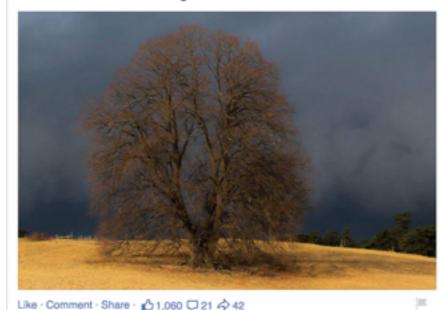




Our big old Basswood north of the Farm Barn yesterday lit up with the sun shining on it and the dark sky in back. It was pretty neat for the 10 minutes it lasted until it started snowing.



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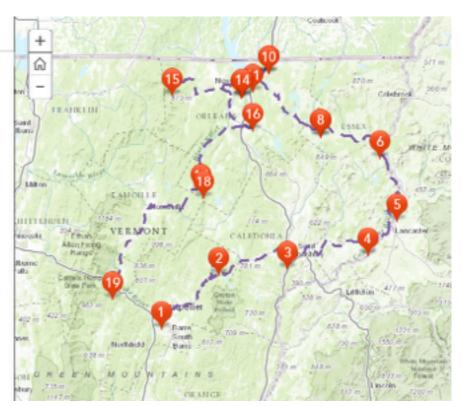
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Every year in February -- yes, February -- the Preservation Trust of Vermont Board, staff and special guests climb aboard a comfy tour bus and go out into the field to learn about the range of projects and issues that define our work in Vermont.

This year, we toured Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. We walked through abandoned places to fully restored buildings, and much in between. We heard from students, teachers, contractors, volunteers, entrepreneurs, citizens, elected officials, and more. We witnessed our communities hard at work. And perhaps most importantly, we experienced first-hand the transformative power of preservation in

Join us on our journey by scrolling through the images below (and clicking for motion and sound when available).



The World of Nonprofit Digital Storytelling



Our mission is to end the injustice of hunger and malnutrition for all Vermonters.





See you down the road with all the blessings the new year brings. The entire Smirkus gang wishes you peace & joy in 2015. (12/2014 Circus Smirkus World HQ Circus Barn via Circus Road in beautiful Greensboro, Vermont.)

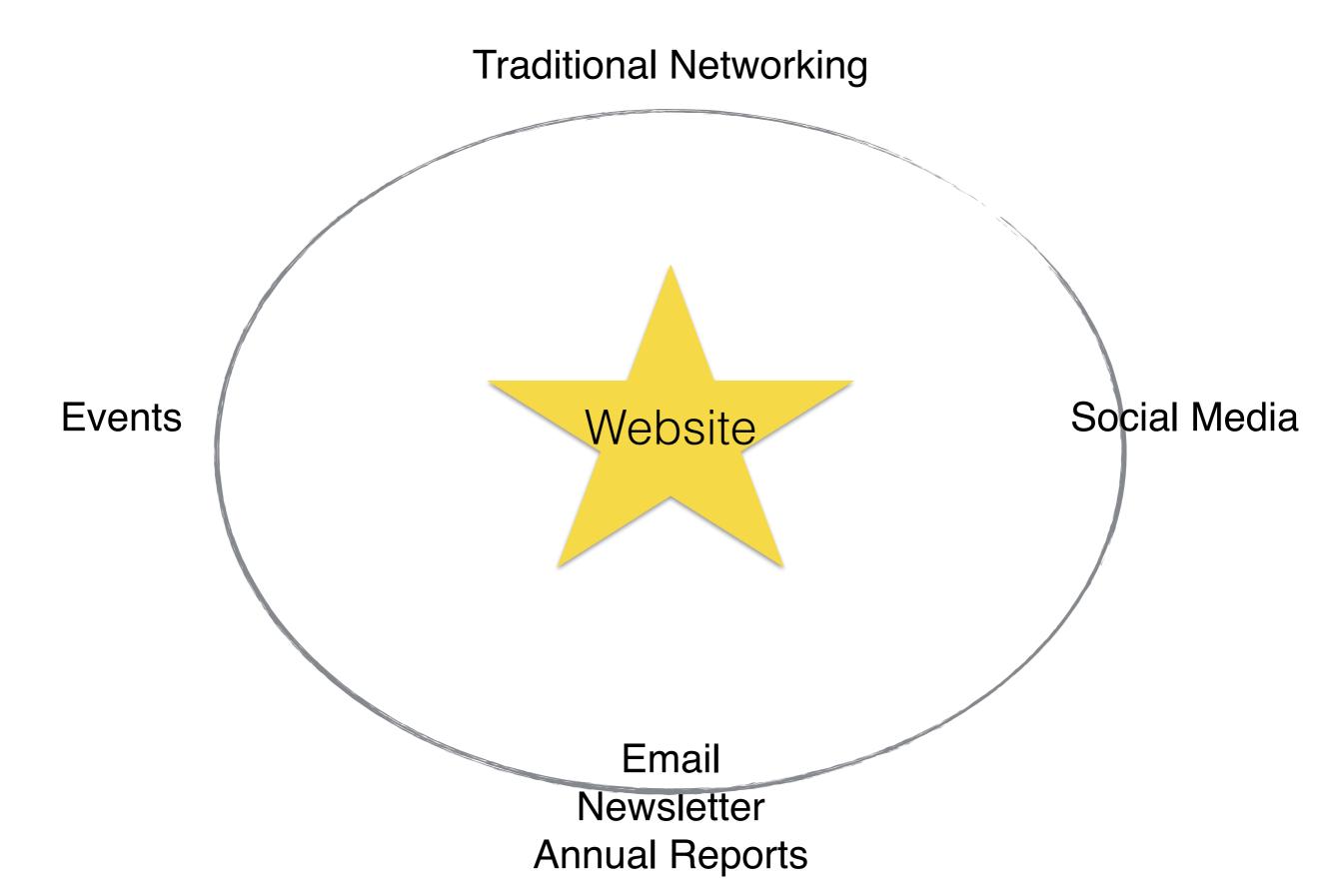
### Hunger is a Twelve-Month Problem



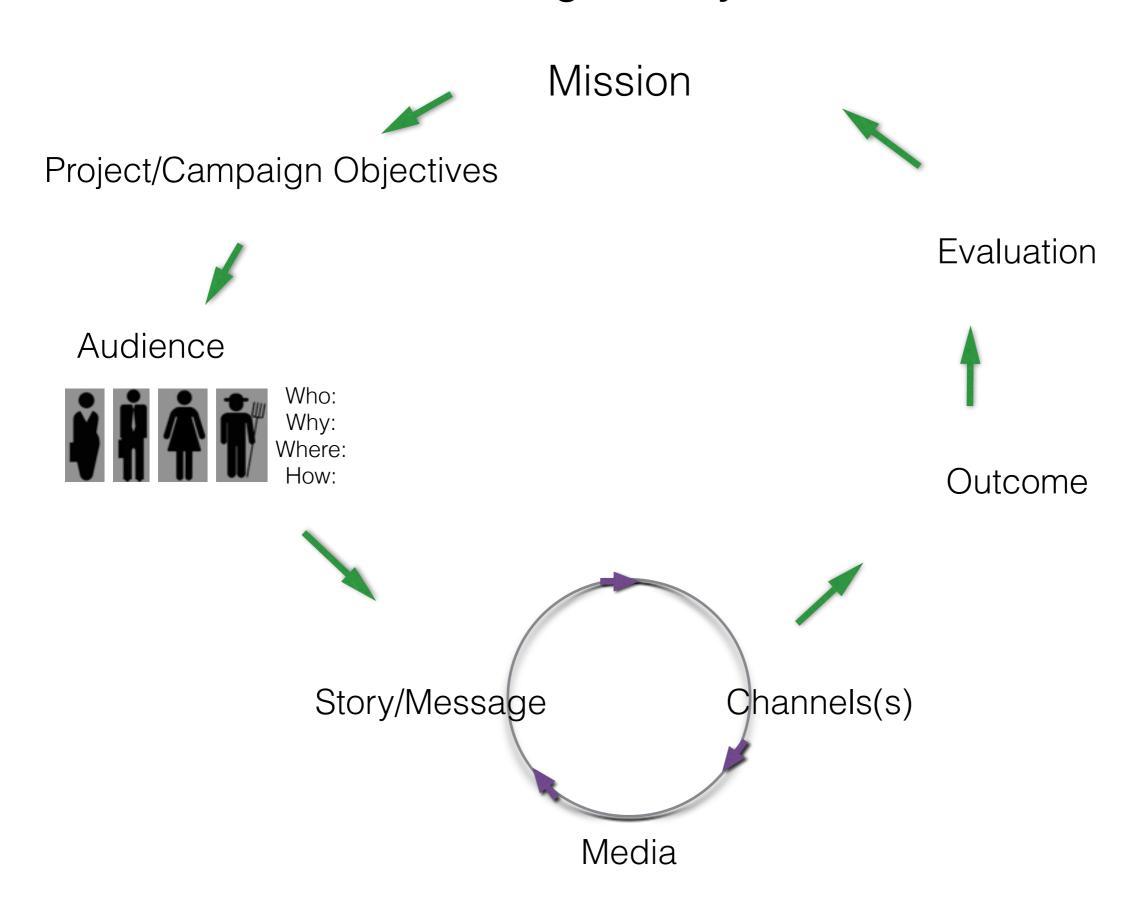
Post by Marissa Parisi, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont

A few winters ago I was driving down Route 7 in January on one of Vermont's brutally cold days. At the corner of Marsette Road in Shelburne, I saw a woman hitchhiking and bundled in many layers. I felt compelled to give this woman a ride and get her out of the cold. I

### **Integrated Communications Strategy**



## Strategic Story Flow



### Agenda

#### Hour One

Laying the Groundwork: Good Stories, Great Stories
Telling Stories, Listening
Diving Right In

#### **Hour Two**

Digital Storytelling -- Not the Same Old Story
The Visual in Digital:
Transforming your Newsletters, Annual Reports and Emails
Trying Out Visual Stories

#### **Ten-Minute Break**

### Hour Three

Social Media and Storytelling: The Case for Blogging & Facebook A Look at Twitter & Instagram

### **Hour Four**

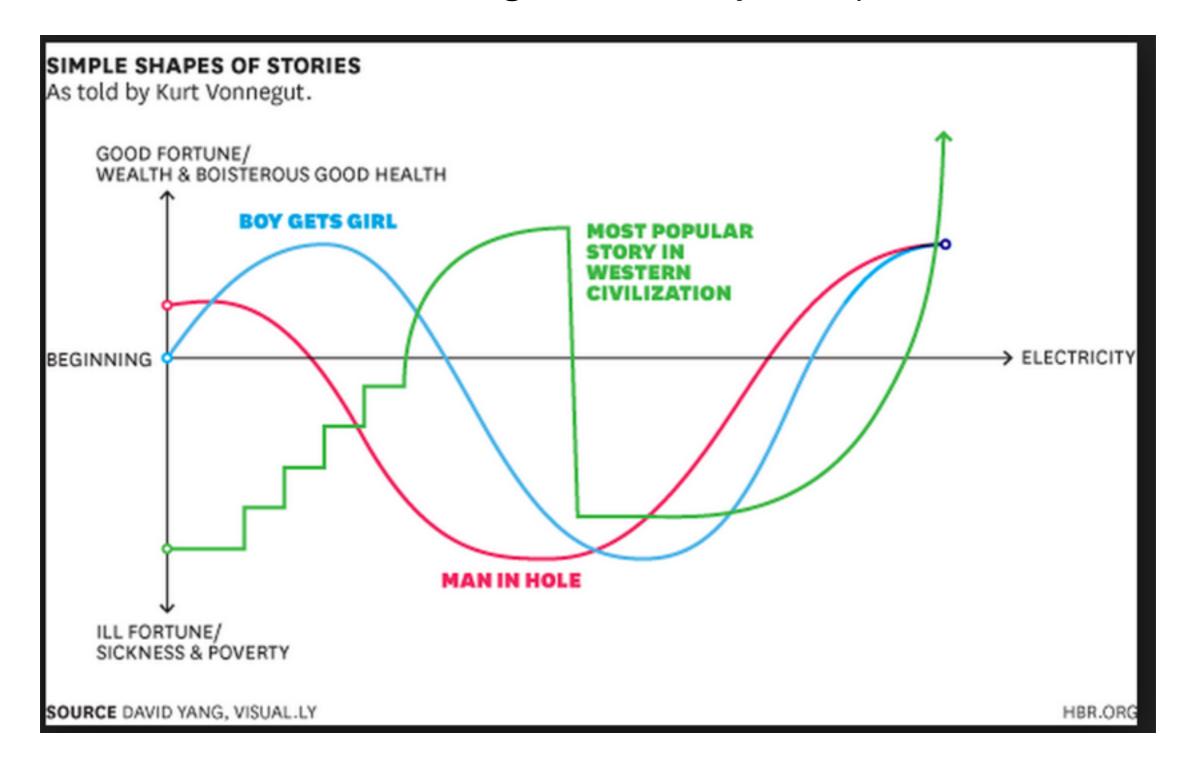
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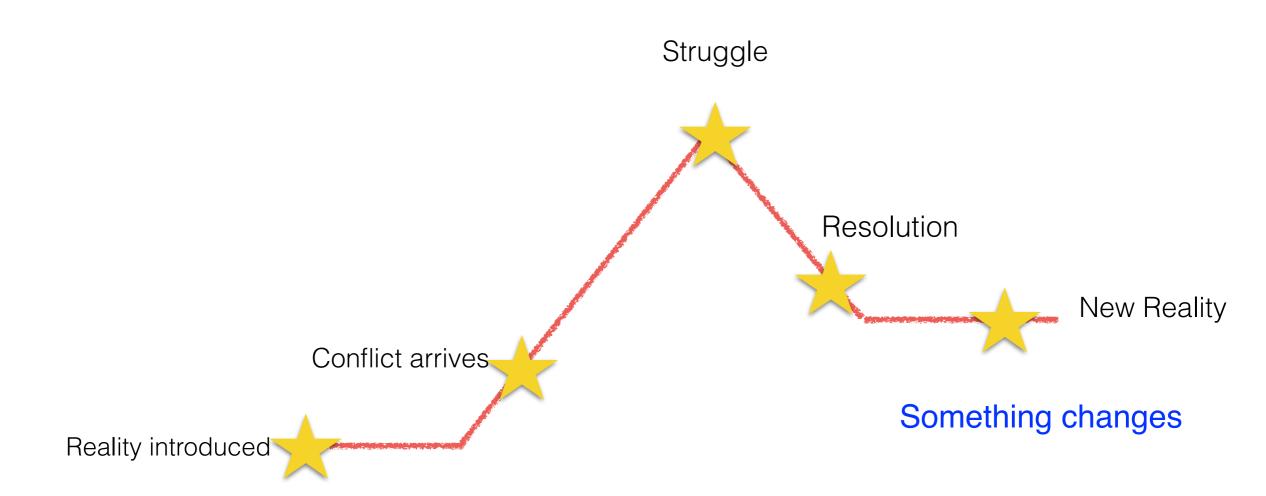




