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Maximizing Your Public Relations Strategy for Success

Tactics for Non Profit
Organizations

Public Relations is Human Relations

- The main goal of PR is to enhance your company or non-profit's reputation and community presence.
- Strategic planning and utilization of every possible communication tool will increase your visibility and exposure.
- Communication tools must be integrated across all mediums to maximize your efforts.

What's in Your Communications Toolbox?

Today's PR Tools

- Public Relations: Media Relations
- Press Releases, Media Advisory
- Calendar Posting of special events
- Paid Advertising Print & Online
- Tapping BOD, members, existing audiences
- Website, Blog
- E-mail marketing, E-Newletters
- Social Media Platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Special Events, Eventbrite
- Society Post-Press
- Mobile applications

Core Messaging Principles

- Content Control take control of your message and how its distributed.
- Connect the Dots make sure all your information is integrated, consistent and clear.
- Wear Your Personality don't be a corporate entity – be a passionate "people" with a goal.
- Align with your Brand vision and mission

Content

- Website visually appealing, easy to navigate, news room, event section, email capture, social media links
- Email Database update continuously, engage supporters; Mail Chimp, Constant Contact
- Social Media Create weekly posts, use photos, hashtags, and links, @journalistname
- Media Relations build your list, deploy to beat reporters, follow/like on social media

Media Outlets and Reporters

- Create a media database of the media outlets in your geographic area, regional area, statewide and national
- Cision's, Meltwater have media list building capabilities
- Key in the "beat reporters". Culture, Food, Community News, Local, TGIF, etc.
- Be vigilant about updating, journalist are very fluid

Be Strategic

- Plan in advance 3, 6, 12 month targets
- Anticipate unplanned opportunities
- Integrate all of your external communication
- Align with sponsors and partners
- Review editorial calendars, calendar post deadlines for print, and online
- Create tactics, and follow-through

Press Release & Pitch

- Script press releases to be short and concise
- Plan long lead time for magazines: 4 6 months in advance. Daily's 5 – 8 weeks
- Solid pitch with why your story/event deserves priority consideration
- Be familiar with who your pitching. Research their recent stories. Follow on social media

Media Pitch

- ID reporters who cover your industry
- Develop the pitch, never wing it
- Create engaging angle, why now, who cares?
- Call reporter, send press release, info,
- Follow-up, pleasant persistence pays off
- Post with link on Facebook, Twitter,
 @journalist

Press Kit

- Fact Sheet, background, location, etc.
- Bio's on leadership, honorary chairs, etc.
- Annual event list, dates, contact, information
- Short paragraphs on key programs, awards
- Media contacts, website URL, social media, etc.
- Photo library: USB, or Dropbox link
- Collateral pieces, printed materials

