

~ HOW TO GET INVOLVED ~

PhillyIMC.org is the local organizing unit of the global Indymedia network.

Indymedia is a grassroots network committed to using media production and distribution as tools for promoting social and economic justice. It is dedicated to addressing issues that profit-driven media often neglect and hopes to empower people to “become the media” by providing democratic access to available technologies and information. *US-IMC Editorial 25.10.2004*

PhillyIMC was among the first IMCs to form in 1999, and has played a leading role in the network.



How PhillyIMC.org works:

Like all IMCs, PhillyIMC administers an open posting newswire that is available for community use. Anyone can post by clicking on the “Publish” button and following the instructions. Users can also set up a username linking all their posts together. A volunteer editorial team administers the newswire, removing spam and posts that violate the editorial policy. The content appearing in the center column is drawn from the newswire, with small edits and additions are made by the editorial team for the purposes of graphic presentation and journalistic thoroughness. Once stories are promoted, they are distributed through the global IMC’s syndication system, including to the the Indymedia.Us site.

Current Projects:

- Our site is currently run using an open source software called “Drupal.” The editorial team would welcome collaboration in improving and redesigning the site. We particularly would like to set up and administering feeds to interact with other news sites in the area. We could use both immediate volunteers willing to pitch in as needed, and folks interested in serving on a redesign task force.
- Members of Philly IMC have been collaborating with the IMC-Africa working group to plan an Indymedia convergence in Senegal next month, in conjunction with the World Social Forum. Several webcast sessions will be coordinated from Dakar and we'd welcome participation in setting up a local listening station.

To get involved with these projects, or to give feedback or ask questions, you can send a private, confidential email directly to one of our members at <http://www.phillyimc.org/contact>.