### Kurt Vonnegut on Story Shapes



## What we talk about when we talk about story

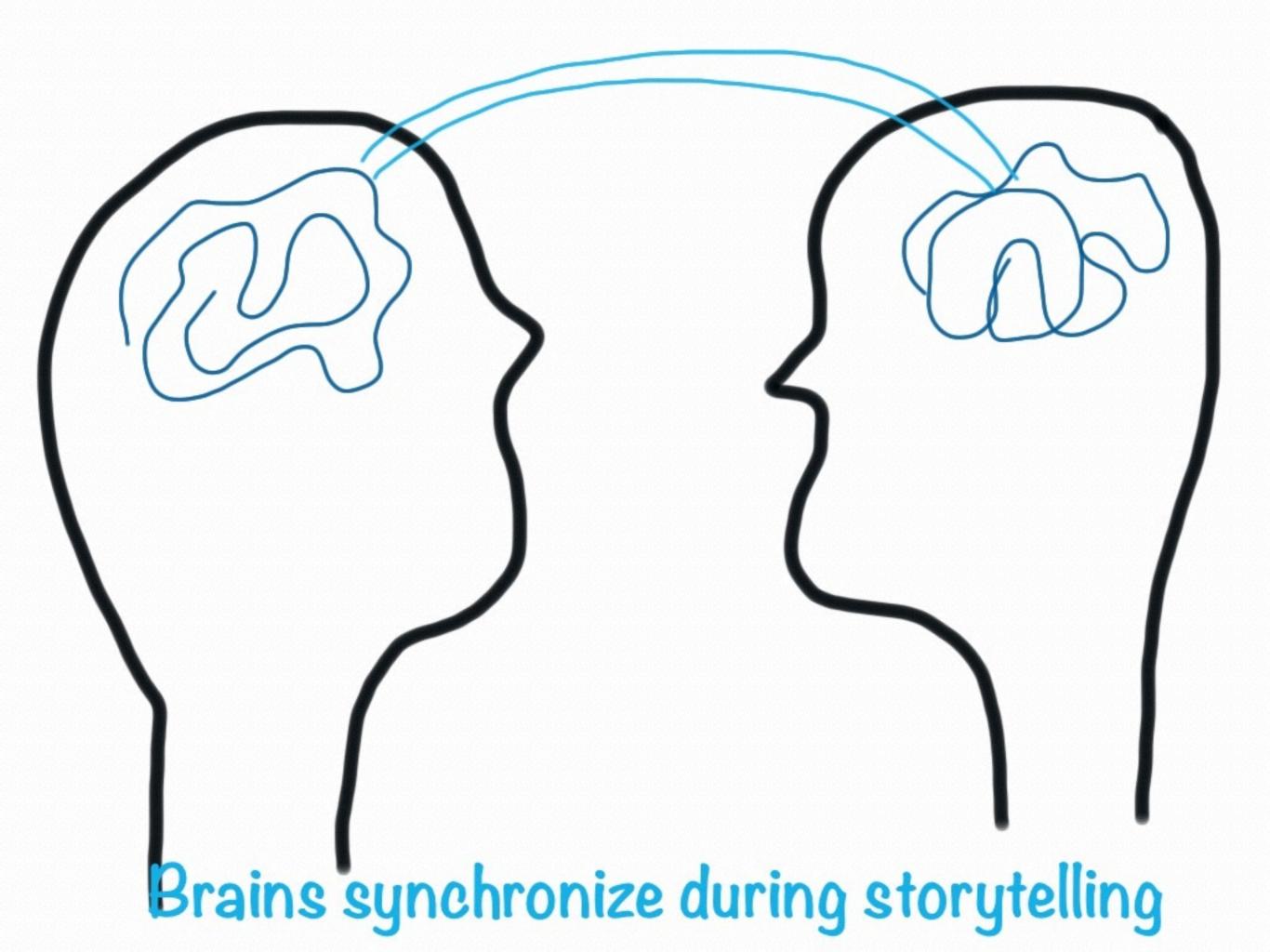


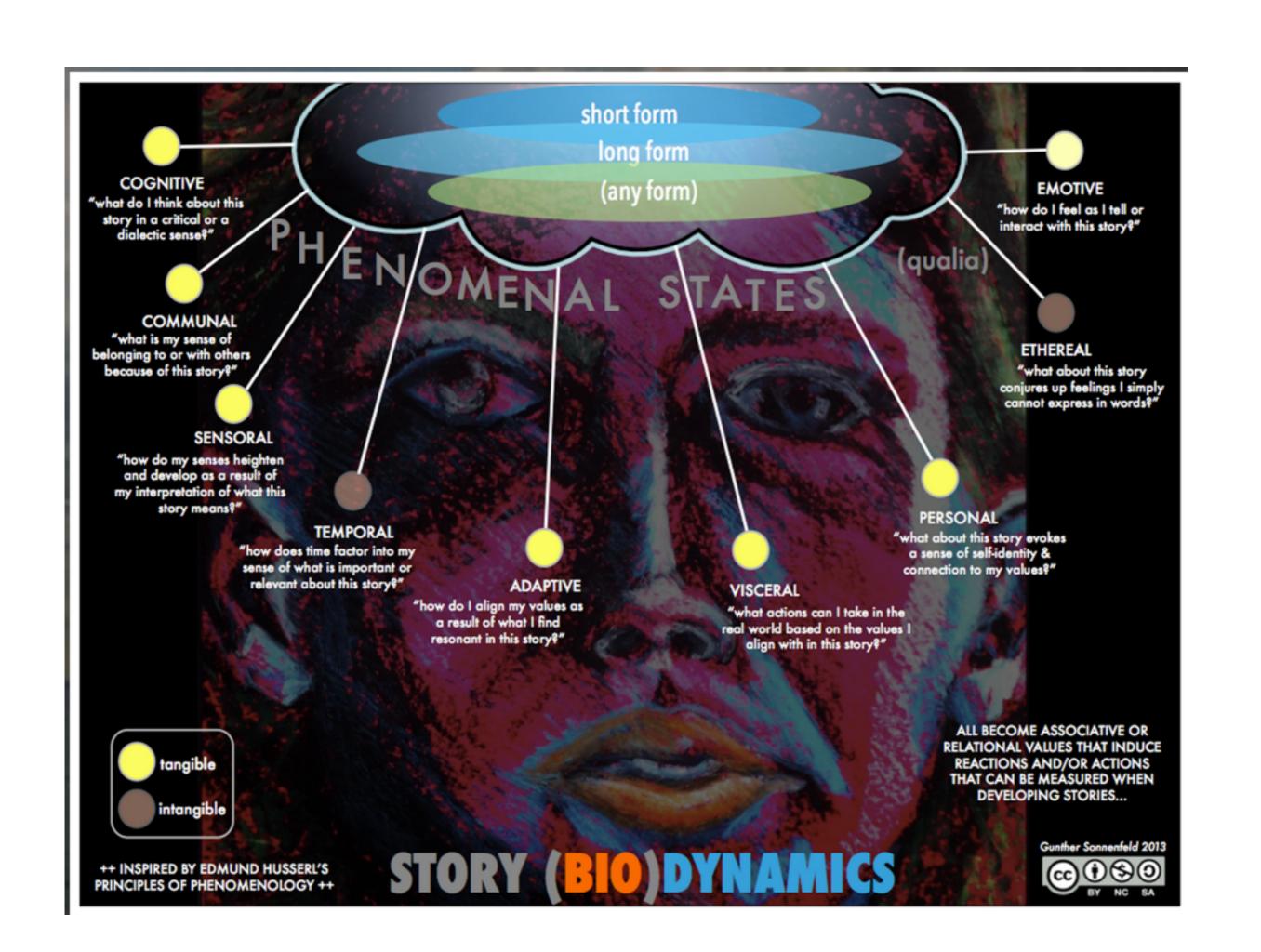
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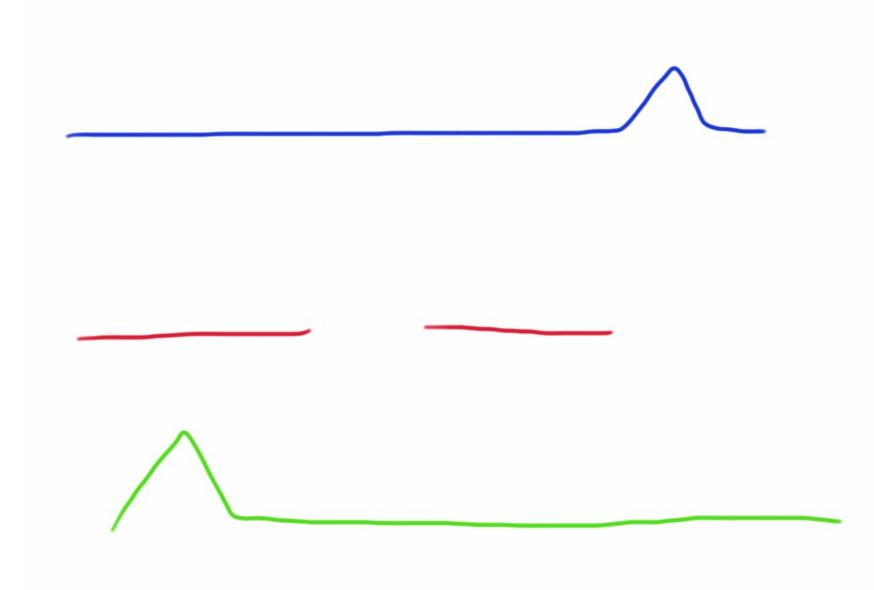


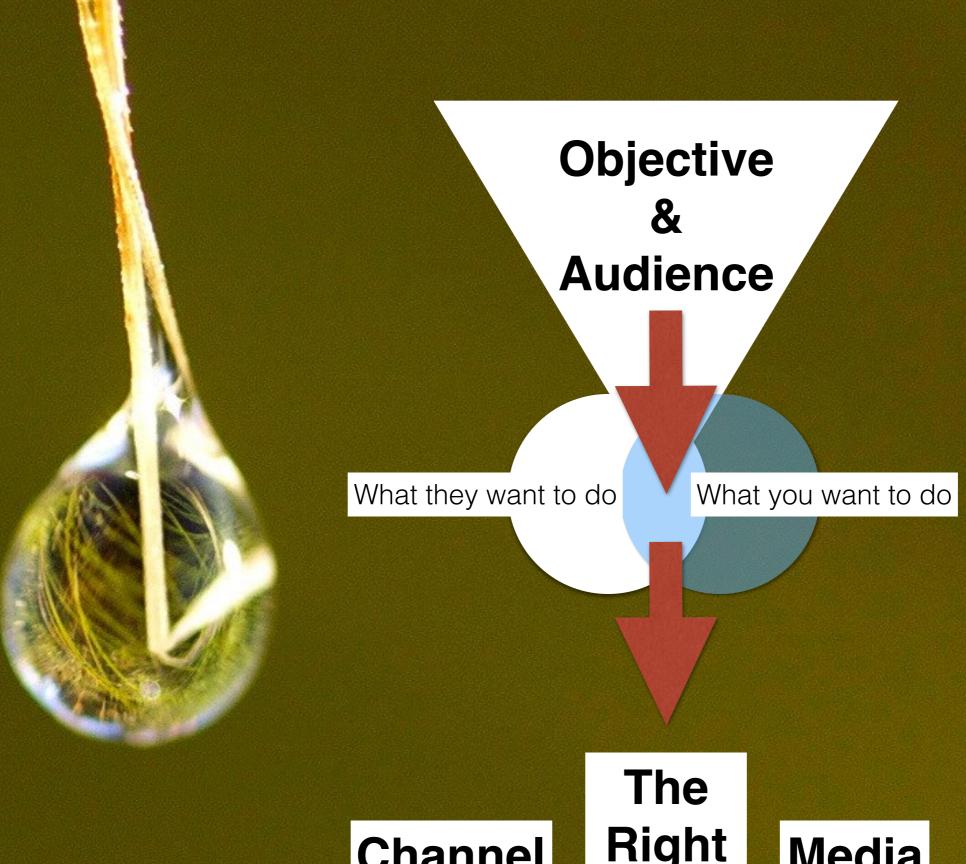






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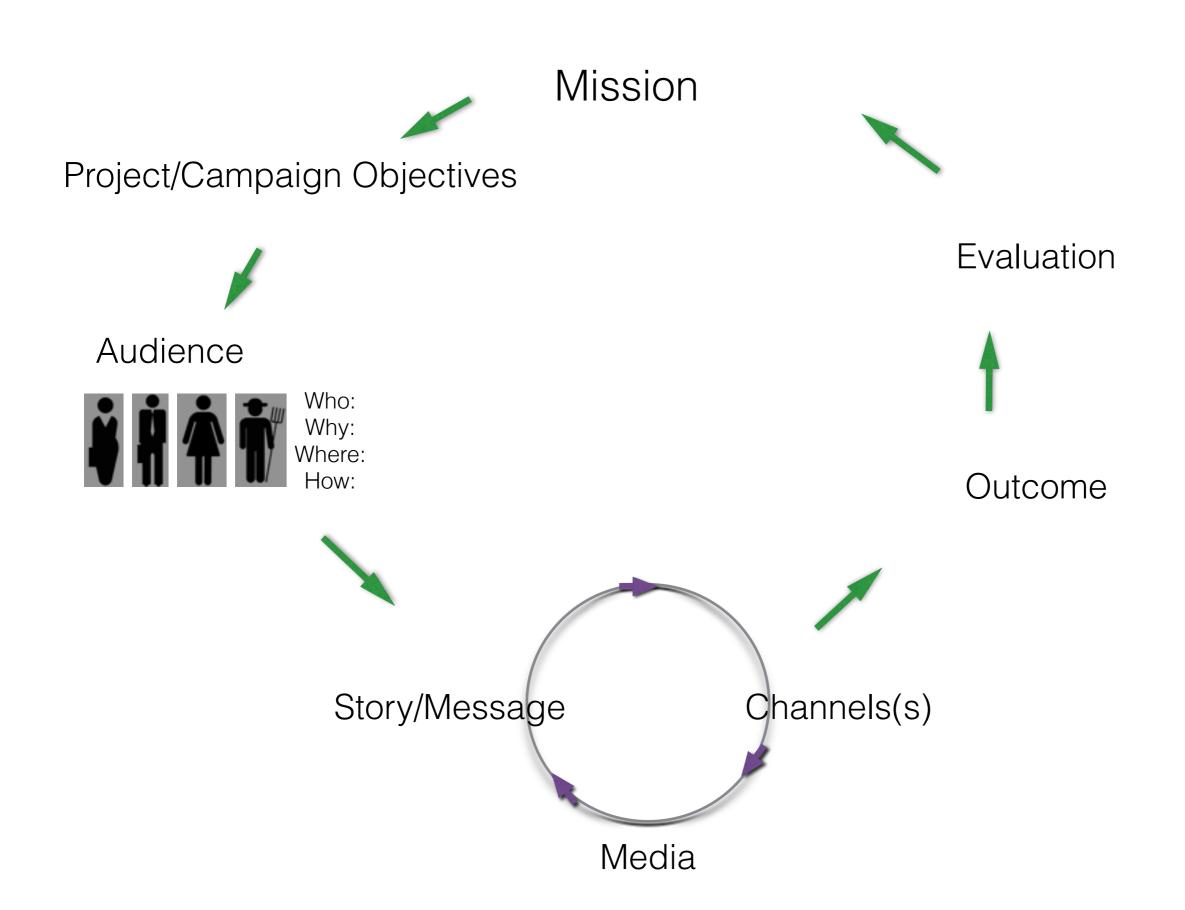


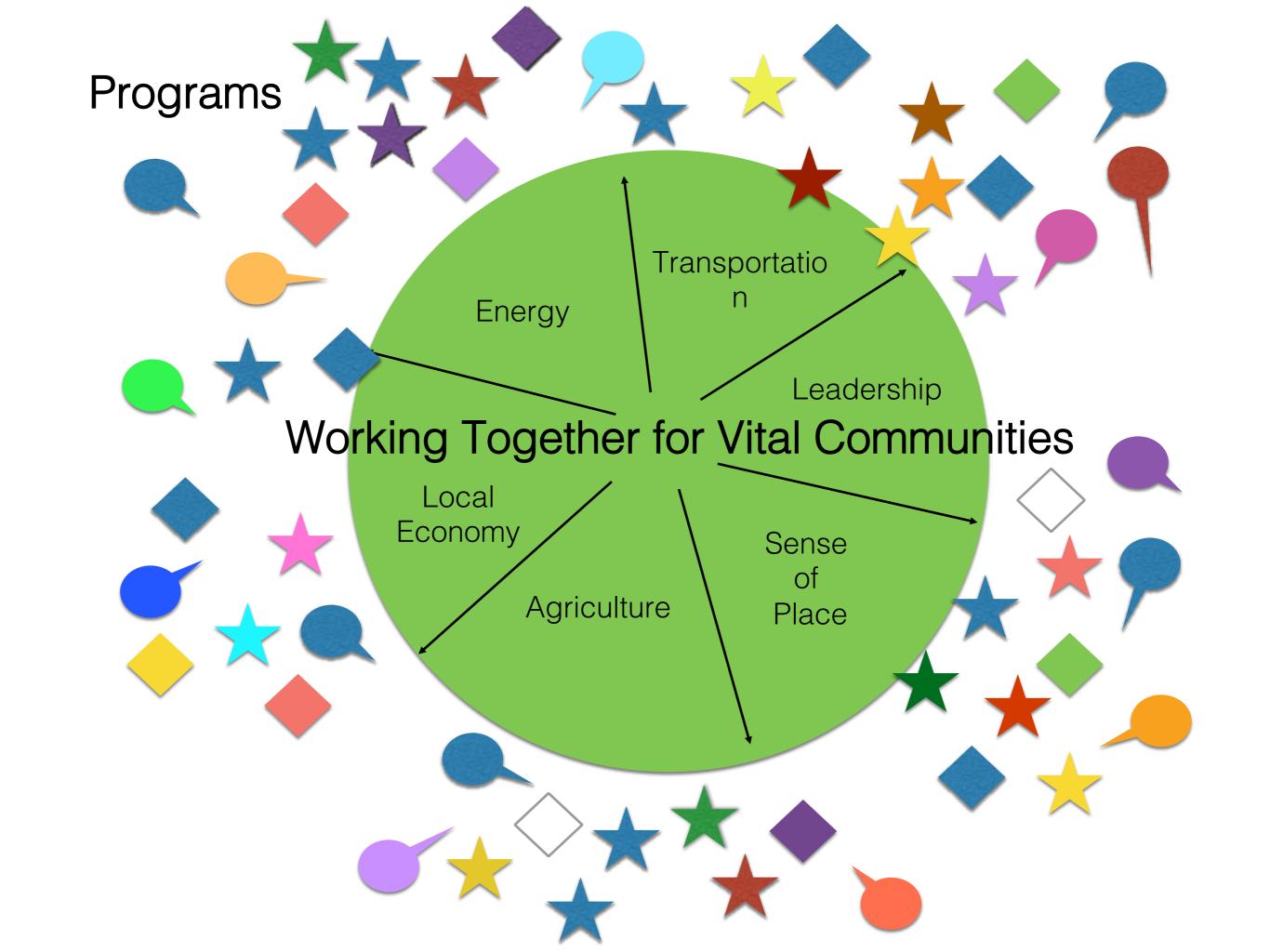
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**Right Story** 

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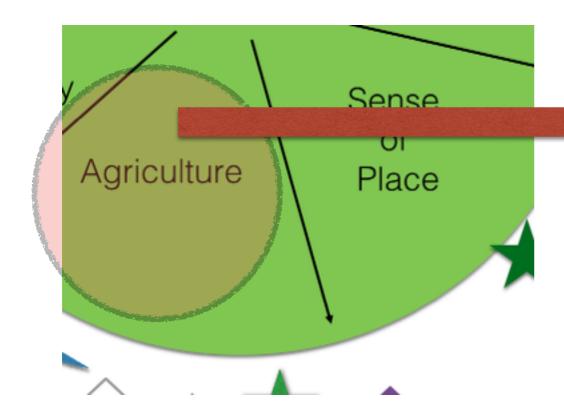
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# Goal



What's Missing?



### Persona Exercise







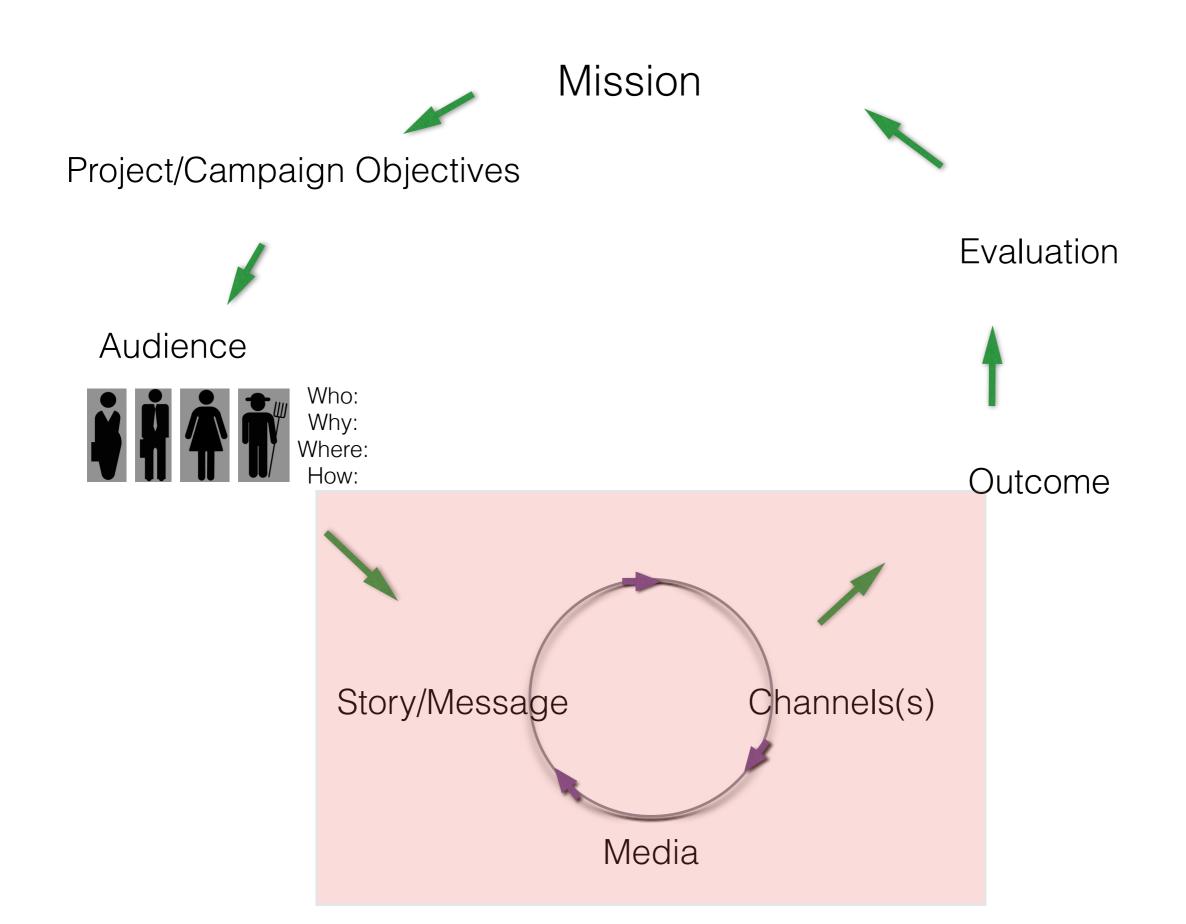


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- 1. List your primary goal & campaign objectives
- 2. List top three audience groups you wish to reach
- 3. Create names for two actual people
- 4. List key characteristics, passions, interests of #3.
- 5. Where do they get their information? Connect?
- 6. What do you want them to do? Why should they pay attention?
- 7. What stories do you have that will help you meet those objectives?
- 8. Should the stories be long or short? Written or spoken? Online or not?