Social Media Integration is Essential



facebook



Use A Facebook Page for your nonprofit, Not a Group



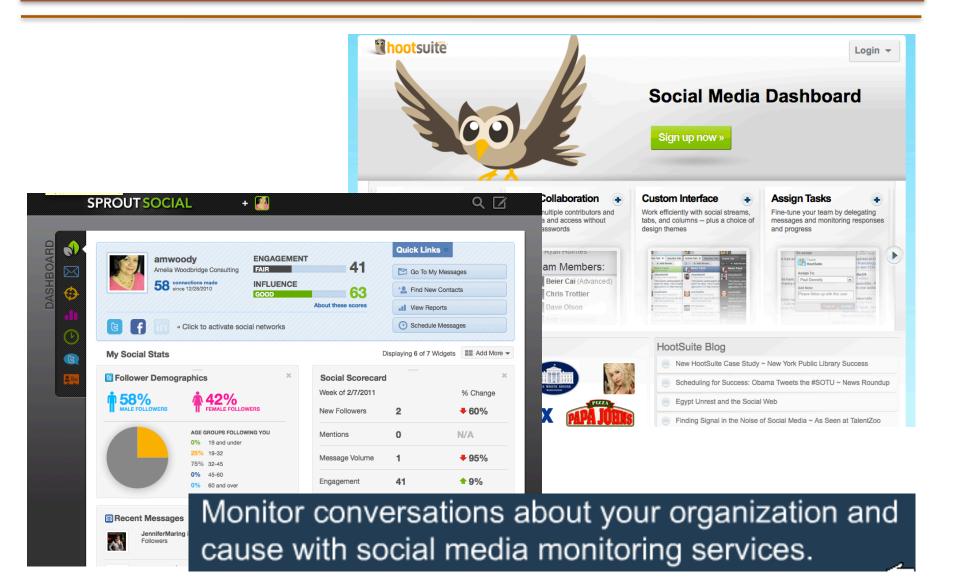


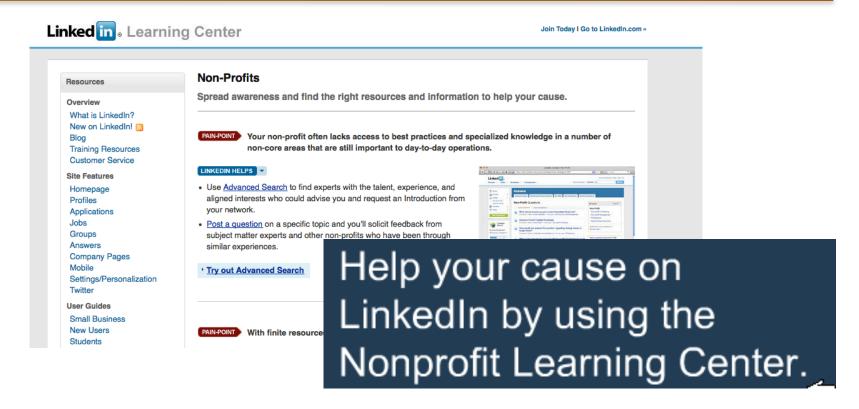
Ask for Facebook LIKES

- 1) Ask followers to like your update to improve engagement
- 2) Post photos of your supporters and influencers. Tag photo ID's
- 5) Add Event landing page and send invites to followers
- 6) Encourage follows/volunteers/ambassadors to leverage events through their followers

 Use Landing Pages on Facebook for events, premier activities, or special features





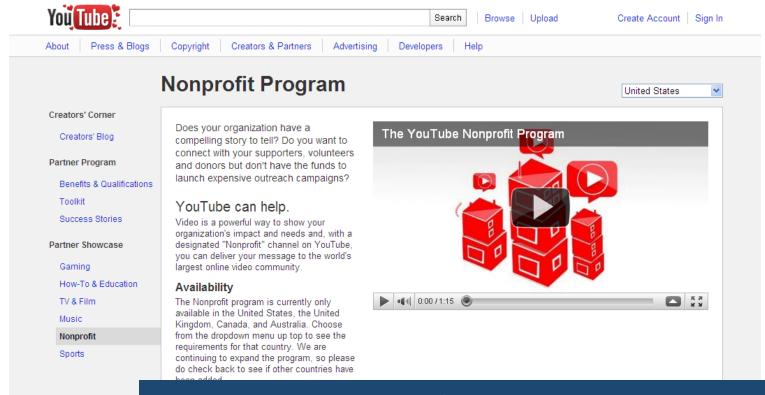


<u>Advanced Search</u> to find experts, expand networks, and build new partnerships

<u>Post a question</u> and solicit feedback from subject matter experts and other non-profits

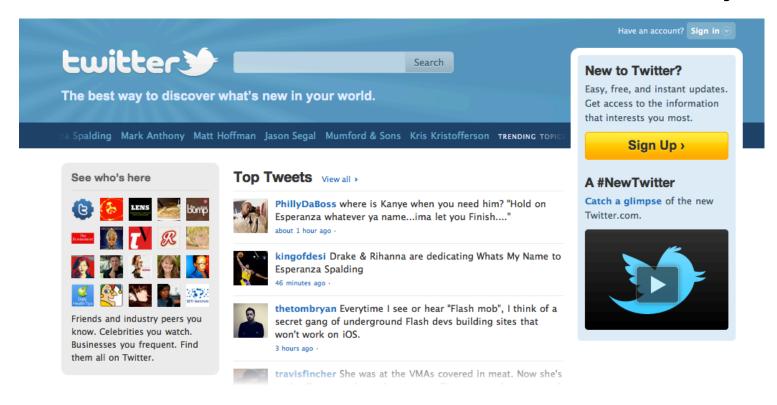
Start a <u>LinkedIn Group</u> and encourage members to become an ambassador for you and build credibility on their profile for your organization

