

Mission Statement Indymedia Erfurt

What is Indymedia?

Indymedia was founded in 1999 during the protests against the WTO-Congress in Seattle to build an independent, non-commercial coverage from the roots. This idea was so popular that the network grew up very fast. Today there are about 160 IMC's (Independent Media Centre) worldwide. Indymedia is dedicated to be a platform for everyone who wants to produce and publish self-investigated news in text, pictures and sound.

Thereby the medium Internet provides a simple, cheap access to gain and publish information. The simple handling of the Internet helps political active people to contact each other, share information in a short period of time and to make further actions possible.

The information published in Indymedia are originated mostly by the direct concerned activists. The open posting system should allow everyone to publish his/her reports, audio documents, photos and videos from events and topical backgrounds.

What is the intention of Indymedia Erfurt?

Indymedia Erfurt intends to enrich the local media and to build an regional infrastructure to realize the ideas of Indymedia in Thuringia.

In our own experience reports of direct involved people, different political opinions and ideas are hardly attended in the mainstream media. To change this situation we have to break through existing, mostly commercial media coverage structures and to build a counterweight. Indymedia Erfurt wants to contribute to this counterweight. With an own website we want to offer a possibility to participate active in the political situation. You can get information, discuss about political issues and based on this to create and publish contents. Thereby we are trying to cover all kinds of media.

Our aim is to build an own independent media center for Erfurt, which has the necessary devices and is able to lend this devices to interested people, which allows them to investigate current political events.

Indymedia Erfurt is an open and non-hierarchical group. Issues are discussed and decided in a public plenum, where everyone can take part.

Open posting policy

All postings distributed in Indymedia belong to a kind of a copyleft: The author's remains by the originators, however the right to use it is public and free. You are allowed and you should copy and reuse the articles. A reprivatization through publishing in commercial media or in other ways is excluded.

What's not Indymedia Erfurt?

Indymedia Erfurt is not an replacement for existing alternative information structures; in this case Indymedia should only have supporting/networking function.

Furthermore Indymedia Erfurt is neither a market for prepared statements of hierarchical, established or commercial groups nor discussion forum (Indymedia is not suitable for that because of its structure), or platform for any kind of sexist, racist, fascist and/or anti-semitic postings.