

Local Engagement Workshop Using Social Media to Amplify Your Stories

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About me:

- 12 Years working at the BBC developing and delivery campaigns across TV, Radio, Online, offline
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- Particular interest in community engagement and outreach in the Cultural Sector (worked for NPG, Museum of London) Jodi Awards, Heritage Award
- Passionate about digital storytelling

National Portrait Gallery





What YOU want from today

- · Understanding how it all works
- . How to make greater use of the platforms and limitations
- Time Constraints Social Media Management
- Dos and Don't / Limitations
- Why should we bother
- Ideas and inspiration for how to use social media to engage communities
- Insight into use of media old and new for HER outreach purposes





Huge Challenges to Local engagement

- Economic Climate/Cuts
- Local Authority Social Media Communications Policies
- Technical support within LA
- Priority within LA
- HER capacity to build strategies and evaluate results
- Engaging capacity/ability to Engaging minority groups
- Lack of resources/time for building capacity for community projects.
- Confidence / KnowHow Communications /Storytelling
- Local Engagement not a priority for some
- Space to accommodate local groups.

Localism Bill – New opportu

 Changing media landscape - more ways to bring our stories to life

Opportunities

- Localism Bill New opportunities for local engagement through the planning system
- Heritage assets with a community value
- People do care about their local heritage





The Questions What can be done to promote historic environment records, amplify stories to encourage local engagment? What skills do you need to be able to bring your work to life? sound



Who are you trying to reach? Local community • Tourists/visitors Young People / Older People Funders / Philanthropists ? And how are you Trustees • Media – Local, Regional Multiplicating with them? • Like middle organisations / partners • Corporates? • Peggla ::: People Who Don't Know Who You Are sound a var

How to you currently communicate your work? sound := v=

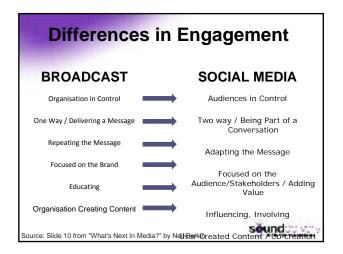
Communications Channels

- · Face to Face
- · Word of mouth
- Phone
- Email
- Enews
- Posters/Print
- Website
- Social Media
- Press Release • Email Signature
- Relationship with journos
- Commenting on blogs/articles etc



What does social media mean to you?





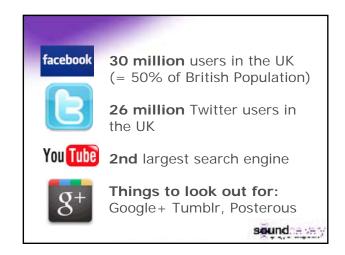


Lots of different tools out there – focus on the key ones

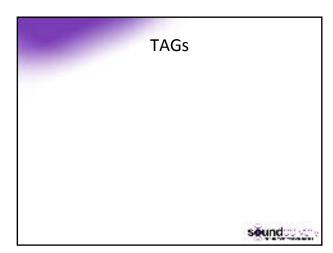
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Ning
- Flickr
- Blogs

Emerging - Audioboo/Foursquare/Pinterest

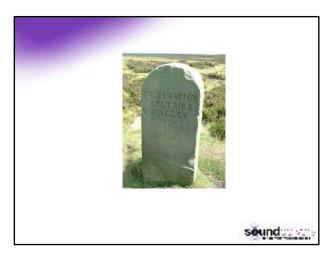










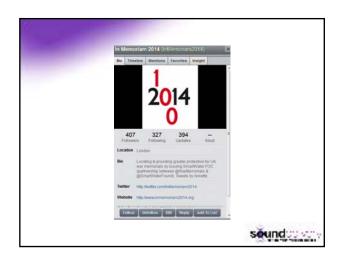






What is Twitter used for? Connecting with other people of similar interests As a news source Keeping up to date with your sector Raising your profile Championing your work Placing yourself/your organisation as an expert on a part

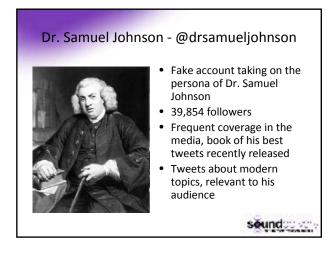
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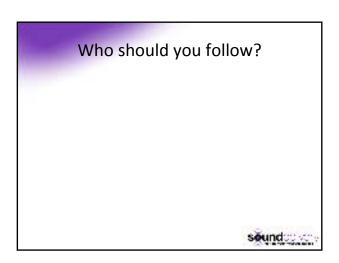














Increasing Your Followers

- Interact with your audience ask questions, answer other people's questions and speak to them as real people
- Comment on others' posts, use Trending Topics and hashtags
- Link to interesting and relevant content around the web – case studies, videos, podcasts and news stories
- Update regularly once a week isn't enough!





