

## the international network on sustainable design

The O<sub>2</sub> Global Network is an international network established to inform, inspire and connect people interested in sustainable design.

Network members are involved in industrial design, architecture, styling, graphic design, fashion, innovation and the arts. Included as well are people from academies, universities, public authorities, private companies, NGOs and knowledge centers.

The  $O_2$  Global Network comprises the  $O_2$  Global Network foundation, regional  $O_2$  Hubs, local  $O_2$  Groups,  $O_2$  Liaisons and numerous individuals (called  $O_2$ 's).  $O_2$  was established in 1988 and there are currently more than 84 country contacts worldwide. Members of the network, on an individual, local and regional level, organize lectures, projects, workshops and distribute newsletters and other informational material to promote, teach and implement design for sustainability with all of its facets in mind.

The  $O_2$  Hubs are regional coordinators in areas where there are 2 or more local  $O_2$  Groups or Liaisons. The following regions/ countries have  $O_2$  Hubs: Europe (Southeast), India, Nordic, Switzerland, UK and USA.

The O<sub>2</sub> Groups are local organizations and can be found in Croatia, Finland, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, USA Bay Area, USA Chicago, USA Indiana, USA Michigan, USA New York City and USA Pennsylvania and USA Upper Midwest.

The O<sub>2</sub> Liaisons are local individual contacts who represent their regions in the global network. There are currently over 84 O<sub>2</sub> Liaisons on 6 continents representing 54 countries (and still counting).

The  $O_2$  Global Network foundation was established in 1994 as an independent organization with the aim of keeping everyone in  $O_2$  linked and communicating with one another. This is achieved primarily through the use of electronic media: a website and an electronic mailing list.

The O<sub>2</sub> website (www.o2.org)

is an English language website intended as both a starting point for people initially investigating sustainable design and a source of information and inspiration for active  $O_2$ 's, keeping them connected and informed of the goals and activities of other network members. Many of the  $O_2$  Hubs and Groups also maintain their own websites dedicated to regional and local interests and activities with information often written in the local language.

The O<sub>2</sub> mailing list (<a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/o2mailinglist/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/o2mailinglist/</a>), written in English, is the central discussion, announcement and exchange e-mail list for O<sub>2</sub> Global Network. There are currently over 1700 members worldwide.

We challenge you to engage in sustainable design. Go visit the O<sub>2</sub> Website. Get in touch with us through e-mail (global@o2.org) and subscribe to the mailing list.