tight turnaround so close to exam season.

Varsity

During Varsity Forge TV was live for over 20 hours, working closely with Forge Radio throughout. In total our coverage was viewed over 26,000 times from our YouTube channel. This includes streams, roundups and pre-event content to build students' interest in the events.. As Sheffield Varsity takes place at different sites across the city, we were required to return everything to the SU each night and set off to a new location the following day. This included rigging Hillsborough Stadium for broadcast and operating the scoreboard and pitchside displays. In one of the most mentally and physically draining times of the year, everybody worked their hardest and the results have been seen by people across campus and beyond.

Collaboration

As ever we work extremely closely with Forge Radio and Forge Press - sharing the same office helps. Outside of Forge we've continued to build relationships with societies and sports teams who often hire us to cover their events or fixtures, ranging from a charity darts competition to streaming the Activities Awards.

Tramlines

Tramlines festival is also celebrating its 10th year in 2018 - it's a big part of Sheffield and a big part of our coverage each year. This year we went bigger than ever, securing interviews with Tom Grennan, The Sherlocks and The Orielles to name a few, without forgetting Lord Mayor Magid. Our daily uploaded videos gained 5,500 views across the following week.

NaSTA Conference 2018

Our biggest moment of the year was hosting the NaSTA Conference and Awards. It was great to see so many people attend and we really do hope you all had a great time. For a subcommittee of just 9 people to organise everything, it was the biggest challenge any of us had ever faced. It's even more rewarding considering the majority of whom were first years or had never been involved with Forge before. They are now on committee and are in a much better position as a result of this experience. We also won our first ever NaSTA award and were highly commended in 2 other categories (our first since 2012). It might not have been perfect, but we sure did do our best to make it a memorable weekend.

We may not be the biggest or most successful station, but through the hard work and dedication of our members over the last 12 months, we're now in the best position we've been in for years. With a brand new committee eager to get started, this year could just be the best we've ever had...