

Ramblings of a Remote Worker

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This blog is just the ramblings and reflections of Marieke Guy. It hopes to cover cultural issues, organisational attitudes and useful technologies related to remote working.



If you have any ramblings of your own please send them in.

OK:FM – Connecting through music

Posted on [February 2, 2015](#) by [mariekeguy](#)

We all know that being a remote worker gets a bit lonely – it's great to be able to reach out to colleagues when you can. I've written before about [our efforts at creating our own watercooler spaces](#) at Open Knowledge. In that post I said:

One of our team is a DJ on the side and he shares Spotify playlists with us most Fridays. These playlists are great and get us talking.

The fab [Christian Villum](#) who

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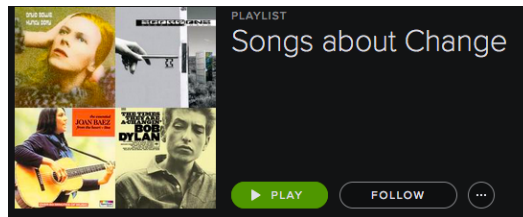
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creates our playlists has now taken things one step further! He, and his OK:FM posse, are beginning to pull together our own OKFM radio station – be it an online station that exists through crowdsourced playlists!!



He began by asking the staff to suggest songs for the Open Knowledge “Songs About Change” playlist. I think the topic was chosen in response to our recent summit.

 **christianvillum** 10:02 AM
@channel: Good morning everyone, it's time for something new for OK:FM - our first staff-sourced playlist!
This idea was casually conceptualized in 30 seconds by @mor @katelynn @nealb and myself in a call a couple of days ago, and to kick things off (in the great spirit of last week) the first one will be a "Playlist of Songs about Change" to be released on Friday!
🎵 Already we have Scorpions' "Wind of Change", David Bowie's classic "Changes" and Bob Dylan's "The Times They are A-Changin'". What else? Let us know here in slack's #watercooler channel, on Skype chat or email and I'll wrap it all together for Friday, so we have a proper soundtrack for the weeks to come! Go team 🙌

Christian then compiled all the suggestions (see some of our suggestions below) into a playlist, so that we have a proper soundtrack for the weeks to come! Here's the [Spotify playlist](#) for Changes.

 **amercader** 10:16 AM ★
Maverick Sabre - A Change Is Gonna Come : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnNe0GeGIS0> #NowListening

The plan is to collaborate on future playlists on areas we are

This blog is written by Marieke Guy and was begun while she was working at [UKOLN](#), a national centre of expertise in digital information management, based at the [University of Bath](#). She now works at the [Open Knowledge Foundation](#), which is a virtual organisation with people located all over the world! Details of Marieke's work are given on her [Web site](#). For further information see the [blog policies](#).

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interested in! And there may even
be a Twitter account for OK:FM in
the pipeline. Watch this space!

Music really is the universal language!



adam 10:20 AM ★
<https://pad.okfn.org/p/change-songs>
(just from my NAS)



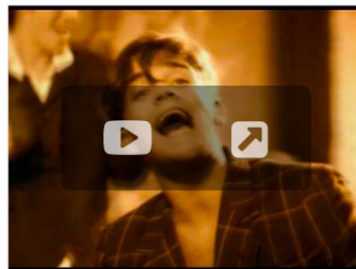
mariekguy 10:35 AM ★
Not sure how this one will go down... 😊 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzHlxigdlgQ>



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I've interpreted change loosely but there's also Revolution by the Beatles, Imagine t
John Lennon, GetUp Stand Up by Bob Marley, I Want to Break Free by Queen, The
Man in the Mirror by Michael Jackson, Things can only get better by Dream,
Something Good Can Work by Two door Cinema Club - I'm all out of ideas!

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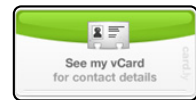
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