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Our Space: Our Future

Dialogues surrounding the artistic and political uses of public space are vital for creating a healthy cultural environment. The Australian Network for Art and Technology (ANAT) are committed to this growth, having recently produced the **Graffiti Research Lab** masterclass in conjunction with Carclew Youth Arts and the Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts and its associated Filter Magazine **UR Space**, which discusses artists' interventions in public spaces. In 2007 ANAT presented **still/open** emerging technology lab, which travelled across Australia in pursuit of open access to knowledge and developing resources for collaboration and distributed development.

Two upcoming Australian events *Electrofringe* and *Making Links* will present two very different perspectives on our space and our future.

Electrofringe 2008, a festival of electronic arts and culture, has a partial focus on the future beyond 2020 with international discussion on "possible futures for community building" (the pros, cons, good, bad, ugly - things that will both help and hinder) incorporating points from web 2.0 and social networking through to new ways of grass roots development given our very connected and still disjointed lives between continents.

The festival's eleventh year will be held over five days from 2nd - 6th of October 2008. The program presents workshops, panel discussions, masterclasses, presentations, exhibitions and screenings. ANAT's embracing sound program manager Sarah Last will be presenting on the panel, *Together for the Foreseeable Future* with fellow guests Alessandro Ludovico (Bari, Italy), Xtine Burrough (Los Angeles, USA), John Jacobs (Sydney) and Somaya Langley (Sydney/Berlin, Germany) on **Friday 3rd October, 10:00am - 11:30am**. <http://www.electrofringe.net/>.

The *Making Links* conference is the leading forum for the non-profit sector to showcase work and to explore current and emerging new media and information and communications technology (ICT).

The 5th *Making Links* conference will be held at Melbourne University from the 11-13th of November 2008. Register before Monday 22nd September for the early bird discount. ANAT's Filter Magazine #65, *This is not Open Source* will be appearing in all conference packs! To register for the conference visit to <http://www.makinglinks.org.au>, or contact Finn O'Keefe at fokeefe@afao.org.au.

ANAT encourages you to attend the above events and if in financial need there is still time for you to apply for our quick response Professional Development Travel Grant (PDTG). Applications close 30 September 2008 for funding to be used from 21 October to 31 January 2008. For more information please visit www.anat.org.au or contact Warren Veljanovski at anat@anat.org.au or 08 8231 9037.



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