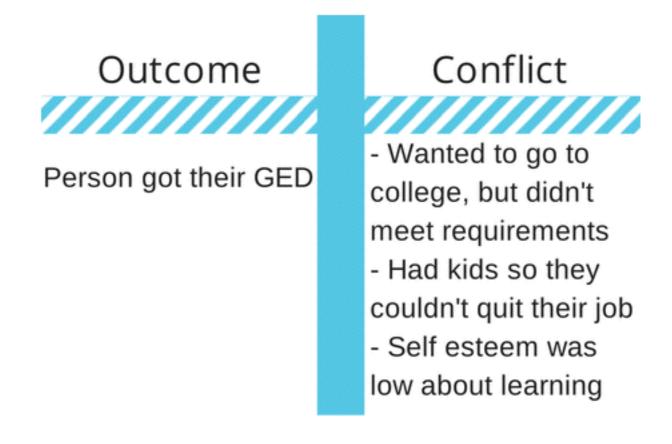
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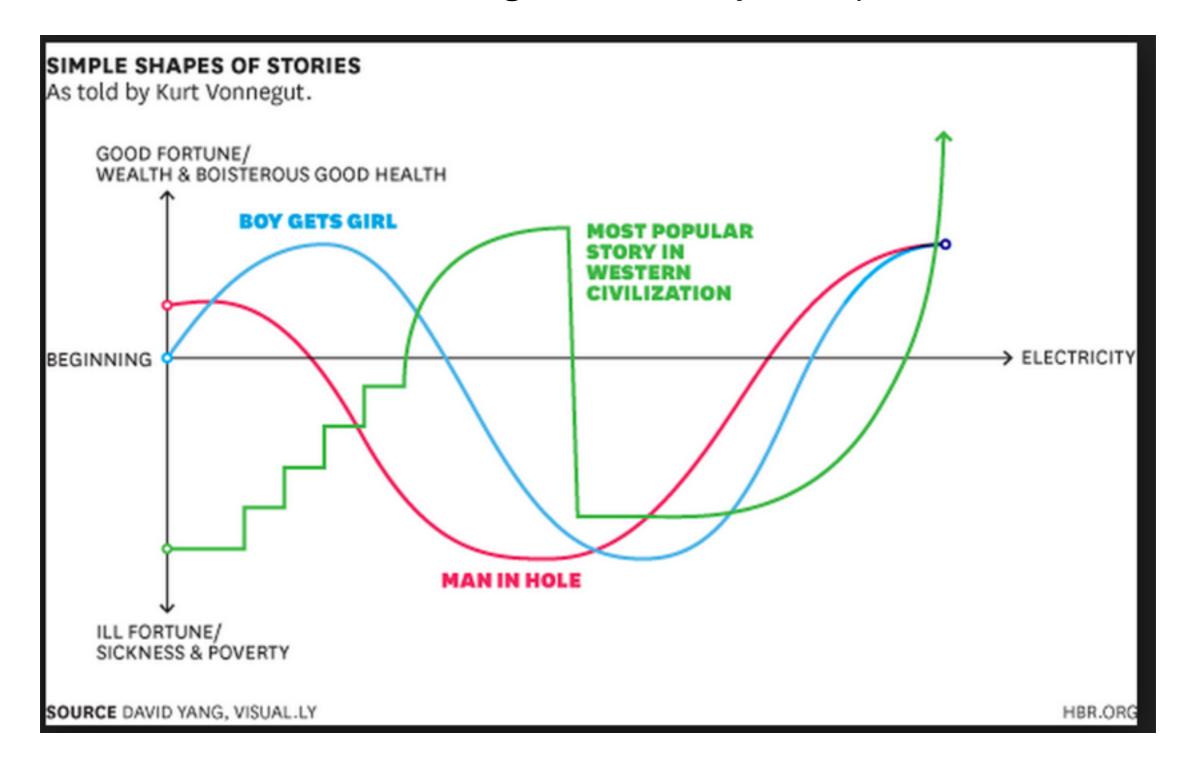


## Finding Stories

Start with the outcome and work your way back to the conflict, the character and the story-stirring question



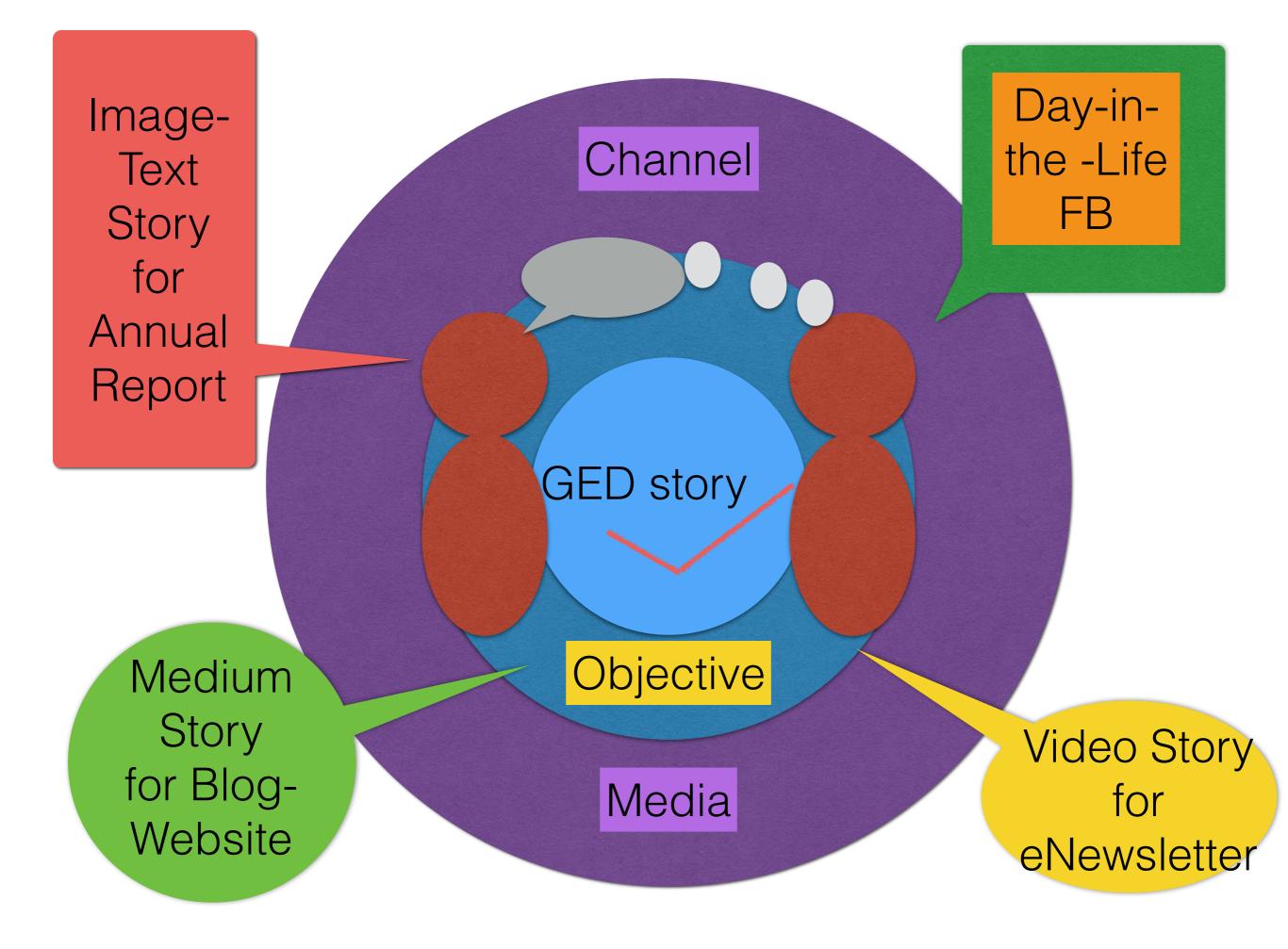
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### A Conversation ....



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We help women and girls recognize their potential and explore, pursue, and excel in work that leads to economic independence. Here's what snippet of what's in store this spring & summer.







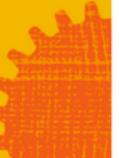




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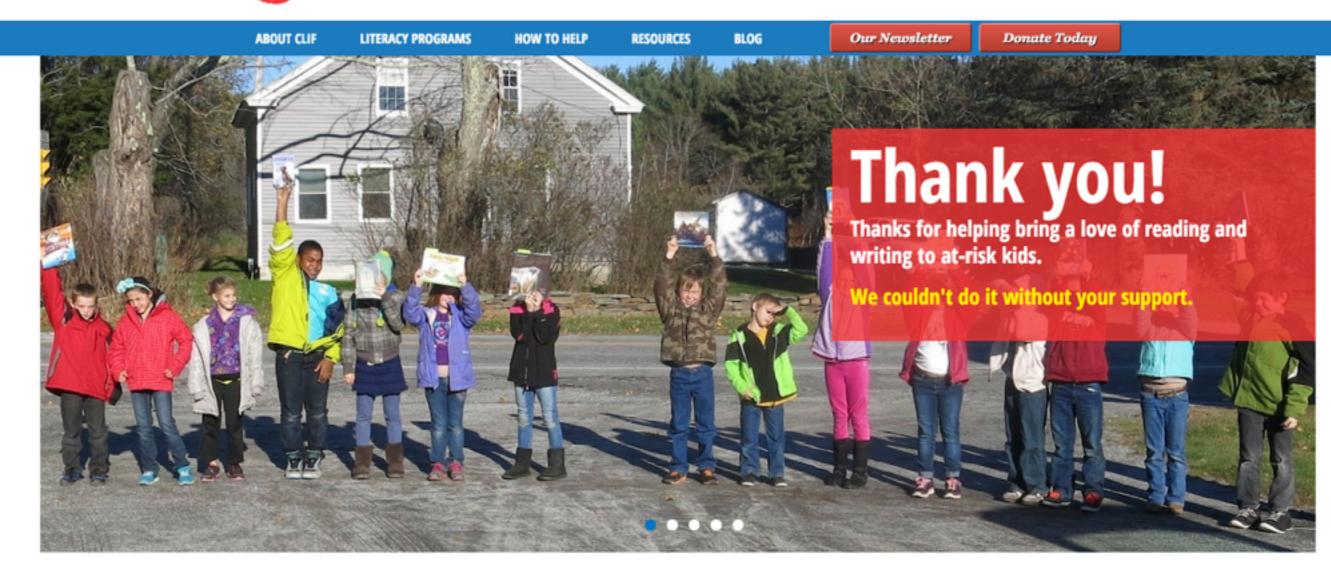






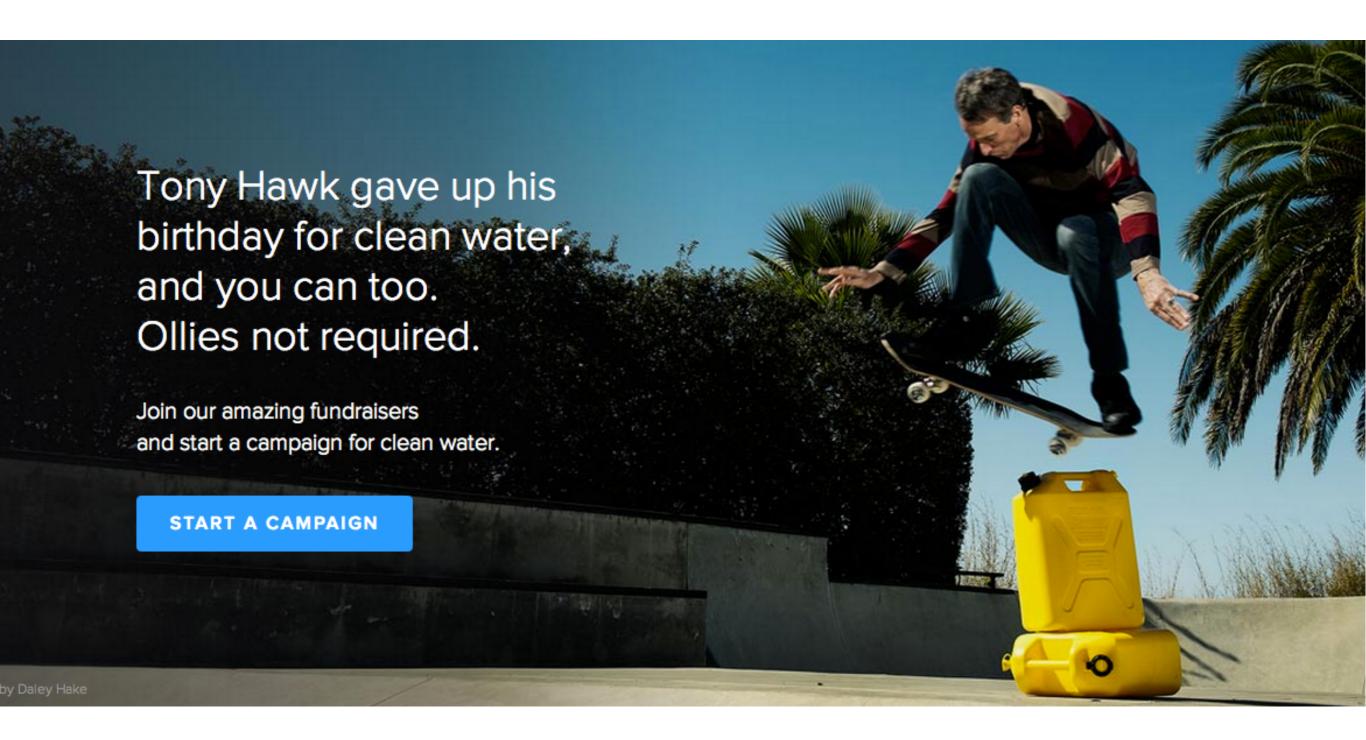






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## Micro Stories



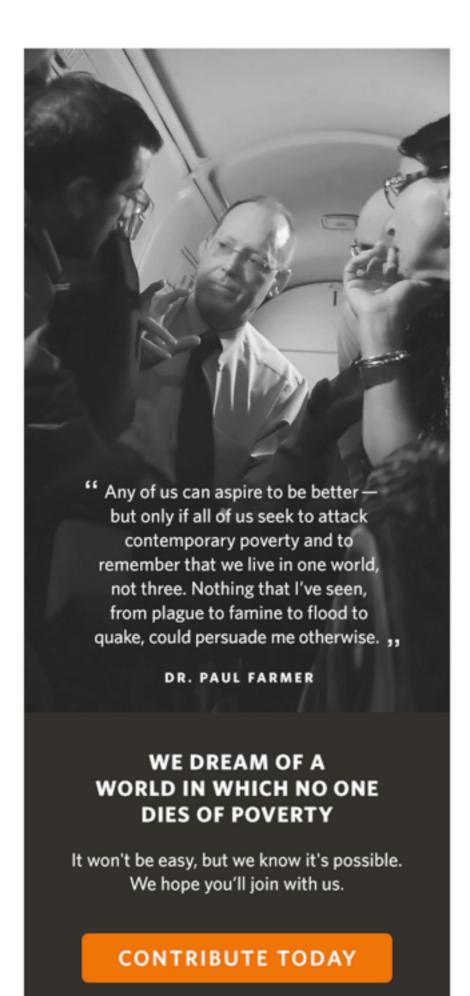
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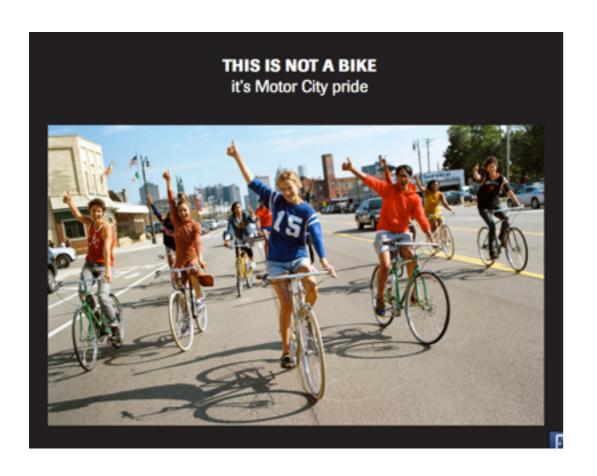
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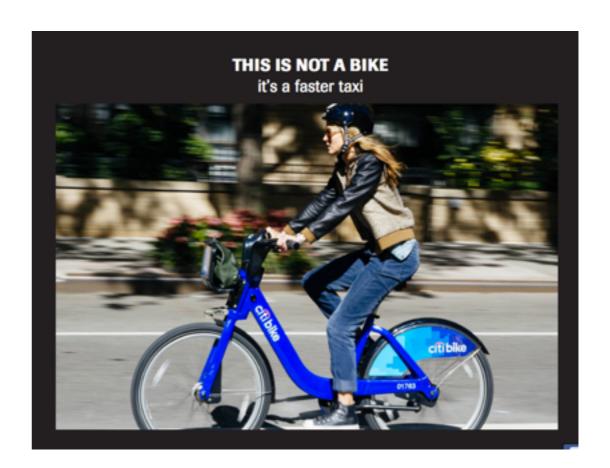




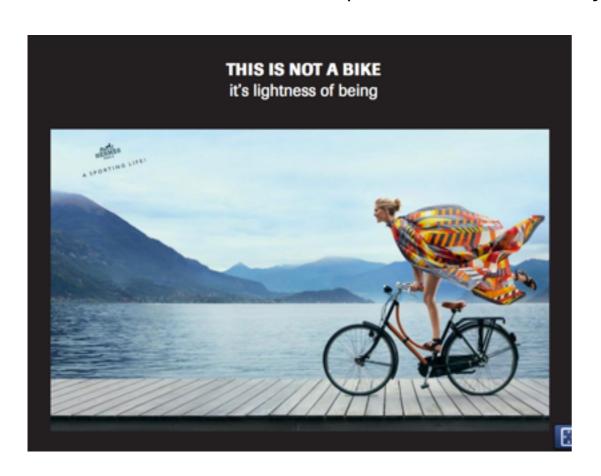


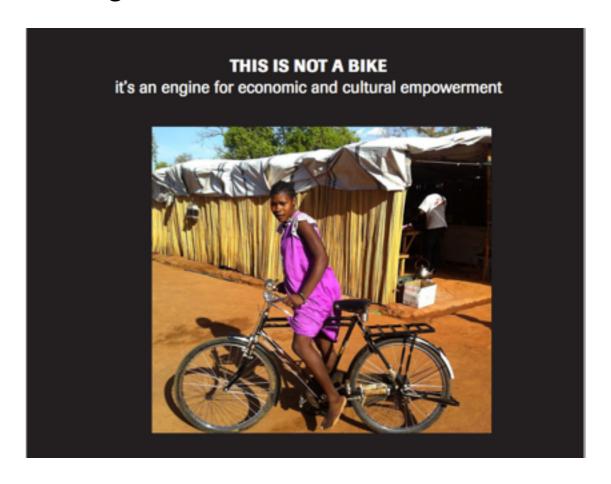




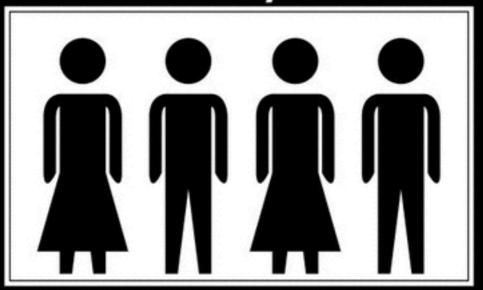


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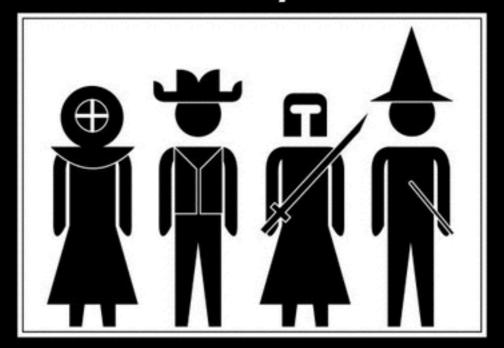




## These are your kids



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### on books



Burning Through Pages is a non-profit dedicated to the task of getting young people excited about reading. Our goal is to give free books to kids who want them and need them, and to have follow up discussions in an attempt to encourage literacy, reading comprehension, and to spark a life long passion for reading!

