



**Announcing the launch of a new online global community:**

## Omnium Creative Network [OCN]

### Overview

[www.omnium.net.au](http://www.omnium.net.au)

What it aims to be ...

The *Omnium Creative Network* [OCN] is a free and non-profit online global community of creative people (students, professionals, educators, theorists, writers). Its aim is to encourage members from all over the world to collaborate in a variety of ways, to focus their attention on more socially aware and ethically responsive art and design projects.

Membership is made up of participants from a wide variety of countries worldwide; in particular countries less fortunate in terms of having easy access to creative interaction through conferences, publications and exhibitions. The *OCN* will incorporate;

- regular news announcements from the network convenors
- monthly creative projects for the benefit of worthy causes around the world
- lively discussions and debate through interactive Message Boards
- Essays, readings and interviews from special guests
- Galleries of works produced in collaboration by OCN members
- Live chat room 'appearances' from art & design luminaries

Full *OCN* members (500) will have their own 'member profile' and 'personal gallery' areas where they can introduce themselves, exhibit their own creative work, and have the opportunity to fully interact with all the other members of the network. The *OCN* aims to become a rich research resource and information exchange, as well as a place for its members to get the chance to meet people normally out of reach due to their geographical or socio-economic situation.

What it aims NOT to be ...

As a creative network, the *OCN* is not intended to become a self-congratulatory or elitist community. It is not intended to be a place where only technically adept members can exhibit their talent, but a sharing space where members of all levels of creative proficiency can help and advise each other on a whole range of issues and worthwhile projects.

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