

About Us

The Indie Game Developer Network (IGDN) is an international volunteer trade organization that supports indie game developers creating, publishing, and promoting fantastic games. The IGDN brings together a wide variety of developers—including pen and paper, card game, LARP, and board game designers—in a private environment where each and every member strives for excellence. We encourage and seek out diverse voices to join us, particularly among traditionally underrepresented segments of the larger gaming community. All game creators and professionals, including women, people of color, LGBTQIA individuals, and those with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Diversity Statement

The IGDN is steadfast in its promotion of diversity both among its membership and in all facets of gaming. Gaming is not a one-size-fits-all hobby. We support inclusivity in both the products of our member companies and in the membership of our organization. We actively seek out new members from every walk to life to join our numbers.

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Achieving More, Together!

Diversity by Design | Empowering Creators

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IGDN Projects

Metatopia Diversity Sponsorship

In cooperations with Double Exposure, the Indie Game Developer Network sponsors a scholarship to enable diverse game designers to attend Metatopia, the game design conference. The scholarship covers travel, lodging, and a badge so that designers can show off their games and make connections with industry professionals.

Indie Groundbreaker Awards

The Indie Groundbreaker Awards are held at GenCon each year. These awards recognize games (and game designers) who create new and exciting game designs that push the boundaries in innovation, in promoting diversity, and in expanding what it means to be “indie.”

Mentorship Program

The IGDN offers a Mentorship Program for people who are interested in getting help with their game design, but aren't ready or don't wish to be full members of the IGDN. Mentees are paired with an appropriate mentor from the network and work together over a six month period.

Why the IGDN?

Do you want to join a community of creators and game designers that give constructive feedback and support on your projects?

Do you believe games should be for everyone and diverse voices are important?

Are you looking to network with other industry professionals with experience ranging from many books under their belt to a single publication?

If you answered the above questions with a “yes”, apply today!

Benefits of Joining the IGDN

Community

The IGDN is a diverse group of creators, designers, and industry professionals. We work to support one another's projects and in the other daily struggles the industry brings.

Distribution

Working together with distributors, the IGDN provides distribution avenues for full members to sell their games.

Convention Support

Not everyone has the means to go to conventions like GenCon, but members of the IGDN may send their products to many different conferences via the IGDN booths, benefiting from our communal presence at conventions.

Printing Discounts

Full members enjoy the benefits of discounted printing with a trusted printing partner.

Application Process

The IGDN is always looking for new members to diversify our ranks. The application processes can seem overwhelming so we've outlined what ours looks like for applicants.

- Once you email us our Membership Coordinator will send over an application.
- When we have your completed application it is sent to our membership for discussion.
- Then, we vote on your application and you're informed whether or not you've been accepted to join.
- You start off in the IGDN as a probationary member and after a 3 months the IGDN leadership will vote to make you a full member.

IGDN Membership costs \$100 per year. Probationary members are asked to pay \$50 to start and the balance once they're accepted as full members.