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# Common Visual Storytelling Mistakes



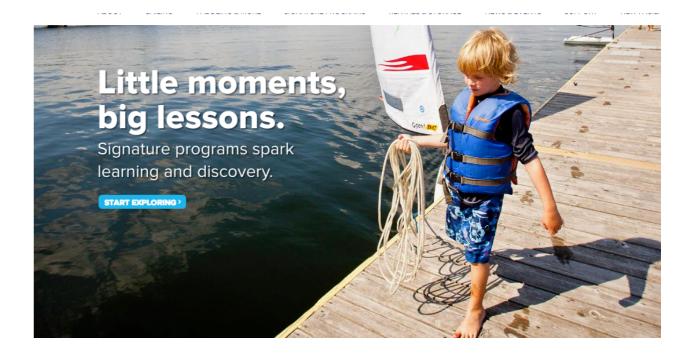
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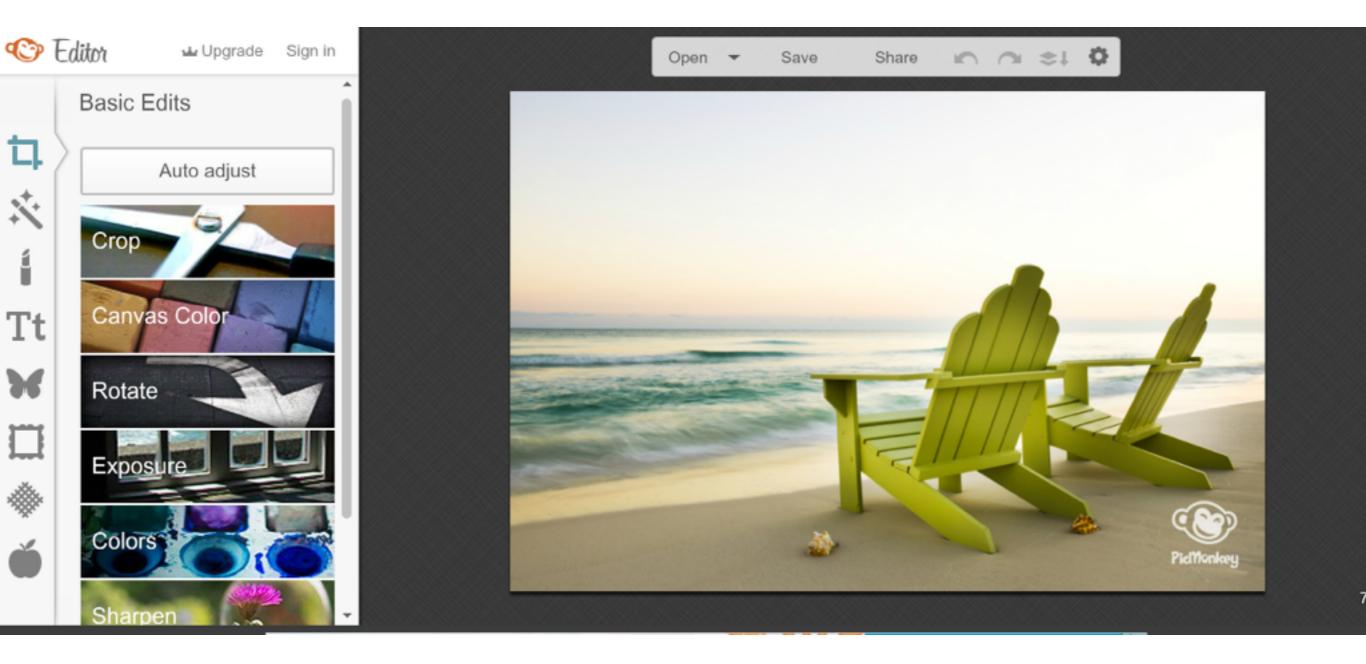
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#### Text Overlay Story Exercise

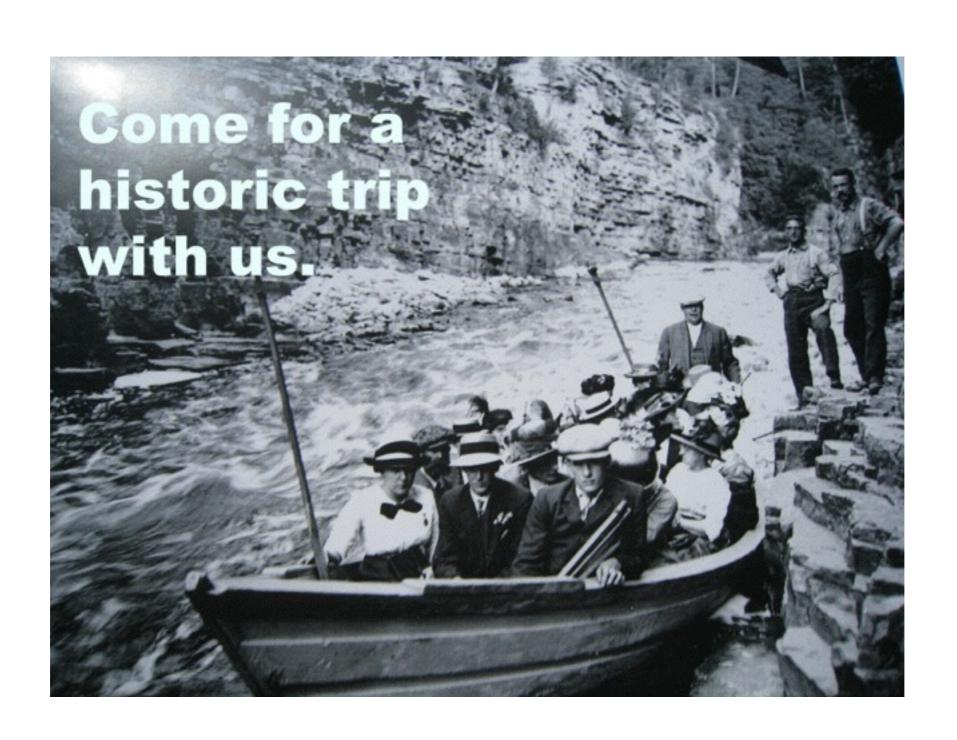


With your nutshell story in mind, find an image —your own or Creative Commons — and upload it to <u>picmonkey.com</u>





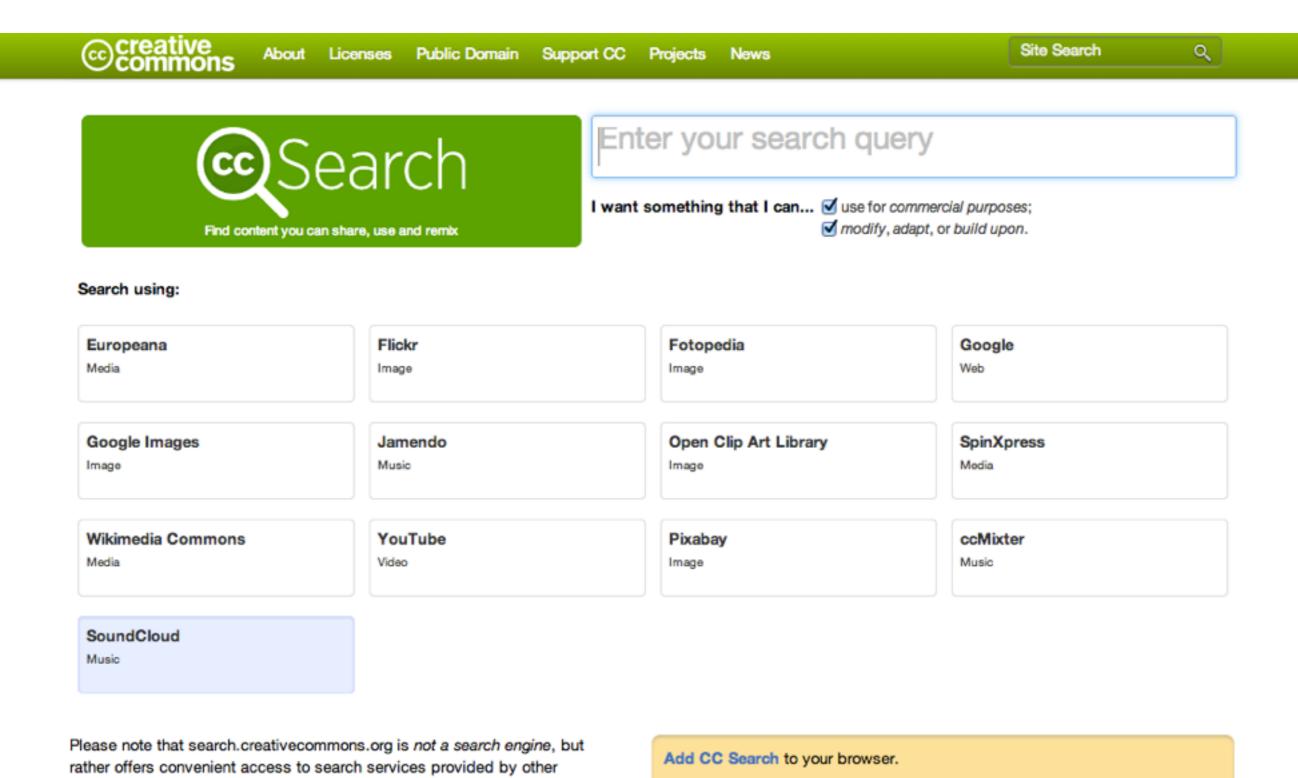






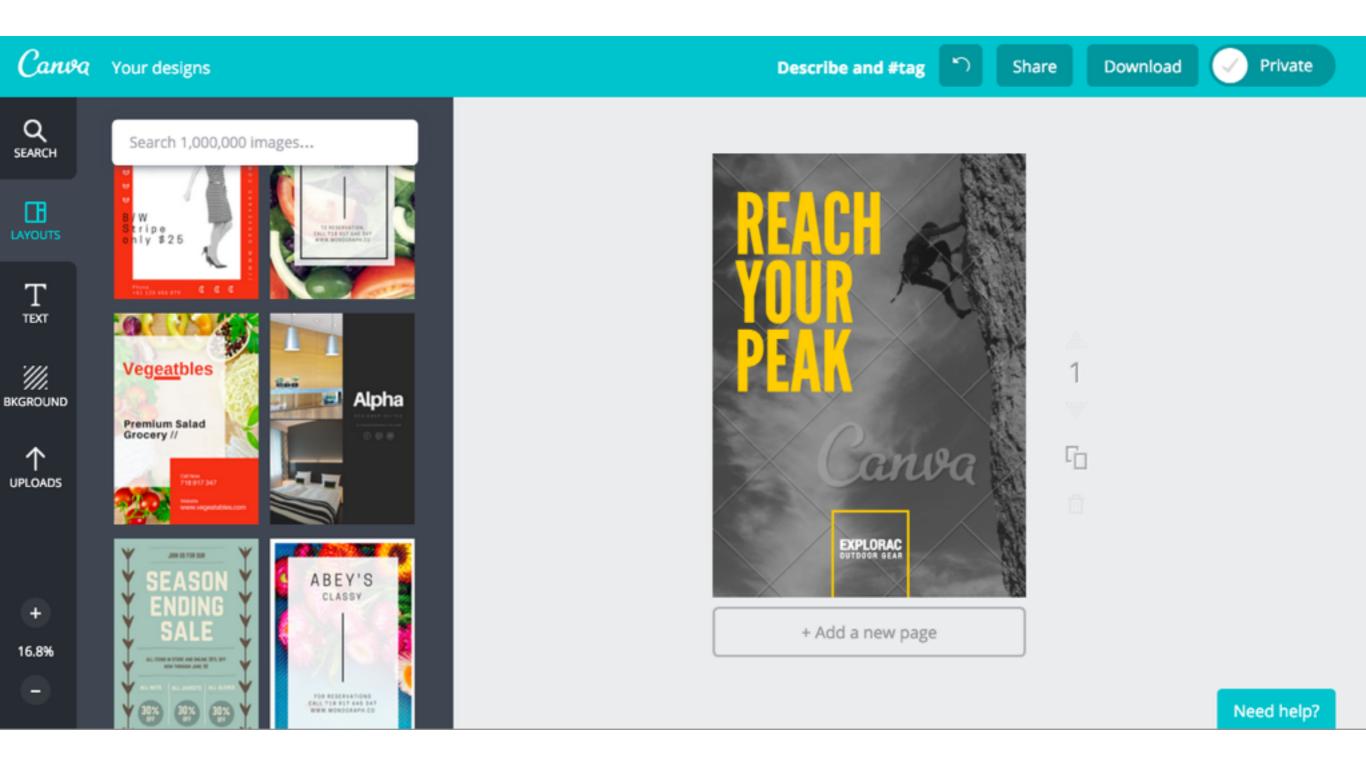
#### Finding Media to Use in Your Project

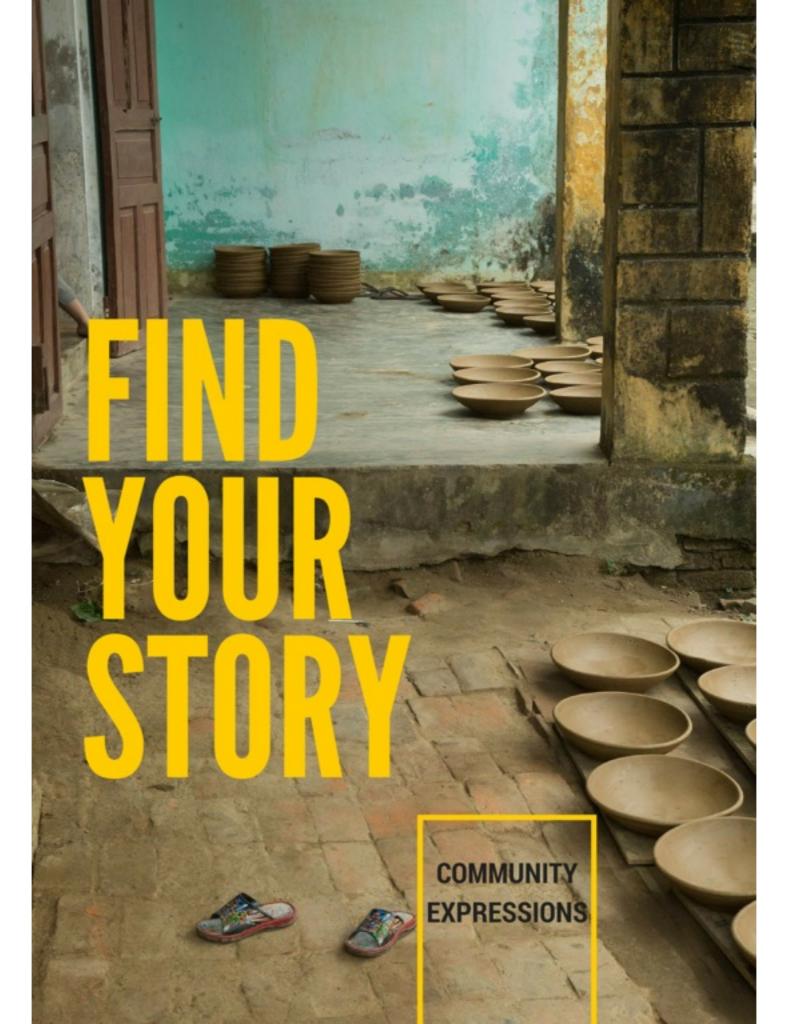
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#### Using Canva to Create Posters, Image Posts, etc.





#### **Profiles**

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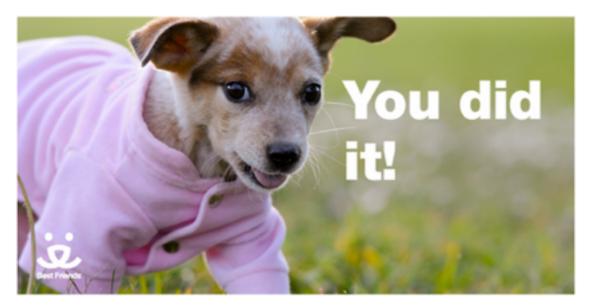
MEET EIGHT INNOVATORS WHO ARE FLUSH WITH NEW IDEAS ABOUT HOW BICYCLES CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

By Kitt Cross



GOOD STORIES ARE STRAIGHTFORWARD

# Email: tell a story & make it visual!



#### Dear Friend,

When two generous Best Friends members issued the matching gift challenge to help more homeless pets this month, things had to move at the speed of light. And you certainly did!

Best Friends members like you raised the \$100,000 thereby winning the match for a total of \$200,000 in just three days. I believe that's an online matching gift record!

When you consider that \$25 can fix two dogs or cats to prevent accidental litters, and your \$25 gift became \$50 ... you can start to understand the power of what you've done.

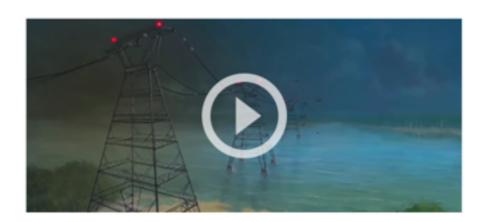
The timing couldn't be better. As you gather together with friends and family to give thanks for the blessings in your life, know that homeless pets will have their own reason to be thankful, too. They have you.

You are a real blessing to homeless pets everywhere. Thank you for your kindness, for your love of animals, and, of course, for helping to Save Them All™.



#### Gregory Castle CEO, Best Friends Animal Society https://www.change.org/p/dominion-virginia-power-save-the-james-stop-the-power-lines-4

#### Subject: Help Save the James River



#### Help Save the James River

Four hundred years ago, Captain John Smith's legendary explorations led him to a pristine river setting where he helped found the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. Today, that same stretch of the James River remains largely unaltered, allowing us to experience a place rooted in our country's history the same way that he did.

Unfortunately, that might not be the case for much longer. Dominion Virginia Power is currently planning a new, 17-tower transmission line that would cut straight across the river near Jamestown, scarring this historic landscape and disrupting its natural wildlife.

#### The threat is so real, we created this video so you can see for yourself.

With some of the towers reaching as high as 30 stories, this project will directly impact how millions of visitors enjoy five National Park units and some of our nation's most important historic sites, including Colonial Parkway and Carter's Grove. No matter how you look at it, this misguided proposal threatens the way we experience a quintessential piece of American history.

Alternatives exist that would not mar our heritage. These include running the power lines underground, using an existing river crossing, or exploring alternative energy options.

If you agree that this proposed plan simply can't happen, please join the 15,000 supporters nationwide who have already signed our petition urging Dominion to do the right thing.

Together, we can stop the power lines and save the James.

Thank you for your support,

Your friends at the National Trust

# A staff member's story or a donor's...

# Eric Fiazorii (right) with Lumana client and tomato farmer, Cecilia Adzika.

#### ...as part of your eNewsletter

#### A Loan Officer's Tale

Eric Fiazorli was born in Anloga, Ghana (Lumana's headquarters of operations), and was raised by many of the women that Lumana currently serves with financial services. Eric is a man of great empathy, humour and intelligence, who not only has a vision for himself, but for the community he calls home. Eric's commitment to his community members and his insights have helped Lumana learn more about our borrowers and the context they live in. As a Lumana loan officer, it is Eric's responsibility to collect repayments,

mentor borrowers on how to improve their businesses and listen to their specific needs.

In 2010 Eric began to realize that, in many cases, giving loans was not enough. For farmers growing tomatoes in rural Ghana, getting a loan to grow more tomatoes was ineffective without a larger market in which to sell. To solve this problem, Eric began working with the Lumana team to re-magine how investing in rural businesses could change the lives of these farmers for the better.



"Just giving these women loans will not save them — we need to connect these farming people with a real market. At Lumana, I am doing that. I am so proud to report I can already see what my work has done for my community's future."

#### Data as Story

# Infographics **Annual Reports**

# It's been a banner year with exciting milestones to share ...

Our programs served 1,021 women and girls, ages 10-60, from diverse backgrounds across Vermont in





MOVING WOMEN INTO EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS



Burlington community (200 children fed per day)



gleaned or grew

1,500 pounds of produce; and sourced

of our food from Vermont farmers



in professional culinary skills

and maintained 76%

employment placement for program graduates



VWW in a national story about women in the contruction trades

WE PROVIDED

with work-readiness services

at Chittenden Regional **Correctional Facility** 

AS PART OF OUR MENTORING PROGRAM WITH

WE SUPPORTED

87 active matches between mentors

and inmates with matches created this past year

# TO MARK OUR 25th

A MULTI-MEDIA EXHIBIT highlighting 29 VT WOMEN

for the quality of their work and the relish with which they do it.

