

# No login, no password just press the publish button

**Want your action reported?** It's up to you. write it and post it to the website - direct from the streets!

**Have you ever tried to get your demos broadcast on BBC, your issues discussed in national or local newspapers?** Did you ever wish you had access to the corporate media machine? Charities and action groups, campaigns and community groups as well as individuals can publish their own news on indymedia: without interference of editors, without having to streamline your news with the need to generate a profit.

**Did you ever wish to make your video clips, your audio recordings or your written reports accessible to a wide and active audience?** Indymedia is made by its readers, and viewed by people who strive for social change, who are ready to reclaim the virtual commons of the web and the physical commons of the streets.

**Did you ever look out for reports on the struggles and achievements of action groups and campaigns in your local community?** Make them yourself: Indymedia is

an open platform and welcomes your contributions.

**Ever wished to interfere with the repetitive reporting of media monopolies? Ever wanted to apply your media-making skills to a radically open project?** Look out for an imc collective near you.

The "united kollektives" of indymedia uk communicate through open email-lists, and welcome new volunteers . You can write to them at [imc-uk-contact@lists.indymedia.org](mailto:imc-uk-contact@lists.indymedia.org)



# Reclaiming the Commons

Inspired by the Zapatista movement, Indymedia is a decentralised and open network of counter-information, run by volunteers on five continents. It makes communication technologies available to local and global movements for social justice.

Since the first independent media centre covered the WTO protests in Seattle 1999, the project has grown fast. Today, more than 130 independent media centres are supporting each other with free software, knowledge and other resources. The biggest collaborative radical blog in the Internet, indymedia welcomes every contribution. It only draws the line at trolling, racism and similar abuse.

Indymedia is experimenting with the empowering potential of technology as a contribution to the global commons of knowledge. Free, opensource software is at the heart of the project: adaptable and freely available. Kit like digital cameras, mobile phones, laptops and old machinery multiplies if shared. Art, activism and technological knowledge have melted into a new means of political articulation. A multitude of local

nodes connected to specific struggles is challenging the levelling power of profit-oriented globalisation. Indymedia uk stands for "United Kollektives".

From Edinburgh to London, from Oxford and Cambridge to Leeds Bradford and Liverpool, in Sheffield, Manchester and the West Country, volunteers have formed collectives to maintain their own local newswires, to produce their own features, and to run the backend of the imc-uk website collaboratively. The collectives work closely with local campaigns and grassroots scenes, and constantly build connections with projects around the globe. They produce printed versions of the website, make and distribute videos, put on radical screenings and are broadcasting local and web-radio shows.

Indymedia is bridging the gap between reporter and reported, producers of events and audience. In the face of capitalism, racism, state-oppression and control, **Indymedia is a massive media carnival: pro-active, assertive, tactical, fun, and political.**