PLEASE MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT THE O₂ GLOBAL NETWORK FOUNDATION AND BECOME AN O₂ FRIEND!

How to become an O₂ Friend
You can become an O₂ Friend and help the O₂ Global Network continue to grow and to inform, inspire and connect more people globally who are interested in sustainable design, by making a financial contribution to the O₂ Global Network foundation. We will then list your name (unless you’d prefer to remain anonymous) as an O₂ Friend at www.o2.org. We would be most grateful for your support of the O₂ Global Network’s non-stop, non-profit efforts! No amount is too small! Your donation will help us to cover basic operational expenses such as provider’s fees, chamber of commerce dues, secretarial costs and will assist us in supporting and expanding the global network of O₂ Hubs, O₂ Groups, O₂ Liaisons and O₂’s through outreach and networking events.

Donation information
Donations to the O₂ Global Network foundation (Stichting O2 Global Network) can be made by cheque or electronic transfer or through PayPal, using one of the following credit or debit cards:
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For cheques or electronic bank transfers, please include the information below. The Triodos bank will accept all currencies however Euros are preferable, if possible, as they incur no additional conversion service fee.

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Please be sure to include your contact information so that we may thank you. We can provide a receipt for those who wish. Your donation may be tax deductible, depending upon the regulations of your country of residence.

If you need more info, please mail us.

Thank you very much!
The O₂ Global Network foundation
Ernst-Jan van Hattum, Martha Kellerhals and Adital Ela
**WHAT IS THE $O_2$ GLOBAL NETWORK FOUNDATION?**
The $O_2$ Global Network foundation ("Stichting" in Dutch) is a non-profit foundation established and registered in the Netherlands in 1994 as an independent organization, not representing any single country or region, but with the purpose of enabling everyone in $O_2$ globally to stay linked and communicating. The primary activities of the $O_2$ Global Network foundation are hosting and maintaining the $O_2$ website, monitoring and maintaining the ever-growing electronic $O_2$ mailing list and promoting and supporting the growing global network with $O_2$ Hubs, $O_2$ Groups and $O_2$ Liaisons (current numbers: 70 $O_2$ Liaisons, on 6 continents, representing 47 countries) - a real global growing web. The $O_2$ list has increased from 40 or so participants in 1994 to its current membership, twelve years later, of over 1200 subscribers – referred to as $O_2$s - from all over the world. While the website is often the first stop for people new to sustainable design, the mailing list offers an intercultural forum for subscribers, whether members of a local groups or individuals pursuing their sustainable design goals on their own, to discuss themes, exchange ideas, announce upcoming events and generally tap into an enormous data base of experience and knowledge from sustainable design enthusiasts and experts around the world.

**SHARING VISIONS, EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES**
In October of 2005, with the goal of further connecting and providing a forum of communication for network members, the foundation organized and hosted the first $O_2$ Global Network International Meeting in Farnham, UK, following the Centre for Sustainable Design Sustainable Innovation 05 conference. The $O_2$GN International Meeting offered $O_2$ liaisons from regional hubs and local groups an opportunity to get together for a working meeting to introduce themselves and present the goals and objectives of their groups in the form of an A3 poster, share global and local visions, experiences and challenges and collaboratively seek solutions. Those who were interested in having a presence but unable to attend were invited to send a poster to be presented at the meeting. A dozen people representing $O_2$ England, $O_2$ Germany, $O_2$ Netherlands, $O_2$ Nordic, $O_2$ UK, $O_2$ Wales and the $O_2$ Global Network foundation, presented their posters and participated in the hands-on meeting. Posters from $O_2$ Italy, $O_2$ Japan and $O_2$ NYC were sent in and presented to the attendees. All who participated agreed that the meeting was a success and should be repeated on at least a biennial basis.

**WHO IS THE $O_2$ GLOBAL NETWORK FOUNDATION?**
The foundation has a 5-member board with 3 operational members and 2 advisory members.

**Operational Board**
Chair: Ernst-Jan van Hattum (Dutch, currently residing in Switzerland)
Adital Ela (Israel)
Martha Kellerhals (American, currently residing in Switzerland)

**Strategic Advisory Board**
Martin Charter (UK)
Ursula Tischner (Germany)

**WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**
The $O_2$ Global Network has maintained a significant presence in the world of sustainable design for nearly 2 decades. The network is open to all globally with a sincere interest in sustainable design, and for that reason, from the start, no fee has been charged for membership. Yet, as the network continues successfully to grow, the day-to-day
demands of managing and moderating the mailing list, maintaining the website and promoting O₂ through conferences and other venues – all tasks which are handled by dedicated individuals, often on a voluntary basis - also increase. We rely upon donations to cover basic operating expenses such as provider fees, secretarial costs and annual foundation dues to the Dutch chamber of commerce.

In addition to easing the pinch of administrative expenses, your contribution can help to cover the costs of:

- the next O₂GN International Meeting - an event which we would like to repeat every 2 years, in a different location each time, in an effort to offer an opportunity for O₂ Global Network members from around the world to share their insights, compare notes with one another, brainstorm and troubleshoot - essentially, to move their discussions and exchanges of wisdom and experience from the virtual world into the real world,
- an O₂ Forum, which would support the O₂ Mailing List and provide members with an efficient and effective way to focus in on the ideas and issues which interest them the most by participating in or simply following discussions on specific topics,
- O₂ postcards with essential information to assist new O₂ Liaisons and will enable the O₂ Global Foundation to continue its strategic cooperation with global partners.

It is our wish to remain independent globally, not representing any single geographic or cultural region, but supporting all of you: O₂s, O₂ hubs, O₂ groups, O₂ liaisons and new, not yet known contacts. We therefore ask you to please consider in which ways the O₂ Global Network may have helped you and others tackle the challenges of sustainable design and help us to continue to inform, inspire and connect by making a financial contribution and become an O₂ Friend.

Thank you!
The O₂ Global Network Foundation