> The exhibit in partnership with

#### FairPoint Communications traveled to

8 SITES ACROSS VT

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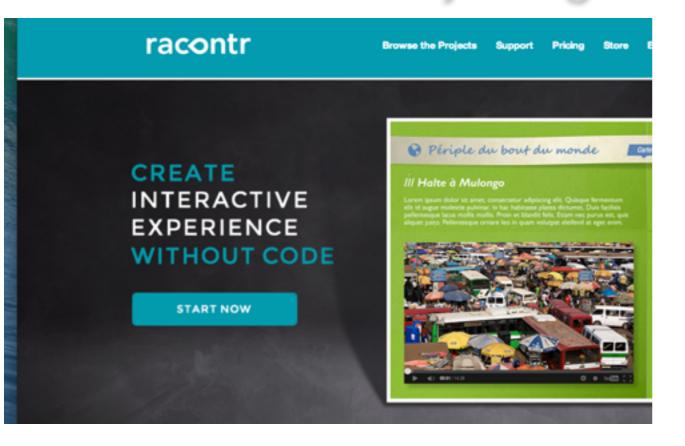
#### VERMONT STATE FAIR

and was seen by thousands. The Gallery is now online at

vtworksforwomen.org



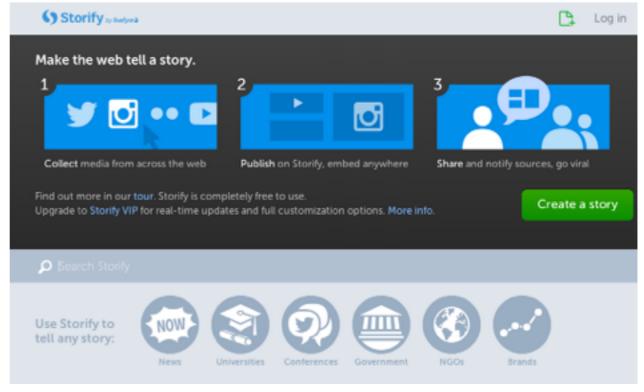
#### Interactive Storytelling



# Other Sorts of Digital Storytelling

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#### Curated Storytelling



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#### **Video Call for Action**



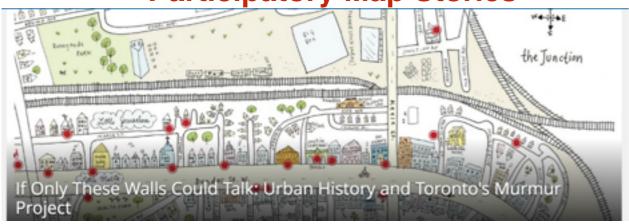
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#### **Video Greetings and Thank-Yous**



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#### **Participatory Map Stories**



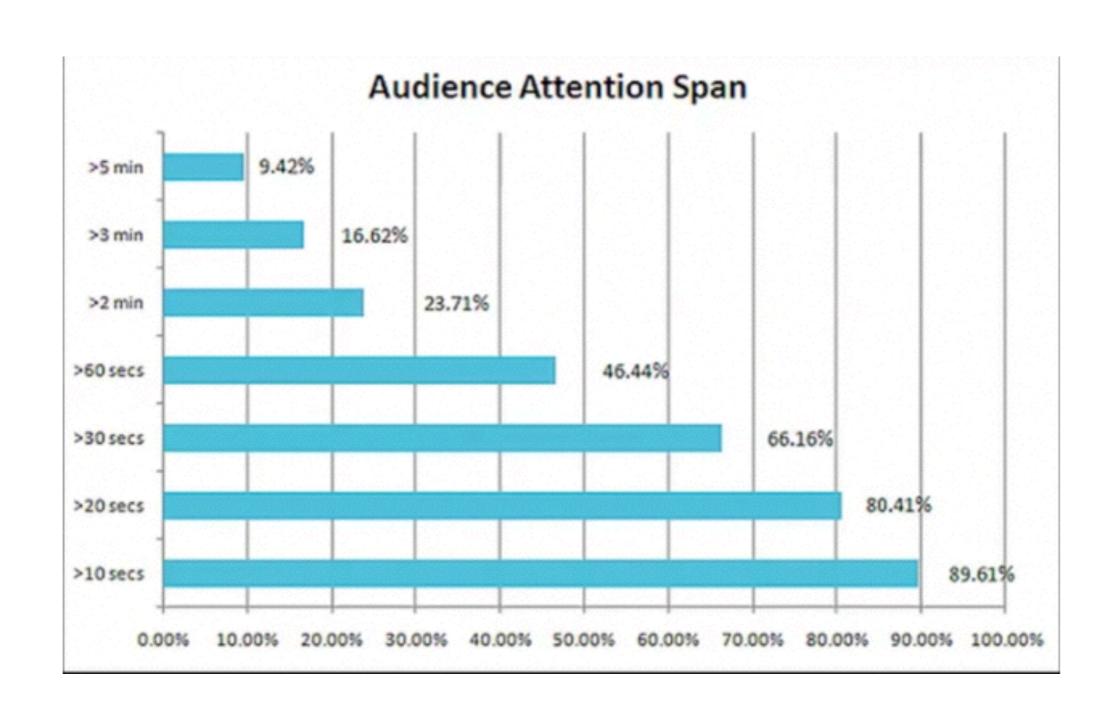
http://murmur.info/

#### Video Story Interviews



http://invisiblepeople.tv/blog/

#### Online Video & Audience



## The Golden Rules

Keep it short

 Powerful stories are often under 2 minutes long. The effort you put into keeping it short will go a long way in helping you focus your message

Keep it simple

 Try to focus on one main topic (an event, one person's story, a lesson, a testimonial). It's easier to get excited about a video that is focused.

Be genuine

 Viewers want to connect with the work that your organization is doing. Focus on content that is compelling rather than what's cool

Keep it fluid

 Beginning-Middle-End: Catch the audience at the beginning and explain what is happening, build emotion in the middle, and come to some sort of resolution at the end

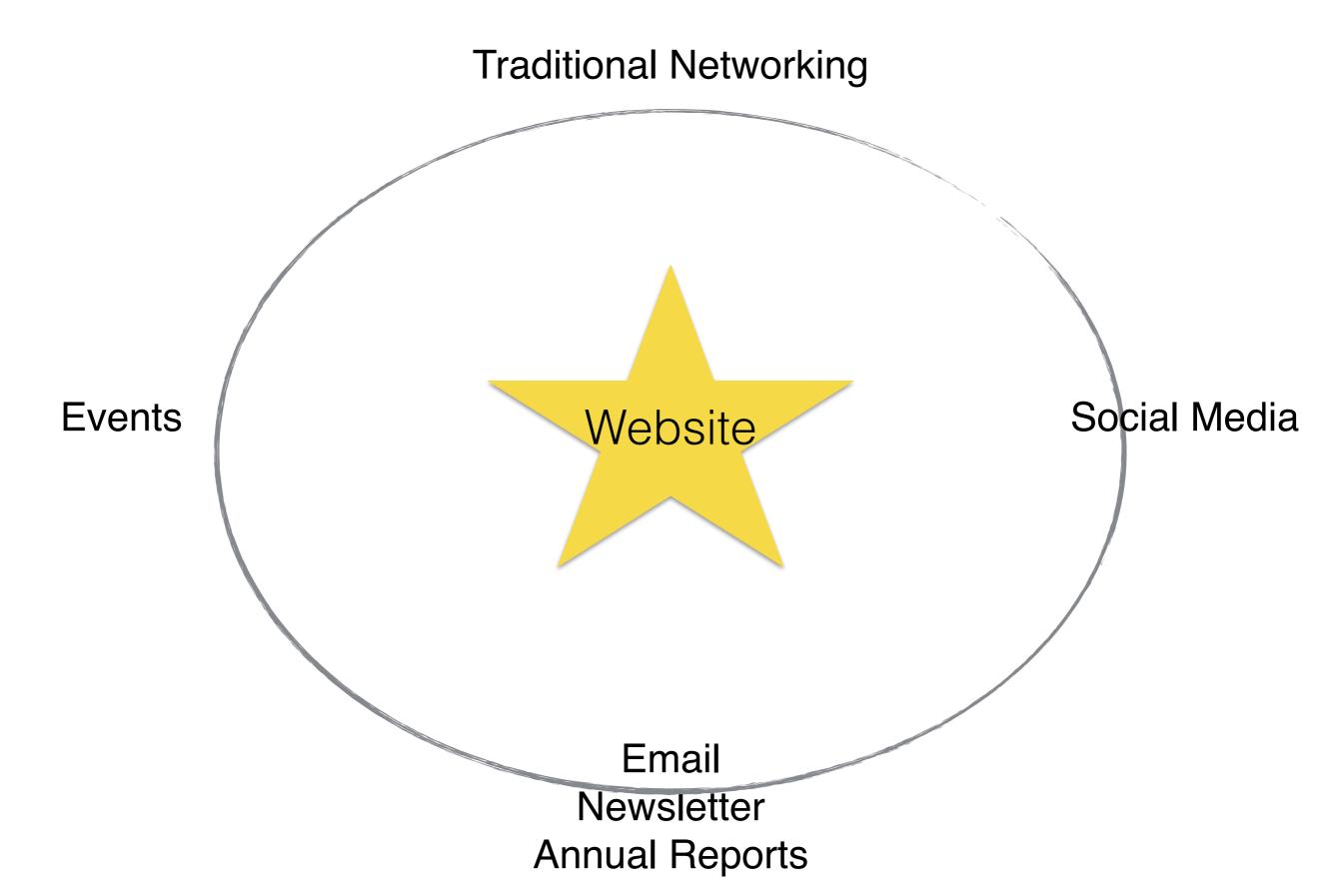
Keep it moving

 Video and photos show the story but don't forget the importance of audio. Audio adds emotion.

Keep it interesting

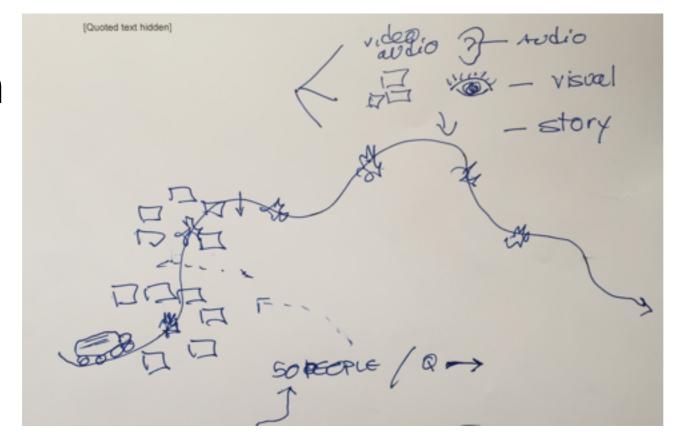
- · Wide shots establishes the scene
- Medium shot gives more intimacy
- Close-up for emotion and direct connection

#### **Integrated Communications Strategy**



# The Preservation Trust of Vermont the Story of a Story Project

#### From



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Tools:
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Video Camera

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#### Featured Story Maps

Get ideas for your own story maps from these examples created by a growing community of authors. View more story maps in our Gallery.



Esri Story Map <a href="http://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/">http://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/</a>

## Preservation Trust Board Bus Tour

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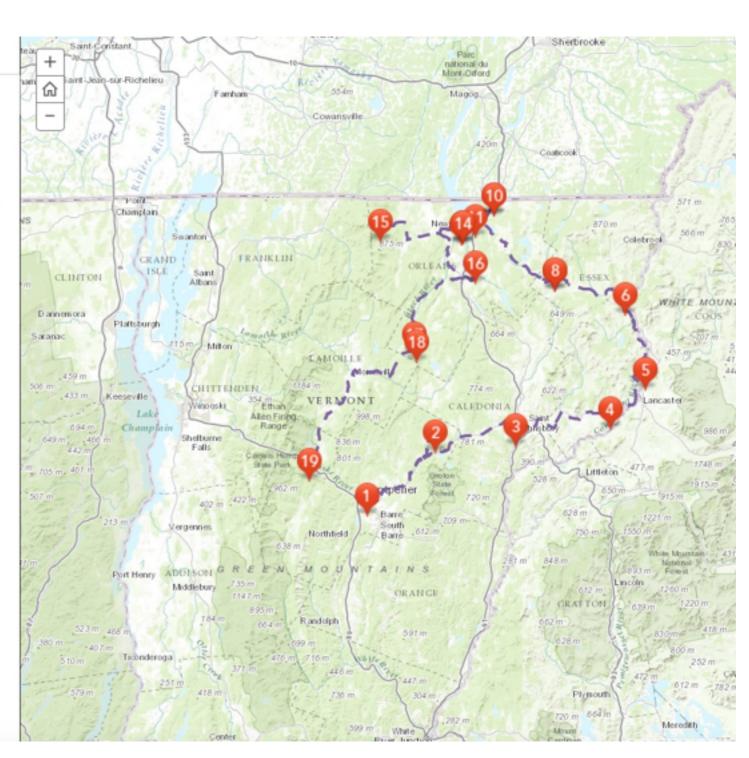
#### Board on a Bus Trip 2015

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This year, we toured Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. We walked through abandoned places to fully restored buildings, and much in between. We heard from students, teachers, contractors, volunteers, entrepreneurs, citizens, elected officials, and more. We witnessed our communities hard at work. And perhaps most importantly, we experienced first-hand the transformative power of preservation in Vermont.

Join us on our journey by scrolling through the images below (and clicking for motion and sound when available).





Shareable, Place-Based, Multi-Media Narrative <a href="http://bit.ly/1D3g8Va">http://bit.ly/1D3g8Va</a>

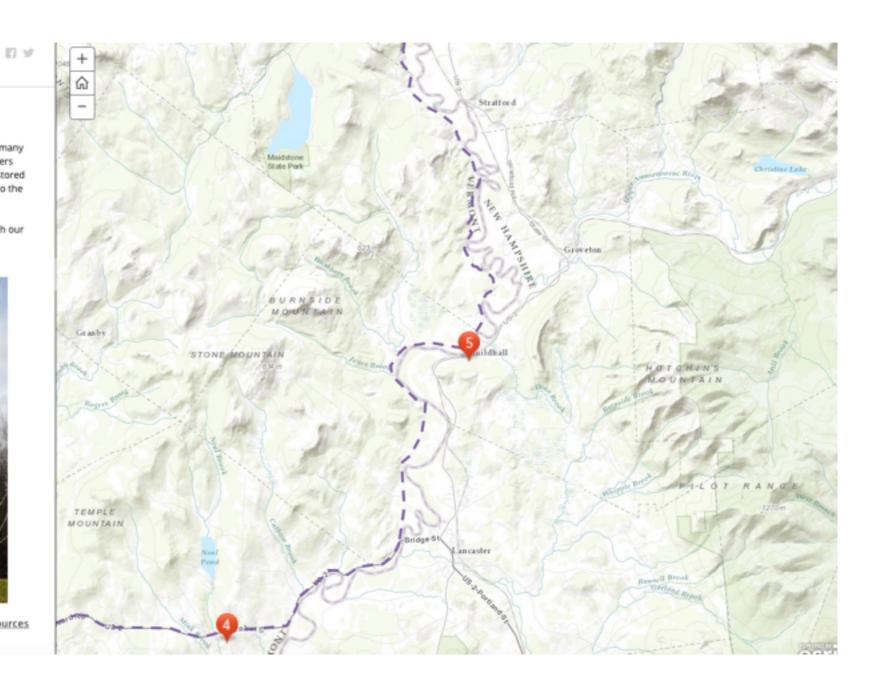
#### 5 - The Masons are Alive and Well: Guildhall, Vermont

Many Vermont communities have some kind of historic presence of the Order of the Masons. In many towns, though, this fraternal order is a dying breed. Not so in Guildhall, VT. Their 40 active members donated hours and hours of skilled labor to restore this building from a vinyl-sided box to the restored gem we see here today. The Masons use the upstairs and -- in keeping with their belief of giving to the community -- they offer the downstairs rent-free to the library.

In addition to the Library, the Guildhall and the Community Church have received funding through our partnership with the Freeman Foundation.



Need guidance on your project? The Preservation Trust has many <u>technical preservation resources</u> available on our website.



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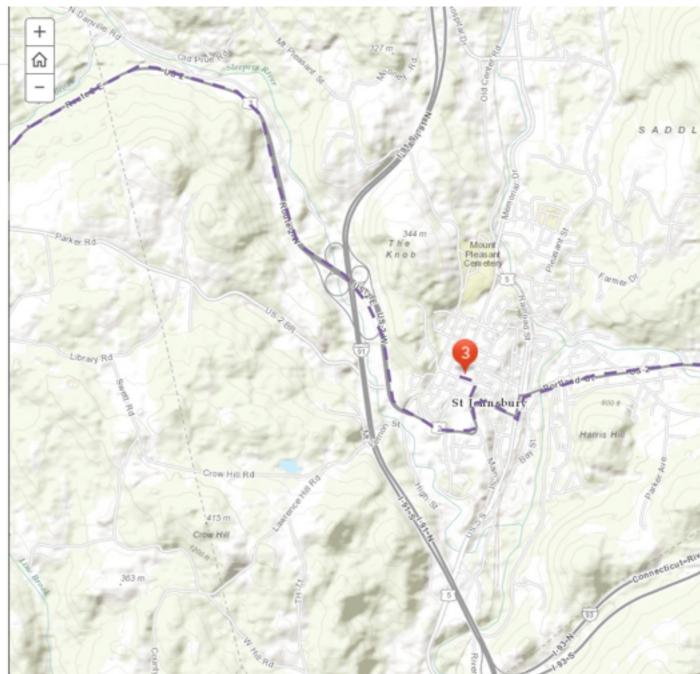
#### 3 - Preservation and Students: It's a Win-Win at The St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center

When the Fairbanks Museum ran out of space, the <u>St. Johnsbury Historical Society</u> found this nearby gem of a site to store the collections. The Historical Society has partnered with the building trades class at the St. Johnsbury Academy students who are hard at work assisting in the renovation work on the house. Peggy Pearl says it has saved them a tremendous amount of money, and it fits with their mission.



Do you have a preservation project that involves students in your community? <u>Let us know</u> so we can share with the rest of Vermont through <u>our electronic newsletter</u> how saving old buildings can be part of educating young minds.





# Video

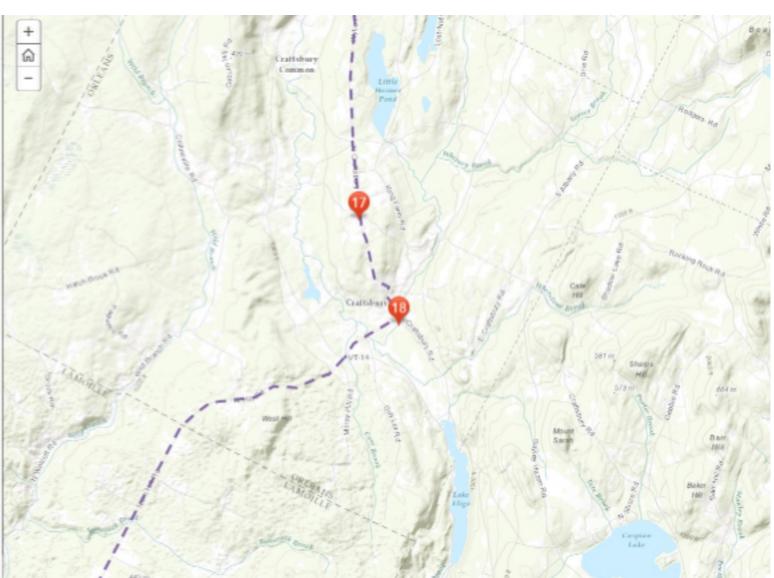
#### 18 - The Trails of the Future: Craftsbury Public House, Craftsbury, VT

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A few years ago, Wylie Soloman and Sung-Hee Chung purchased the former Craftsbury Inn at an auction. After coming to understand the community needs, they decided to donate the building to the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. They are currently raising funds and managing what will soon be the Craftsbury Public House -- a restaurant and pub, public meeting spaces and much needed rooms for visitors, all tied in to existing cross country ski trails. In partnership with the Freeman Foundation, PTV has provided a \$50,000 grant to help with the rehabilitation of the property.



PTV's involvement in this project includes a small grant (that leads to big things!) for a Conditions Assessment from the Robert Sincerbeaux Fund. Find out more!



# Sound

#### 9 - Straddling the Line: The Haskell Library & Opera House, Derby Line

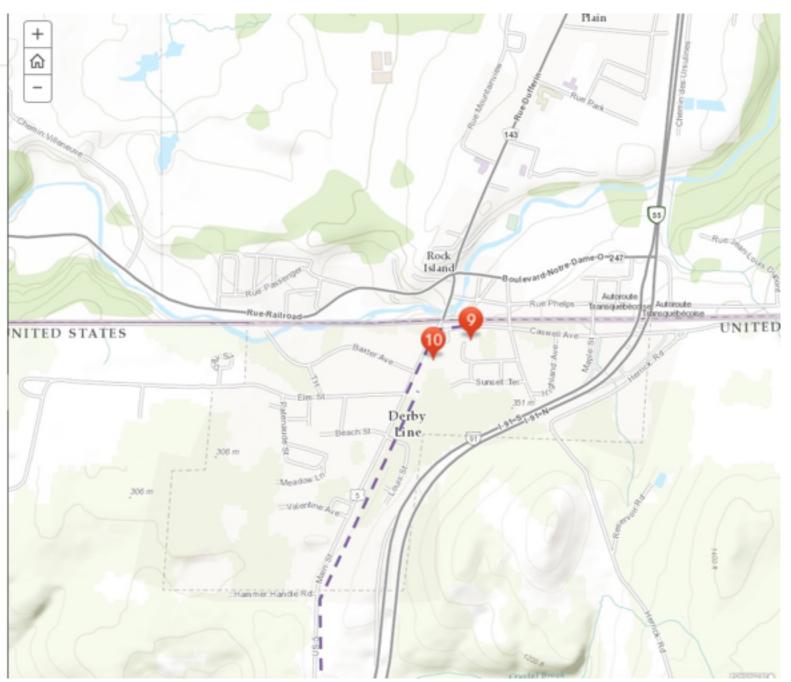
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We had a quick drive-by at <u>Haskell Free Library and Opera House</u>. The building was constructed deliberately astride the boundary line separating Canada from the United States. The Haskell was long said to be a scale replica of the Boston Opera House. This, however, has proven to be quite untrue. The building is, in fact, unique. Nowhere else in the world can one sit in an opera house that is literally split in two by an international border, where most of the audience sits in the U.S. to watch a show on a stage in Canada. Nowhere else can one find such an unusual library. The front door is in the U.S., the circulation desk and all of the books are in Canada, and the reading room is international.



PTV in partnership with the Freeman Foundation granted this project \$90,000 for a total of \$765,000 of rehabilitation work. Read more about our grant programs here.





