

TNF Fact Sheet Text Copyright

This is much easier to deal with than music copyright issues.

History

In the distant past someone from your TN got permission from the local newspaper editor to convert newspaper items to audio format for blind and partially sighted people. If this didn't happen at your TN then there's no time like the present – so go ahead and make the call. You must have permission to do this type of recording.

Future development

It's best to ask for global permission. We know of one TN who went to see the local editor to be told (it was also put in writing) that they could record what they wanted, as often as they wanted! Remember that news becomes old news very quickly and local TNs are not in competition with newspapers when it comes to getting news out to the public. If you record weekly some of the news can be nearly a fortnight old by the time your listeners receive it.

How to move forward

Talk to your local newspaper editor to get permission. If possible get this permission in writing.