



# Indymedia



Indymedia - a global network  
Imc Oceania – regional  
syndication.



active sydney  
stuff for social change



# Indymedia

- > 120 websites
- on 5 continents
- run by autonomous collectives
- alternative information on open publishing newswires using free software
- txt, pics, audio and video plus streams

**[www.indymedia.org](http://www.indymedia.org)**

# History

- History – [active.org.au](http://active.org.au) (1999)
- J18 global day of action (<http://j18.cat.org.au>), Seattle.....
- Where it came from ... tech/media activism/alternate media networks
- From Seattle Onwards.. Summit hopping
- Zoom In - Imc Sydney – Olympics, Imc Melbourne – S11
- How it works

# Concepts

- Open Publishing
- Newswire - Right Hand Column
- Features - Middle Column
- Links & Resources - Left Hand Column

# Global Imc Network - where it came from

- Building on Alternative Media and Social Movements
- Many possible beginnings

# Zapatista Movements

- Chiapas, 1 January 1994
- Ya Basta! Enough is enough!
- A post-modern revolution in cyberspace
- Chiapas, 1996. Intercontinental encuentro with over 3,000 grassroots activists and intellectuals.

# J18 - Carnival Against Capitalism

- 18 June 1999. G7 Summit in Cologne. Protest, action and carnival in Financial Centres across the globe
- Synchronised actions in 43 countries
- transmitted through websites updated in “real-time”
- Our Resistance will be as transnational as capital!



June 18 1999





**London J18 Critical Mass**



**J18 Liverpool Street**



**London J18 1999**

London J18 1999



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London J18 1999





Sydney J18 actions..





# Seattle N30 - the first IMC

- based on alternative media groups
- shared open publishing website
- open media space
- wide grassroots participation
- using old and new technologies
- 1999 - WTO meeting stopped

# The Party continues...

- An explosion of global protests against institutions of global governance (WTO, IMF, G8...), reported on indymedia websites
- Prague 2000 S26, Genoa 2001, Argentina 2002, Evian 2003...

# Technology

- From dumpster dived 486 boxes to satellite dishes
- “Open Source” / Free Software technology
- Internet, web browsers, streaming media servers
- Aussie tech: active software, PIMP ...



CAT@LYST

<http://www.cat.org.au>





The geek room

# Principles of Unity

- Holding it together: Every Imc adheres to the “Principles of Unity”
- <http://docs.indymedia.org/view/Global/PrinciplesOfUnity>
- discussed and created on imc-process, a global indymedia email list
- <http://lists.indymedia.org/> - all indymedia lists



# Equality Decentralisation Autonomy

- The Independent Media Center Network is based upon principles of equality, decentralization and local autonomy. The IMCN is not derived from a centralized bureaucratic process, but from the self-organization of autonomous collectives that recognize the importance in developing a union of networks.

# Open Information

- All IMC's consider open exchange of and open access to information a prerequisite to the building of a more free and just society.

# Open Publishing

- All IMC's, based upon the trust of their contributors and readers, shall utilize open web based publishing, allowing individuals, groups and organizations to express their views, anonymously if desired.

# Not-For-Profit

- The IMC Network and all local IMC collectives shall be not-for-profit.

# Participatory Process

- All IMC's (...) are committed to the development of non-hierarchical and anti-authoritarian relationships (...). They organize collectively and are committed to (...) consensus decision making and the development of a direct, participatory democratic process] that is transparent to its membership.

# Sharing

- All IMC's are committed to caring for one another and our respective communities both collectively and as individuals and will promote the sharing of resources including knowledge, skills and equipment.

# Free Sourcecode

- All IMC's shall be committed to the use of free source code, whenever possible, in order to develop the digital infrastructure, and to increase the independence of the network by not relying on proprietary software.

# No Discrimination

- All IMC's shall be committed to the principle of human equality, and shall not discriminate, including discrimination based upon race, gender, age, class or sexual orientation. Recognizing the vast cultural traditions within the network, we are committed to building [diversity] within our localities.



# Zoom In – Imc Sydney

- N30 / Seattle 1999
- early 2000 - first imc sydney site
- Warehouse space in St Peters, then moved to Turella warehouse

# Communication Structure

- Consensus emerges...
- ... on local and international meetings
- ... on the web (email lists, twiki, irc)
- ...on sydney imc lists / monthly meetings

# What This Means

- Indymedia in sydney – You!
- Oceania indymedia – Regional groupings of IMCs
- Don't hate the media - be the media

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