# Links

#### E A

#### Board on a Bus Trip 2015

#### 10 - Defying Demolition: Downtown Derby Line, VT

PTV recently worked with the community of Derby Line to stop the demolition of two buildings that were slated to be removed for a quick mart. These buildings comprise one-third of their village center. They remain standing today.

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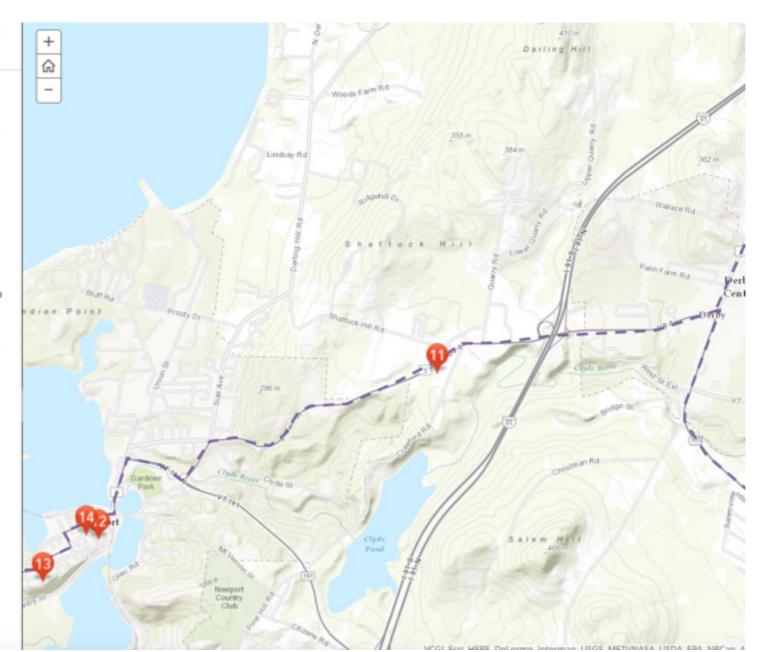
#### 11 - A Strategic Compromise: Walmart in Derby, VT

For years the Preservation Trust has encouraged developers to work with our communities to consider appropriate scale (smaller than average) and location (downtowns) for new stores. Our goal with these battles is to not just delay, but to win. In the case of a new Walmart in Derby, we made the determination that there was no way we were going to win. We negotiated with the developer and received two things in return for not opposing: a \$200,000 mitigation fund to support downtown and village center revitalization efforts in and around Derby, Newport, Orleans county, and an agreement that the developer would not develop any more Walmarts in Vermont until 2020 unless they were in a downtown district. In addition, we were able to successfully encourage the governor to permanently increase the funding for the downtown and village center tax credit program by \$500,000.

#### 12 - The BEST Store:

#### The Pick 'N Shovel, Newport, VT

Downtown Newport has struggled for many years but there is a lot of energy currently directed to revitalizing the downtown. One of the keys to a strong downtown is a strong retail anchor that serves residents: the Pick 'n Shovel is that, and more. You can buy anything here – hardware, clothing, sporting goods, pets—everything but groceries. As board friend Julius Rosenwald said, "I've never been in a store that sails both Makira circular saves and taxantulas."

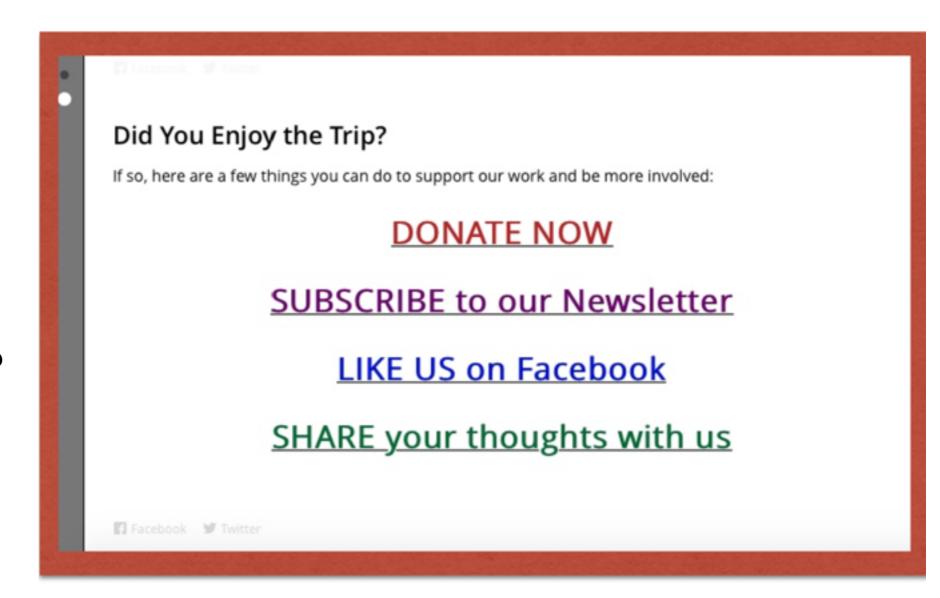




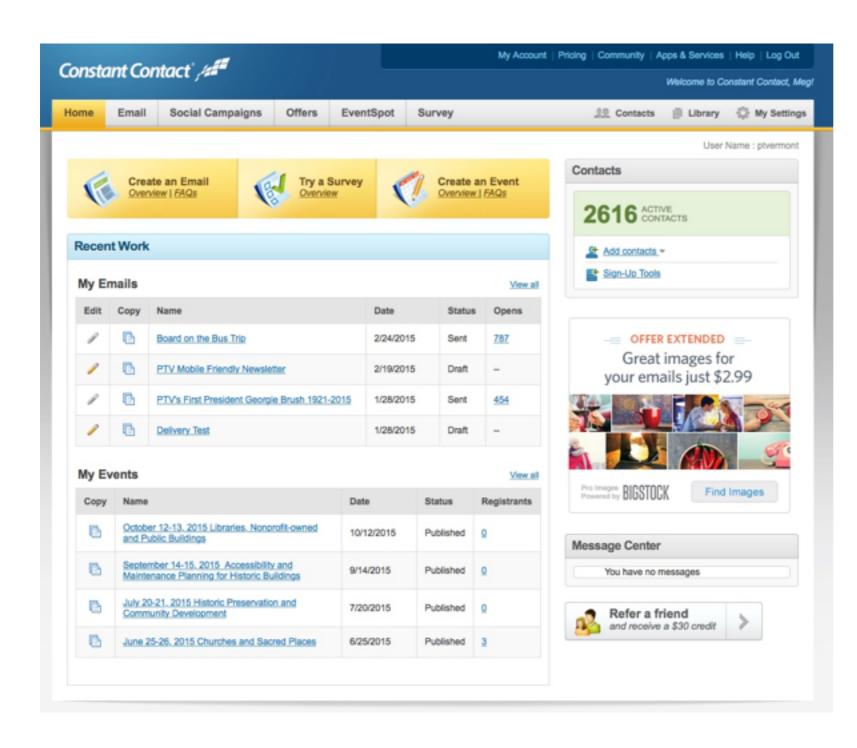


# Measuring Results?

- Metrics
- Goals &
   Objectives:
   Helping?
   Fundraising?
- Direct Email response

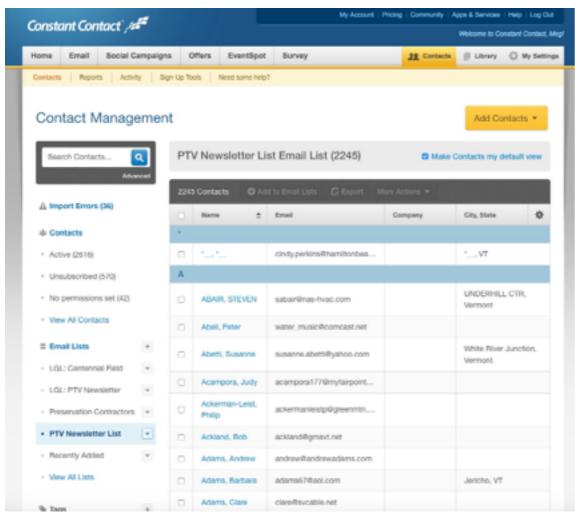


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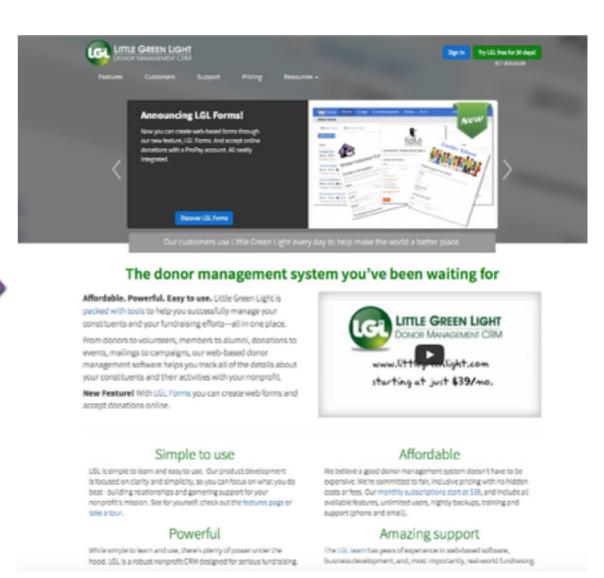


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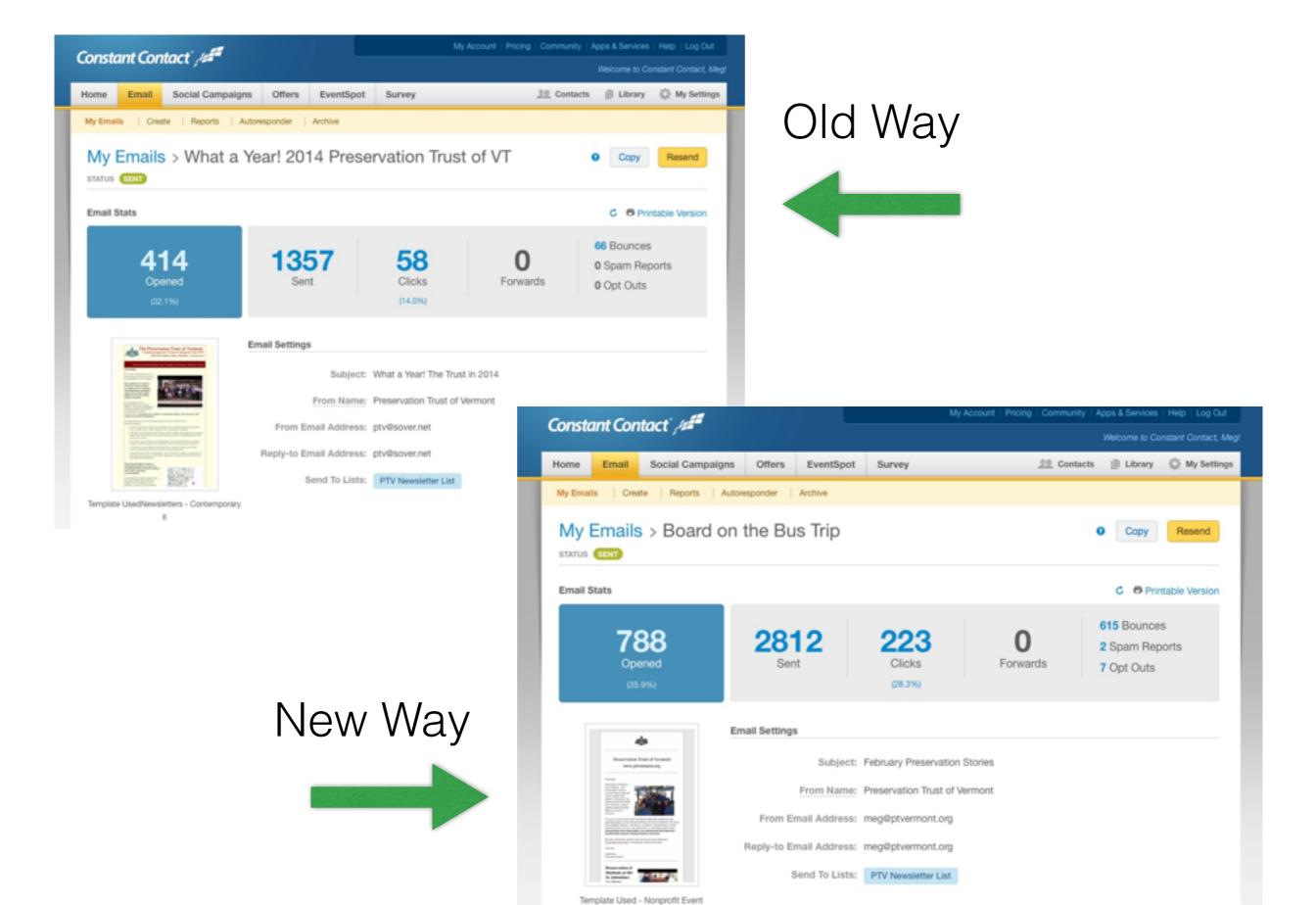
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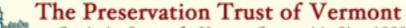


#### 1200 to 2200 contacts



## Changes with Storytelling: Responsive Design





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#### 2015 Preservation Retreats Now Open for Registration

The Preservation Trust of Vermont announces the 2015 Grand Isle Lake House Retreats at the Grand Isle Lake House. The Retreats are for anyone undertaking or considering a community development or historic preservation project. Even if you don't have a specific project, you are welcome to join us to share in the discussions.

#### Fundraising and Project Management June 8-9, 2015

What are some techniques that community

projects are doing to successfully fundraise while enhancing the use of their historic buildings? Christine Graham www.cpgfundraising.com will be on hand for training on successful fundraising techniques. This retreat will also explore how to manage a rehabilitation project, work with

grantors, contractors, and the community to assure success.

We are grateful to the Vermont Division for <u>Historic Preservation</u> for their partnership on this retreat.



#### Churches and Sacred Places June 25-26, 2015

Churches and sacred places continue to play a critical role in the health and wellness of







#### Preservation Trust of Vermont www.ptvermont.org

Dear Meg,

Every year in February -yes, February -- the Preservation Trust of Vermont Board, staff and special guests climb aboard a comfy tour bus and go out into the field to learn about the range of projects and issues that define our work in Vermont.



This year, we toured Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. We walked through abandoned places, fully restored buildings, and much in between. We heard from students, teachers, contractors, volunteers, entrepreneurs, citizens, elected officials, and more. We witnessed our communities hard at work. And perhaps most importantly, we experienced firsthand the transformative power of preservation in Vermont.

We had a grand time, and we invite you to join us by visiting our Preservation Story Map or reading about select sites below.

Sincerely,

Paul Bruhn Executive Director

## Planning your digital story

## Focus your narrative using these questions

- Who are you trying to engage?
- What action do you want them to take?
- Why would they take action?
- What information can you provide to influence their decision?

## Determine the scope of your story

- Moment in time vs. longer story arc?
- Who should be participating in the story?
- What media is best to capture (images, videos, audio, etc.)?

Using Social Media to Become a Storytelling Organization

## Social Media Explained

- I'm eating a #donut.
- I like donuts.
- This is where I eat donuts.
- Here's a vintage photo of my donut.
- Watch me eat a donut.
  - in My skills include donut eating.
  - Mere's a donut recipe.
  - g<sup>+</sup> I'm a Google employee who eats donuts.

# Blogs & Long-form Digital Stories

## President's Blog: What's Stu-ing?

- > About the Community Foundation
- > Our Mission
- > Meet Our Staff
- > Meet Our Board
- > Our Members
- > Investments & Publications
- > Who Works With Us
- > President's Blog: What's Stu-ing?
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Let Stu Know What You Think



Stuart Comstock-Gay 802-388-3355 ext. 223 Email Stuart

This is a space where Foundation President Stuart Comstock-Gay shares his thoughts and musings on giving and community:

#### Preparing Students For Vermont's Promising Jobs

Posted by: Stuart Comstock-Gay on 12/5/2014 | 0 Comments

Cross-posted from the J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation. Researcher Holly Tippet shares her thoughts on education and workforce development in Vermont.

Read More

#### Connecting Through Local Food This Thanksgiving

Posted by: Stuart Comstock-Gay on 11/25/2014 | 0 Comments

Janet McLaughlin, director of the Food and Farm Initiative, shares her perspective on food and the depth of Vermonters' connections with each other.

Read More

#### Galway Kinnell-Vermonter

Posted by: Stuart Comstock-Gay on 11/12/2014 | 0 Comments

A tribute to Galway Kinnell, Vermont Poet Laureate, who passed away this fall.

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#### Ice Buckets and David Letterman - Stu's 2014 Annual Meeting Speech

Posted by: Stuart Comstock-Gay on 9/12/2014 | 0 Comments

Watch and read Stu's speech on giving, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, criticism, and community, delivered on September 10th, 2014 at our Annual Meeting.

Read More

#### An Issue We Can All Agree On: The Need for Early Childhood Education

Posted by: Stuart Comstock-Gay on 8/19/2014 | O Comments

It's rare in modern America to see consensus about much of anything. Which is why the growing and near overwhelming consensus around the importance of early childhood education is so encouraging. It's one of the few issues where nearly everybody agrees.

Read More

http://www.vermontcf.org/AboutUs/PresidentsBlogWhatsStu-ing.aspx

#### Connecting Through Local Food This Thanksgiving

Posted by: Stuart Comstock-Gay on 11/25/2014



Janet McLaughlin directs the Food and Farm Initiative, our five-year effort to connect all Vermonters with healthy, local food. In the following guest blog, she shares her perspective on the depth of Vermonters' connections with each other. – Stu

My husband and I welcomed our second child in August—another handsome, healthy boy who we're looking forward to raising as a Vermonter. Just seven weeks after Ian's arrival, I fell down our stairs and broke my leg. And while I definitely cannot recommend caring for an infant and toddler while on crutches, the experience has provided an amazing window into the generosity of our Vermont community. Family and friends dropped what they were doing to care for us. Neighbors helped with babysitting and baby holding. And everyone, including my colleagues here at the Community Foundation, has helped us with a steady supply of healthy, hearty meals for weeks now.

## Blogs

## Not all posts need be long...

#### YOUR VILLAGE GETS A WATER PROJECT

A Likely Scenario



The walk for water that used to take everyone here three hours, now takes 15 minutes. And the water is safe to drink.



A hygiene worker teaches your village the importance of sanitation. Your community builds latrines and sets up handwashing stations.



You join the Water
Committee to oversee
your village's new water
source. As a woman, this
is your first local
leadership position.



You use the extra time and new water source to start a vegetable garden and feed your family. You sell your extra food at the market.



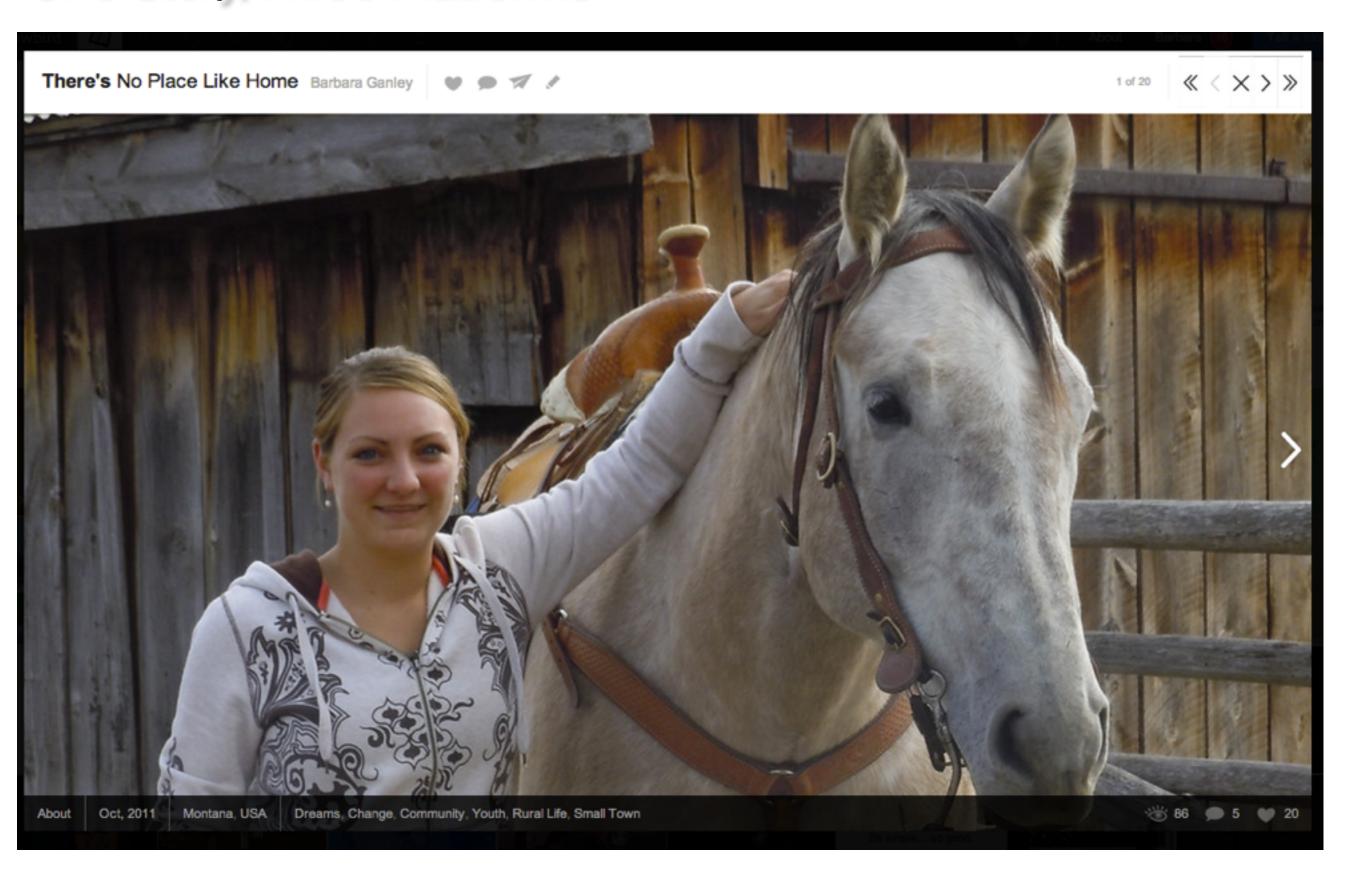
Your kids spend more time in school instead of walking for water. They graduate to become teachers, nurses or business owners.