YouTube Nonprofit Program

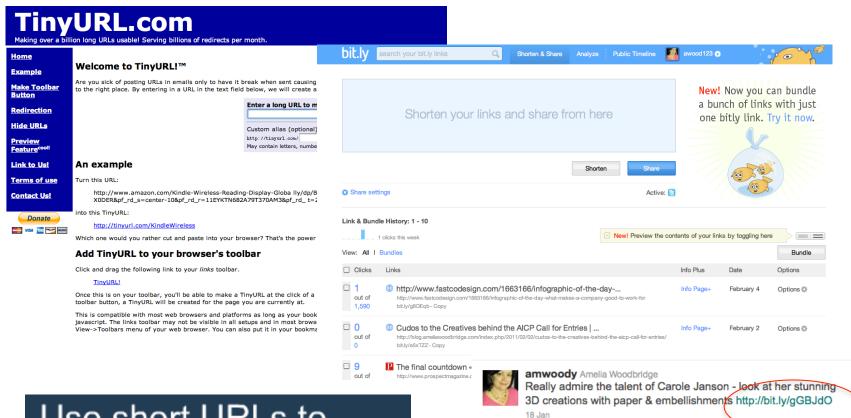


Capture the essence of your organization on YouTube. Tell your Story. Become a YouTube Nonprofit Partner

Twitter Post 2-3 Times Daily



Research, follow relevant media. Use Photos, Visuals & Hashtags Retweet relevant media posts. Like. Shout outs for coverage



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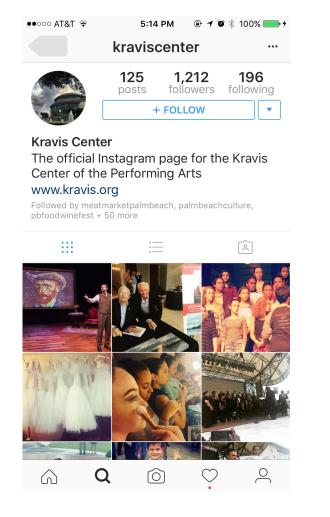
Email traffic, social media use, web site growth - pingdom provides all the reference data about 2010 you need here http://bit.ly

Use short URLs to track link performance (bit.ly, tinyurl.com).

Instagram

- 500 million users interact with visual content
- Create a strategy, and a flow
- Identify and follow influencers and media
- Review and Like influencer account posts
- Post once or twice a day to build a presence
- Good content and great photography are key
- Research, and use popular, relevant #hashtags

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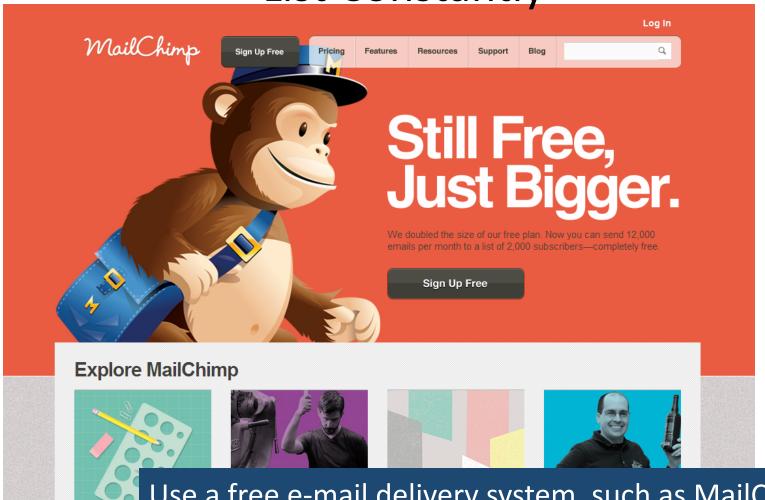


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E-mail Marketing Delivers – Grow Your List Constantly



Use a free e-mail delivery system, such as MailChimp to connect with supporters.

E-News & Event E-Blasts

- •Write subject line first Short and clever
- Keep to 350 words or less
- Consider the tone make it friendly and warm
- •Use multiple calls-to-action, hyper-links to website, ticketing
- Personalize with first name
- Use quality art and images watch copyrights
- Leave white space
- Incorporate social media links: Share on Twitter, Facebook

5 Email Tactics Not to Forget

<u>Really Thank Your Supporters</u> – not just a thank you but with info on how their support helps you.

<u>Encourage them to share</u> – word of mouth and personal recommendations are the most powerful

<u>Get Feedback</u> – Use polls, surveys, forms and other methods of feedback to show them you value their opinion. You can also elicit testimonials to post on your website

<u>Connect with social media</u> – Share, ask for the like, and tell them what you'll provide that is worth paying attention to.

<u>Link to your website</u> – Link constituents to your site, and give them easy links back to important pages on your website like your events calendar, and donation page.

Closing Comments

- PR increases credibility
- PR builds identity and reinforces your brand
- PR increases goodwill
- PR is cost effective
- PR increases visibility
- PR generates name recognition
- PR broadens your message

Thank you!

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