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## **Perth Indymedia is now official!**

At long last, the Perth Independent Media Collective has become an official member of the global Indymedia network.

The Perth IMC is a community-based collective dedicated to providing an alternative source of news about issues, events and actions around Perth, Australia and the world.

With one newspaper and only a handful of very similar television and radio stations, it can be very difficult for the people of Perth to access a wide range of views on the issues that affect our daily lives.

With this in mind, the Perth IMC seeks, as part of the wider international Indymedia movement, to build autonomous media outlets that allow the community to produce its own media content, unhampered by commercial and governmental restriction and expectations.

Our strength is our commitment to inclusiveness and grassroots participation. We operate on an "open publishing" model to facilitate community involvement. By logging on to **perth.indymedia.org**, anyone can be an Indymedia journalist.

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# Freedom of the press is great, as long as you own the press...



# ...and now you do.

## What is Indymedia?

Indymedia is a collective of independent media organizations and hundreds of journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage. Indymedia is a democratic media outlet for the creation of radical, accurate, and passionate tellings of truth.

There are currently about over fifty Independent Media Centres/Collectives around the world. Perth now has an IMC; you can find it at [perth.indymedia.org](http://perth.indymedia.org).

## Of what are you independent?

No corporation owns Indymedia, no government manages the organization, no single donor finances the project.

Indymedia is not the mouth-piece of any political party or organization. People involved with Indymedia have a wide

variety of political and personal viewpoints. Anyone may participate in Indymedia organizing and anyone may post to the Indymedia newswires.

Political parties or organizations may choose to publish articles on the Indymedia newswires, but in doing so they invite public debate about their positions from any reader of the site; any reader may respond by publishing his/her comments alongside the post in question.

There's nothing in any Indymedia mission statement that declares people who are involved must be of any particular mindset, as long as they do not work contrary to the values espoused in Indymedia's mission statement.

## What are Indymedia's long-term goals?

That's a big question, one that every Indymedia organiser would likely answer in a differ-

ent way. Fundamentally, Indymedia endeavors to empower people to become the media by presenting honest, accurate, powerful independent reports.

## Why isn't Indymedia covering such and such event/issue/topic?

Indymedia provides a public forum for independent journalists and media organisations to post their own articles about myriad issues, but doesn't determine what those independent journalists cover.

If you want to see more coverage of an issue, post more stories about the issue and encourage other newswire readers to do the same.

## Should I believe news I read on Indymedia?

Should you believe news you read in the *West Australian*, see on Channel 7, or hear on 6PR?

All reporters have their own biases; governments and massive corporations that own media entities have their own biases as well, and often impose their views on their reporters (or their reporters self-censor to conform their own biases to those of their employer).

You should look at all reports you read on the Indymedia site with a critical eye, just as you should look at all media before you in a discerning manner.

## Will you post my article/story/etc.?

Of course! Indymedia operates on an "open publishing" model. We encourage all members of the community who have a story to tell to use our website to have their voice heard. Simply log on to [perth.indymedia.org](http://perth.indymedia.org) and click "Publish"!

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