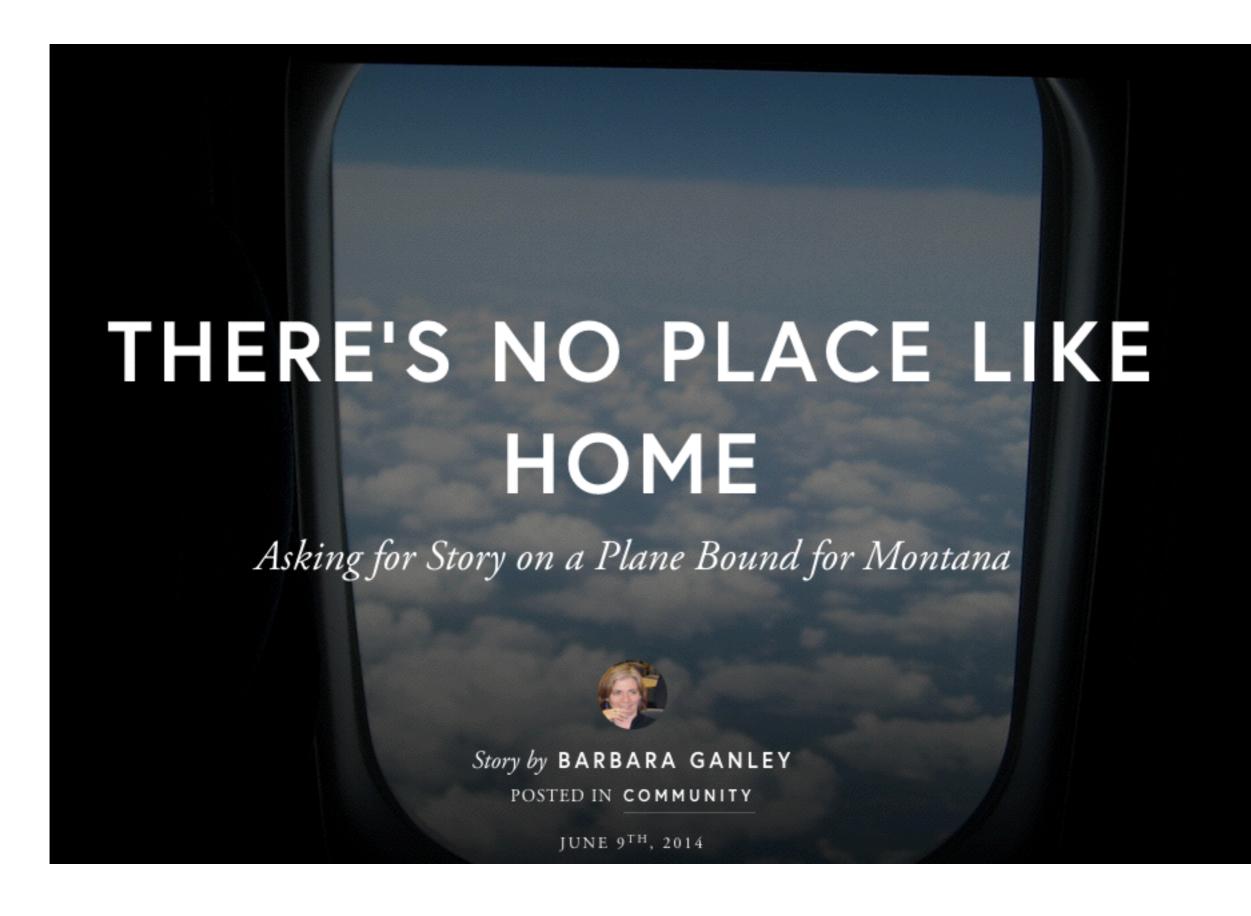
A nearby community learns how water changed your village. They petition for a water project too, and the cycle starts again.

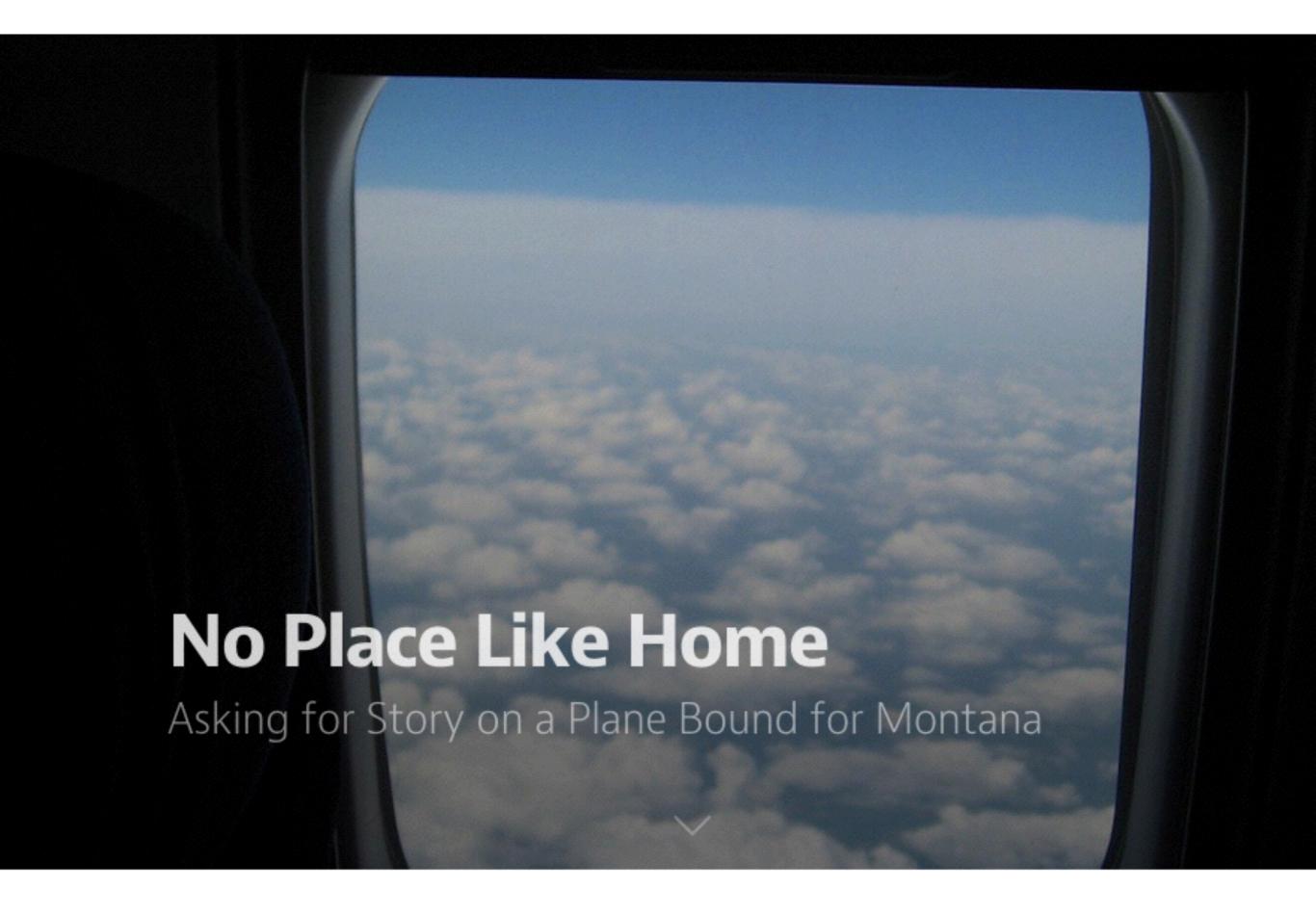
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## One Story/Three Platforms



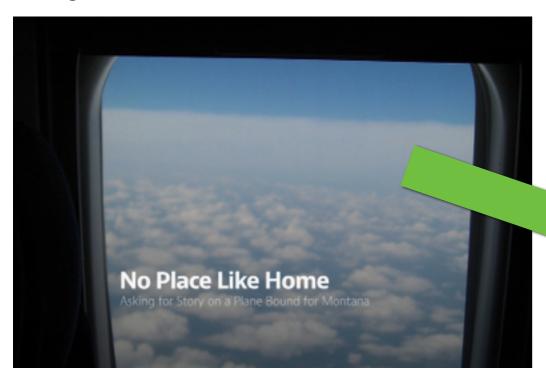
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#### A Single Post Travels from Medium to...



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#### ...Community Expressions Blog

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## Visual Storytelling Comparison: One Story, Three Platforms-Cowbird, Exposure & Medium

JUNE 10, 2014 BY BARBARA 📃 2 COMMENTS (EDIT)



One story, three platforms. A modest page from my friend, Alan Levine-of-50 Ways to Tell a Story-fame's book: put through their paces powerful, elegant, free visual-storytelling platforms, in my case Cowbird, Exposure and Medium, platforms that seem, on the surface, pretty similar.

My questions: Do I really need all three? Does one stand out? How can I advise overwhelmed nonprofit storytellers as they make their way through a maze of storytelling choices on the Web?

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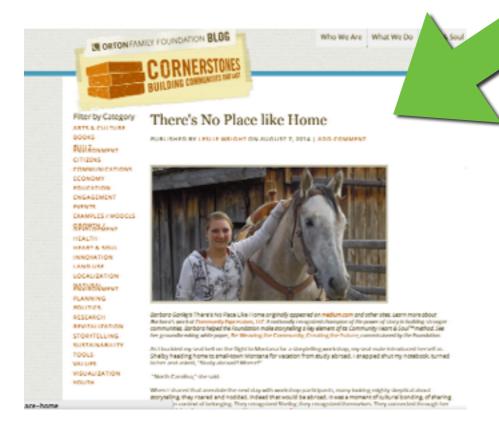


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#### ....to Orton Family Foundation Blog



Elizabeth G-R deganleyroper 215d .@bgblogging explores digital #storytelling across platforms **Gcowbird @Medium Gexposure** and the results are gorgeous: bit.ly/1nvBVwu Grant Potter @grantpotter No Place Like Home medium.com/@bgblogging/no.. by @bgblogging Creative Narrations @cnar... 216d Visual Storytelling Comparison: One Story, Three Platforms--Cowbird, Exposure & Medium wp.me/p1MYDr-gA via **@**bgblogging orton.org/blog/theres-no-place-home

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## Social Blogging: Tumblr



## **Hunger Free Vermont**

Our mission is to end the injustice of hunger and malnutrition for all Vermonters.



http://spacewalk50.tumblr.com/

#### Hunger is a Twelve-Month Problem



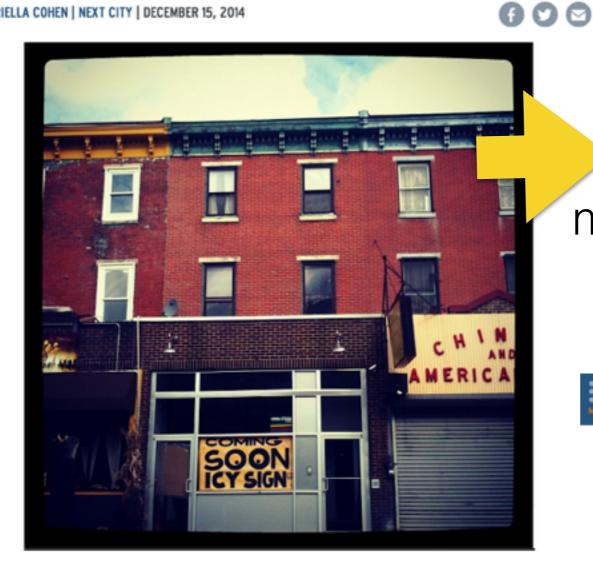
Post by Marissa Parisi, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont

A few winters ago I was driving down Route 7 in January on one of Vermont's brutally cold days. At the corner of Marsette Road in Shelburne, I saw a woman hitchhiking and bundled in many layers. I felt compelled to give this woman a ride and get her out of the cold. I

http://hungerfreevt.tumblr.com/

### Help Us With Our #ChangingCity Project

BY ARIELLA COHEN | NEXT CITY | DECEMBER 15, 2014



http://bit.ly/1A4NmC8

Igniting a project meeting people where they are



These stories of small connections and intimate geographies shouldn't get lost in policy debate or ideological arguments. Our hope is to start a conversation that can help us better understand the communities we cover and the myriad perspectives our readers bring.

We will publish the most compelling photos on NextClty.Org, Send a caption with your picture that explains what's going on and we will select the most interesting story to be reported by one of writers in an upcoming feature.

There are three easy ways for you to submit a photo and/or story about your changing city. Please make sure to include the location of your photo.

- . On Twitter, tweet your photo and story using #ChangingCity. Like this.
- . On Tumblr, post your photo and story to our blog here. Like this.
- · Email jeff@nextcity.org your photo and story.

## **Blogging Exercise**

1. What value might blogging bring your organization?

2. Who would you be trying to reach?

3. Who might contribute to the blog?

4. Come up with one topic for a long post; one for a short post.

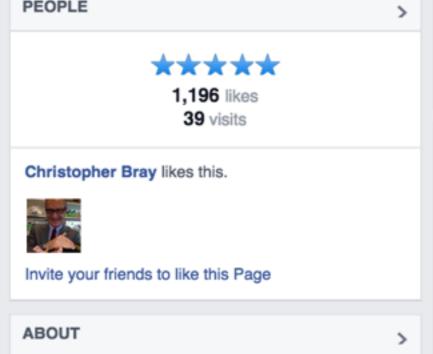
How will you use visuals?

## Facebook



It was great meeting with you. Have your people friend my people.





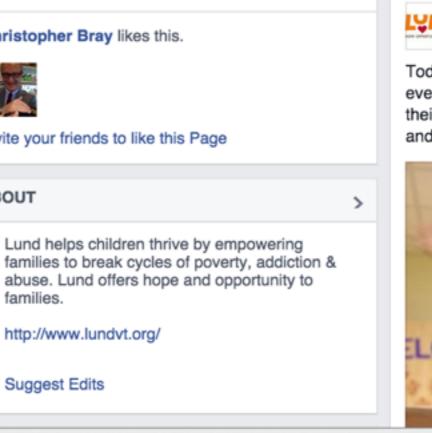
Lund helps children thrive by empowering

families.

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http://www.lundvt.org/

abuse. Lund offers hope and opportunity to



Write something on this Page...



Today is International Day of Happiness! Helping children find joy in everyday things encourages happiness, imagination and connection with their own environment. People who notice the small miracles of daily life, and allow themselves to be touched by them, are happier.





What do you notice about this FB page and post?

Our big old Basswood north of the Farm Barn yesterday lit up with the sun shining on it and the dark sky in back. It was pretty neat for the 10 minutes it lasted until it started snowing.



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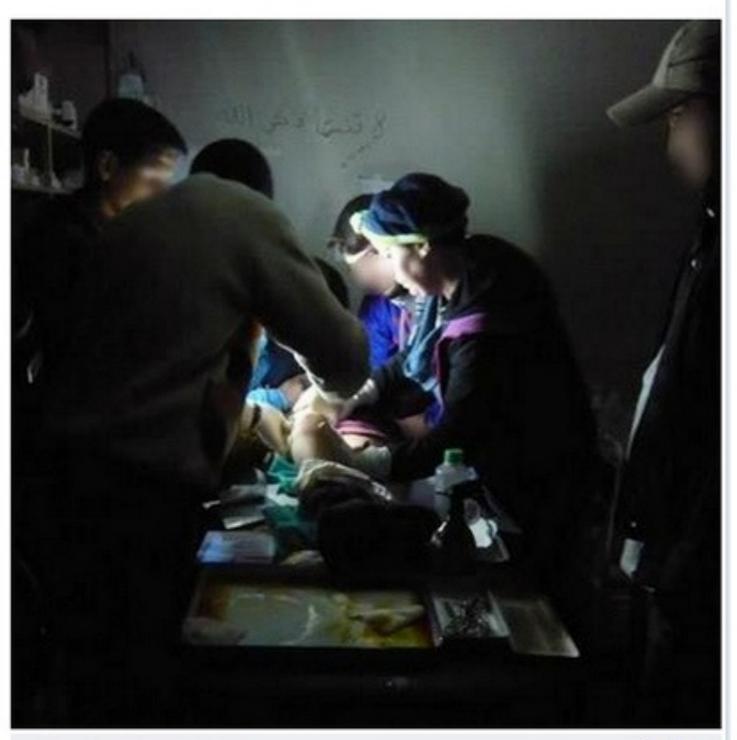
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It's 6am, and I have already been awake for a few hours. Nearby fighting meant overnight business. Fortunately our patient was stable enough to go to the OR in the morning, and the surgical team could sleep a little longer than me!!

## Day in the Life



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## Historic Scotland looks back on the year

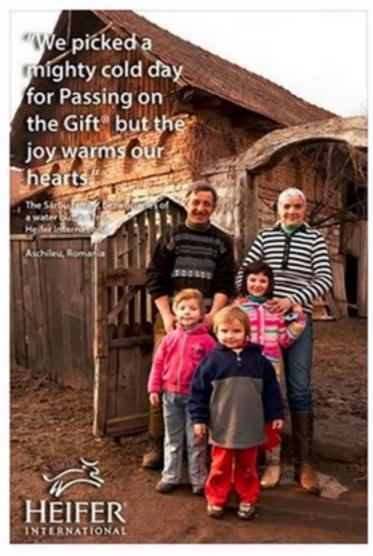
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Weaving Social Media Story—FB to Blog



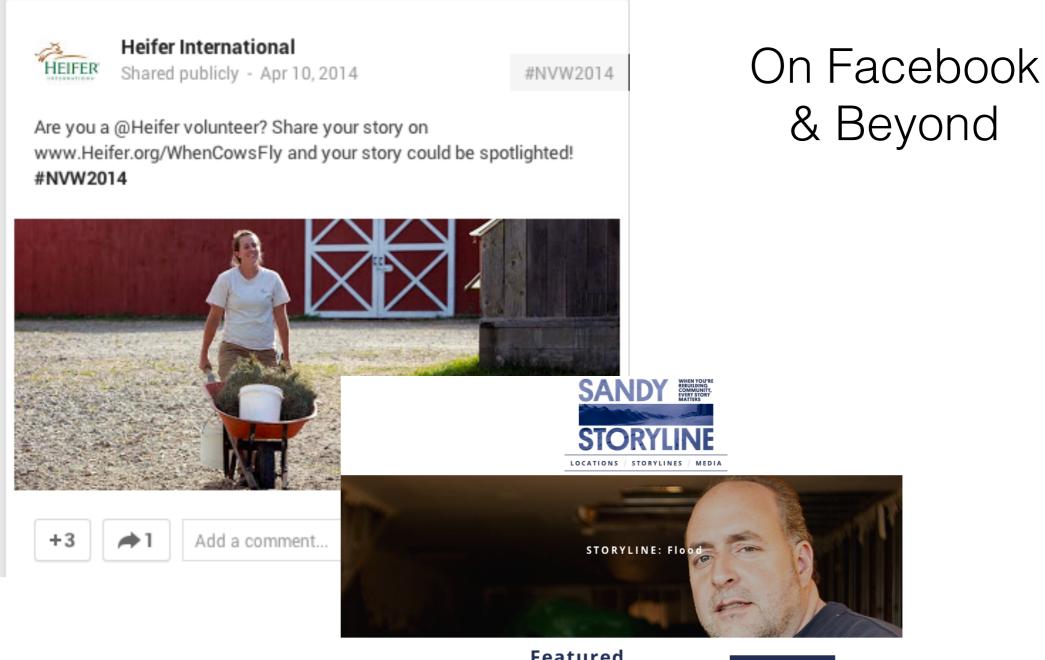
Photo of the Week: Thanks to you, the Sârbu family are beneficiaries of a water buffalo from Heifer International.



