



Be the Media & Bristol Wireless Cybertent at the Big Green Gathering 2009

The Be the Media space is the place to find out about DIY media and get involved in a host of exciting debates and practical workshops about everything from producing your own media to intellectual property, copyright and the Creative Commons. The space also features a suite of recycled computers providing daily solar and wind powered Internet access courtesy of Bristol Wireless and evening cinema showing independent grass-roots films as well as an info stall and photo exhibition. Check the board outside the space for up-to-date details of what's on.

Don't hate the media, be the media:

Following the recent G20 protests in London and the advent of social networks and other web 2.0 tools, Indymedia's raison d'être is possibly now even more relevant than it was when it started nearly ten years ago. One strand of workshops will look specifically at Web2.0 tools and how to use them for campaigning, reporting and for organising, as well a strategy session looking at the value of Social networking for social change.

Practical how-to 'Be The Media' sessions will cover how to make and publish short videos, audio podcasts and radio streams, how to use mobile phones as a tool for media activism, how to connect your laptop to 3g for mobile reporting, and how to get started reporting for Indymedia.

With campaigners, media activists and journalists all coming under increasing attack from authorities and the police, a special workshop will focus on legislation being used by the police and tips and tactics for dealing with them, whilst another workshop will provide an essential guide to privacy, security and encryption.

Alongside, other workshops will cover offline campaigning tactics like stencilling and creating your own newsletters as well as tips on how to deal with the mainstream media. The space will also feature sessions looking at free software for organising and educating as well as issues around creative commons and open source.

The **Be the Media & Bristol Wireless Cybertent** is a collaboration between many individuals and groups including alt media Indymedia types. It has been planned with the support of HacktionLab

HacktionLab is an ongoing convergence of people interested in and/or working in the areas of alternative media, renewable energy, on-line video distribution, free software and other forms of activism that utilises technology.

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