



**ZERO
DOLLAR
LAPTOP**

Workshop 3. Finding What You Need – Creating Your Own Look

Overview - what this workshop covers

Effective Web Searching, Web Resources, Customising Your Laptop

Date: 4 Feb 2010	Time: 2.00pm-5.00pm
Context: Participants will be taught how to help themselves using the web - how to find the enormous amount of excellent resources available for free on the internet. They will begin to personalise their laptop Looking online at artistic projects that focus on desktops and screensavers. Discussions of copyright and copy left Looking at archives of Creative Commons images (eg Flickr)	Learning Objectives: Participants will learn how to use search engines effectively in order to find resources to customise their laptops. They will learn how to customise the appearance of their computer desktop – wallpaper, windowing system, login screen, login sound, screen saver etc.
Notes: By week 6 participants will be well down the road of personalising their laptop, both their desktop (software) and the external casing with designs created in sessions 4 & 5.	Resources: Fact sheet (supplied by tutor) containing lesson notes and useful websites. Some inspirational and creative examples of personalisation

Conclusion - what this workshop will teach us to do

- A tour of inspirational examples of artists working with personalisation
- web resources e.g. Freesound and free photo, graphics and movie websites.
- Replacing default desktop wallpaper and logins screen images with those chosen by participants.
- Participants will choose the windowing style which suits them and a screen saver.
- Participants will be taught to use search engines more effectively to help them find what is available (and what they want) on the web. This is an extremely important aspect of the course as it leads to a greater sense of autonomy and empowerment.