Top tips for Twitter

- Reach out
- · Be interested and you will be interesting
- Be yourself and take part in conversations
- Focus on relevance what would *you* be interested in?
- Make your 140 characters count
- Be your own, most constructive critic
- Look at it as a community, not as an advertisment platform

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Table Discussion Twitter Thinking Point



What is a social network?

- Social networks are groups of individuals unified by common
 - Interests
 - Vocations
 - PassionNeeds
- Before the internet these groups were more limited by proximity
- Online social networks benefit from the LONG-TAIL effect





facebook.

- More than 600 million active users
- 50% of active users log on to Facebook in any given day
- More than 3 million active Pages on Facebook
- More than 1.5 million local businesses
- have active Pages on Facebook More than 20 million people become fans of Pages each day





Community Networking

- Small, subject or interest focused social networks
- Often used by small organisations or community groups to help connect their users
- Can be a great way of passing information, asking opinions or supporting your service users
- Could potentially be used as a private place for your staff and volunteers to discuss issues and events







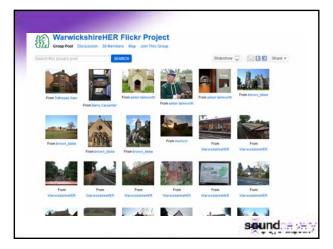


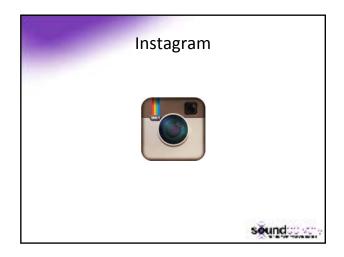
Advantages

- Conversations keep focused as people join based on their interest in one subject
- Ability to support your volunteers even if they don't frequently visit the office
- Groups can be set to entirely private, meaning permission must be granted to join, creating a safe area for volunteers and staff to discuss cases







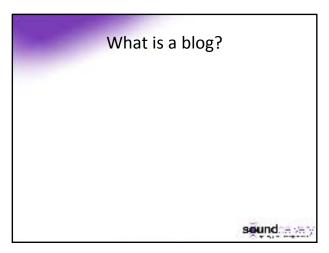












What is a Blog? • A Blog (a contraction of the term "Web log") is a kind of online diary • Usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video • Entries are commonly displayed in reverse-chronological order



How can I find blogs to read?

The best way to get a feel for how blogs are written is to read as many as possible.

Google, Twitter, your networks, blogrolls





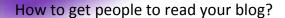
Top tips for Blogging

- Blogs should be seen as conversational not just a one-way communication point.
 Encourage others to interact with you!
- Think of it as keeping in touch with friends be personable, rather than formal and stuffy
- Write like a real person, not a someone from PR
- Write about real experiences, personal views, things that have made you sit up and pay
- Use your blog to link to others, and key points of information relevant to your topic



Blogging

TIPS

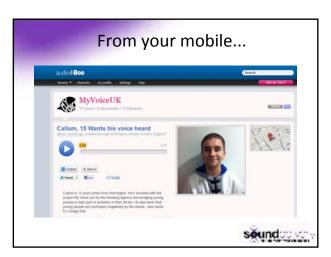


- Read other people's blogs, comment and link back to your own
- Use catchy titles and post pictures
- Different types of blog posts
- Engaging with other platforms
- Use your other social media tools to advertise your new posts
- Clear, searchable urls

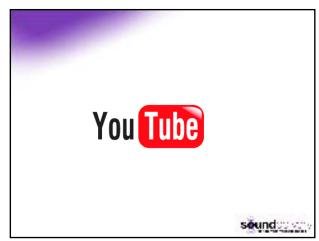
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Why do we need to keep up with emerging trends?

- If we don't, we risk losing touch with our audience
- Miss out on the opportunity to spread the word of your museum, gallery or organisation
- Miss opportunities to market yourself to potential new audiences
- Risk missing exciting new features that we could be using to our advantage
- But at what stage should we come to the party?



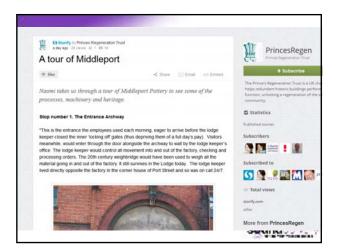














Building your presence / Media Engagement



















Storytelling
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everyones responsibility to a
certain extent.

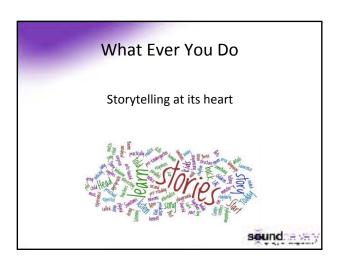






How to making a business case for Social Media





Thank You

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If Time...









