

# Join Us: Our Memberships



"the gathering tree"

We are a worldwide organization for interpreters, educators, and designers who are committed to enriching the experience of leisure visitors with this planet's natural and cultural treasures, developing a serious educational response to its environmental problems, and fostering contemplative experiences to nurture deeper human relationships with its ecological systems and communities.

The third planet from the sun is in deep ecological trouble. It needs knowledgeable champions and dedicated servants to help its human passengers build an understanding of, appreciation for, and harmony with its panoply of life. We believe that solutions for our environmental problems require major changes in our lifestyles, and new perspectives on our relationship with planet Earth. Although we are not a broad-based membership organization, but a small band of committed professionals, we will send you an Annual Report on what we are doing on your behalf to make a difference, and share insights on what others are thinking about for doing the same. And our worldwide Associates and Affiliates stand ready to share their own experience in this vital quest.

You will be joining people who:

- ⊕ craft deep personal relationships with this planet and its life
- ⊕ develop magical learning adventures about natural systems and communities
- ⊕ design enriching experiences for those visiting our natural and cultural treasures
- ⊕ strive to live more lightly and joyously on this incredible oasis in space
- ⊕ believe that human silence is the aperture through which nature's essence often reveals itself

Our programs are already underway in countries around the world. If you are not familiar with our work, you owe it to yourself, your learners, and your colleagues to find out about us. Discover how interpretive design is challenging one of the world's most important professions. Learn how you can implement an earth education program in your own setting and situation. Ponder your own relationship with the planet, and your role as both its champion and its servant. Most important, know that you are supporting the only organization of its kind developing and disseminating focused educational programs addressing the planet's environmental problems, while promoting a richer and deeper relationship with it.

We promise that we will continue speaking out whenever necessary within the field to both confront and inspire those who want to make a difference in the health and vitality of planet Earth. This is the century that will determine the ecological outcome for everything on board this marvelous vessel of life we share voyaging in the grandeur of the cosmos. Each of us must choose the role we will play on this journey.

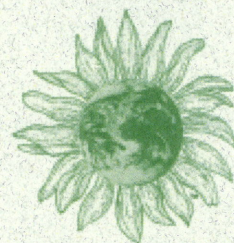


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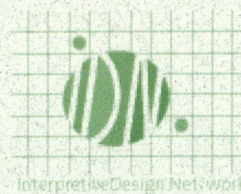
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