

SomethingDark contributor profiles & Toolkit information

Introducing the SDK Contributor Directory

Welcome to SomethingDark (SDK). We look forward to a mutually rewarding venture that will see your work published in *SomethingDark* webMagazine. This venture begins with your contributor profile, so we need to explain why this is so, and what it is all about.

Firstly, we state unequivocally that we support the artists, photographers and writers who contribute to *SomethingDark* webMagazine. We emphasise a collaborative approach, and, when we can afford to pay contributors for their creative output, we will do so with great pleasure.

Secondly, it's important for us to emphasise that we host profiles *only* for contributors to *SomethingDark* webMagazine: a profile is *not* offered to anybody else.

Profiles consist of a self-portrait or other image that represents you or your work, some very basic information about you, your nominated email address so interested parties can contact you (rendered as a spam-proof image), a short biographical text supplied by yourself, and links to your contributions to SDK webMagazine.

Importantly for you, your profile will host links for up to four websites that you nominate, and through our site statistics we have conclusive evidence that our contributor profiles direct SomethingDark visitors to contributors' own websites. Most of these visitors will be people who may never have encountered your work before but are specifically interested in you *because* of your contribution to *SomethingDark* webMagazine. (If you're interested in some of the finer points of our advanced use of web technology, please see our [HTML vs Flash](#) page, particularly the sections "Optimisation" and "Dynamic data", or download the PDF from the [What is SDK?](#) page).

Contributors' profiles are grouped in the SDK Contributor Directory according to field of creativity (broadly speaking, whether you are an artist, photographer or writer). The Contributor Directory is an interactive index of SDK contributors via the reciprocal links between contributors' profiles and their specific contributions in *SomethingDark* webMagazine; the directory is therefore important for the navigational functioning of the broader SDK site. The Contributor Directory also serves as a record of all the creative people who have been a part of *SomethingDark* webMagazine and is important for SDK's integrity.

The SDK contributor 'Toolkit'

Our Toolkit is a custom-designed piece of web development; its purpose is to simplify contributor profile construction as much as possible. Its value to contributors and to us will increase as SomethingDark grows and expands, and is evidence of our commitment to a long-term project.

Upon initial agreement to contribute to *SomethingDark* webMagazine, you will be provided with a unique login to the Toolkit.

If there's anything you'd like to bring to our attention (such as a request to include your phone number in your profile so interested visitors can contact you that way), please mention it in the Notes field at the bottom of the form.

If you have any queries regarding the Toolkit or with any aspect of assembling a basic SDK profile, please do not hesitate to contact us.