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## Giving the story to the givers

## **Participatory Projects**











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## Old Stories Made New

## Hashtags

#preservationtools
#preservationheros
#preservationinprogress
#preservationvt
#newpreservationists





#### Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA)

shared Canal Street Beads's photo.

4 hrs · ⊘



#### Canal Street Beads

We're back in Bellows Falls.....Open on Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Stop in today and receive a free gift with any purchase! We are located at 17 Rockingham St.(across from the Vermont Pretzel Café and Windham Antiques).

- Liking others
- Sharing
- Responding
- Commenting
- Conversing

## **Building Audience**



Vermont State Historic Sites at Chimney Point State Historic

Site, Addison, VT

8 hrs · Edited · @

This was the scene 3 years ago today at Chimney Point. Contractors were hard at work removing the slips for the temporary ferries on the Vermont side of the Chimney Point-Crown Point crossing used while the new Lake Champlain Bridge was being constructed. The bridge opened in November 2011, and the landscape restoration work on both sides was completed in 2012.



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#### State Office Complex, Waterbury, VT

A few words from John Ostrum on the State Office Complex Post-Irene Renovation in Waterbury, VT

From Flooding to Flourishing: Vermont State Office Complex, Waterbury, VT. Downtown Water...

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**Boost Post** 

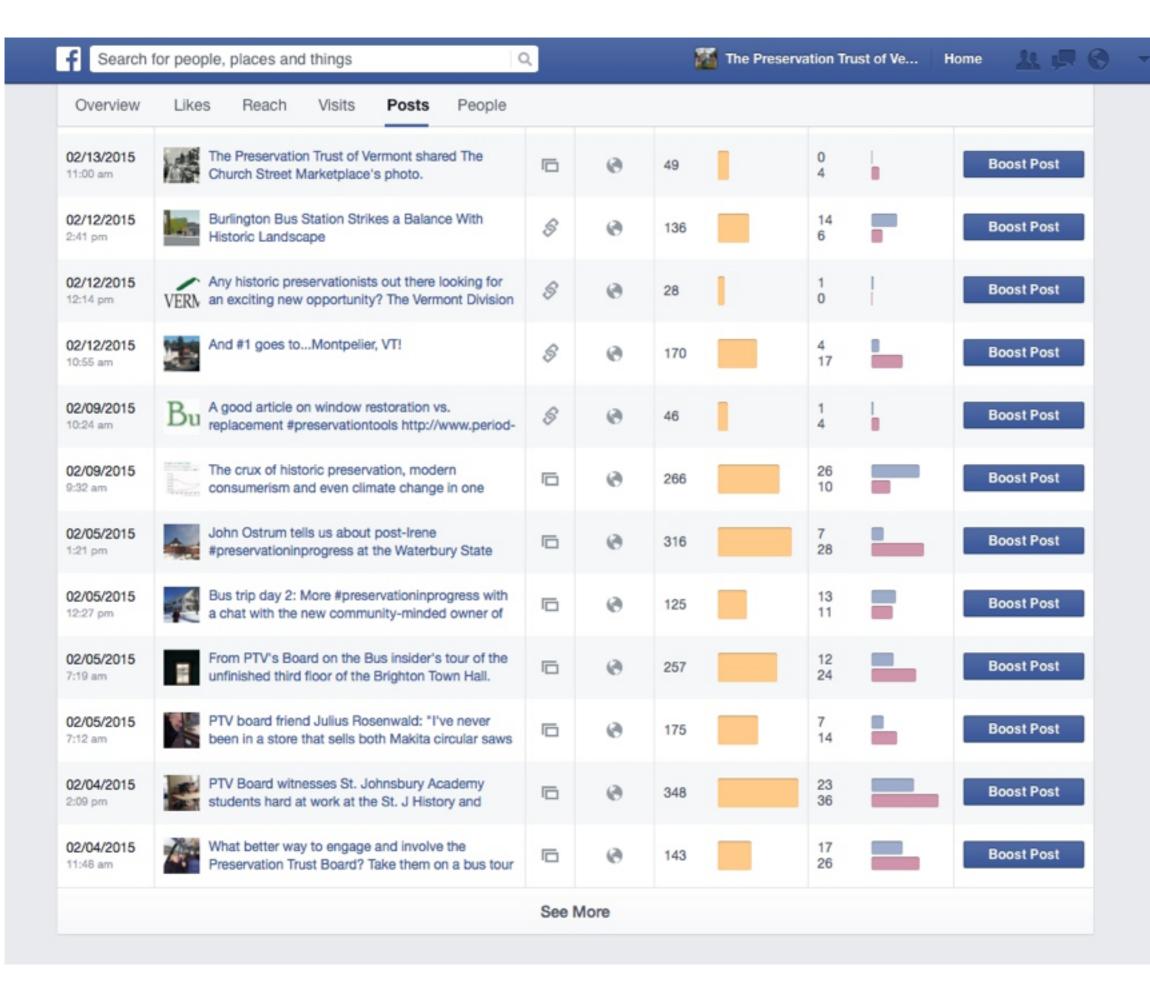
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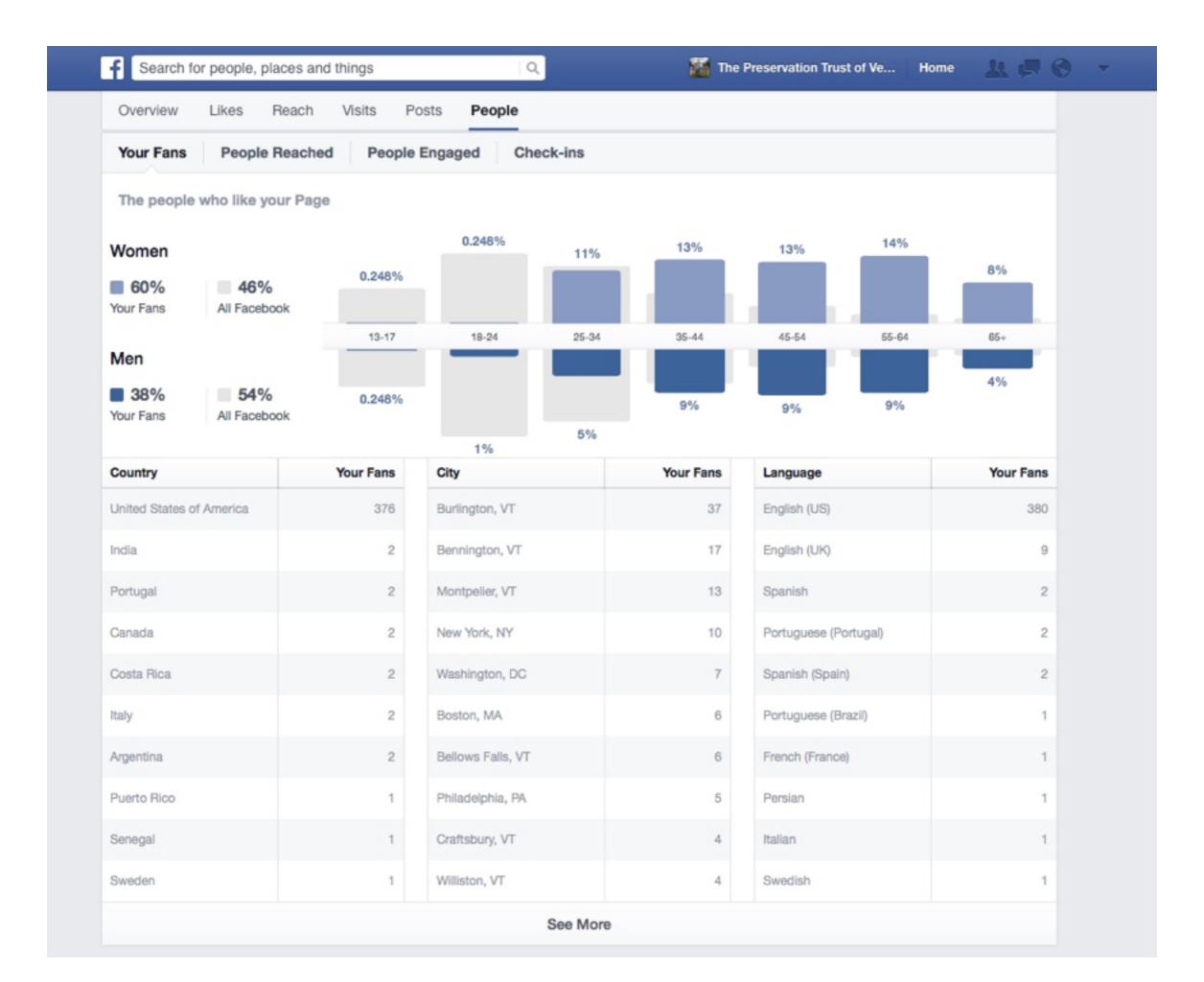
Compare the performance of your Page and posts with similar Pages on Facebook.

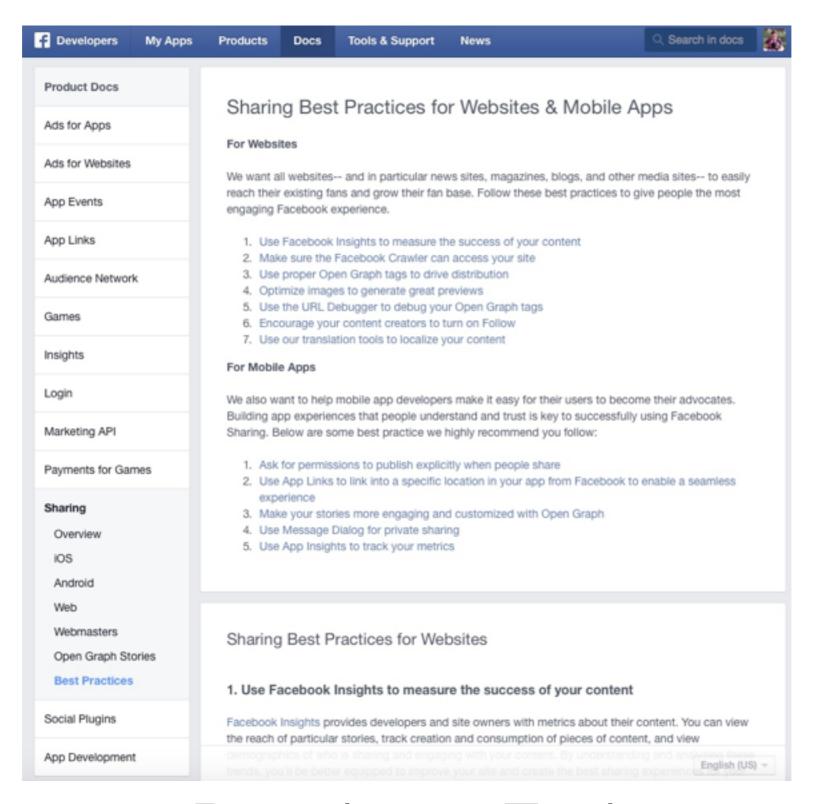
#### Add Pages

Likes, Comments & Shares

ge		Total Page Likes	New Page Likes	Posts This Week	Engagement This Week
1	The Vermont Arts Council	2.4K	▼1.4% from last week	12	91
2	Vermont FEED (Food Ed	2.1K	0% from last week	9	105
3	Vermont Land Trust	1.8K	▼1.1% from last week	2	42
4	Vermont Folklife Center	1.3K	▼1.3% from last week	1	5
5	The Vermont Communit	1.3K	▼1% from last week	5	39
6	The Preservation Trust o	403	▼1% from last week	2	7



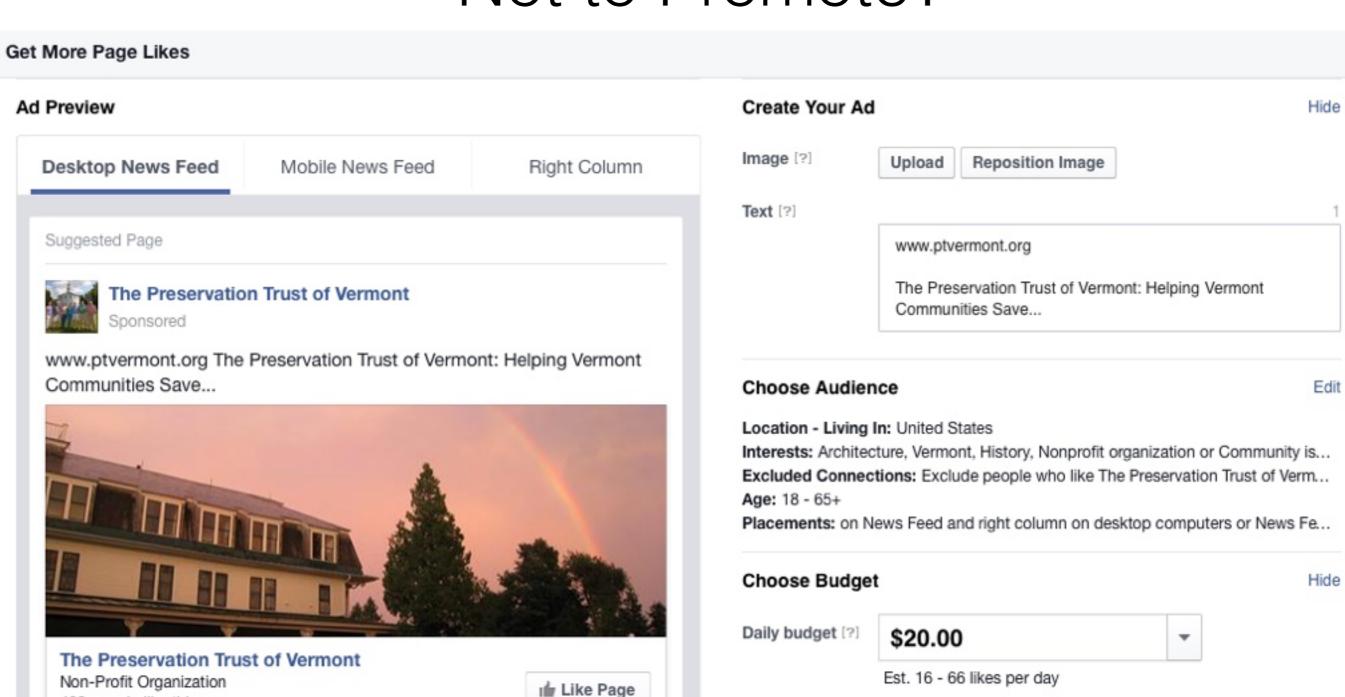




## Developer Tools

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# To Promote or Not to Promote?



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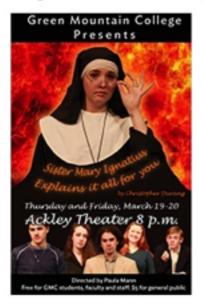
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Opening Night! The College's theater department presents the one-act satirical comedy "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it all For You" by Christopher Durang. Murder, mayhem and absurdity abound! Check it out tonight or tomorrow in Ackley Theater at 8 p.m.



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#### Vermont Youth Conservation Corps liked this.



## Vermont Cheesemakers' Festival shared Vermont Cheese Council's photo.

Yesterday at 5:27pm · @

#### Say... Winning Cheeses!



#### **Vermont Cheese Council**

Congratulations to "US Championship Cheese Awards" Winners from Vermont!

Grafton Village Cheese Company.- Clothbound, Cave Aged Cheddar

Cellars at Jasper Hill- ...

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## 12 Ways People Talk about you with FB Friends

- Like a post from your Page
- Comment on a post from your Page
- Share a post from your Page
- 4) Answer a Question
- 5) Mention your Page in an update
- 6) Tag your Page in a photo
- 7) Tag their friends in a photo you post
- 8) Like your Page
- 9) Post an update on your Page
- 10) RSVP to an event on your Page
- 11) Check into your Facebook Place
- Writing a recommendation about your Page



# 7 Things to Consider Before Calling it Quits on Facebook in 2015

If your Facebook strategy is currently reliant on overly promotional posts, you can expect to see organic reach decline in 2015.

But there are steps you can take to set yourself up for success right now..

- 1. Identify your top performing posts from 2014
- 2. Experiment with timing and frequency
- 3. Check for context
- 4. Develop an advertising budget
- 5. Experiment with different networks
- 6. Move relationships beyond Facebook
- 7. Keep your details up-to-date

## **Facebook Exercise**

- 1. Who should you be reaching (better) through FB?
- 2. What larger visual narrative could you tell through smaller FB stories?
- 3. How might you use FB to bring your audience to your blog &/or website?
- 4. Come up with ideas for 2 FB posts unlike anything you've done before but that you could do tomorrow.

## **Twitter**







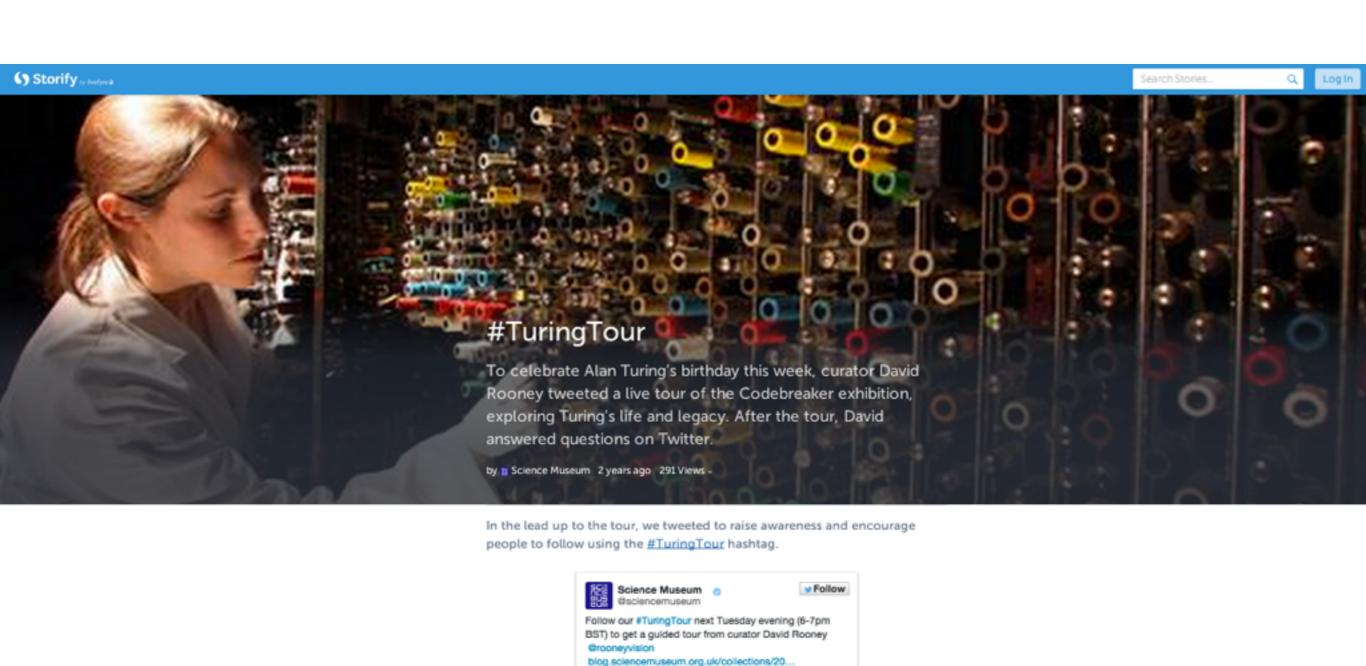




## Twitter Examples



## Twitter Participatory Projects

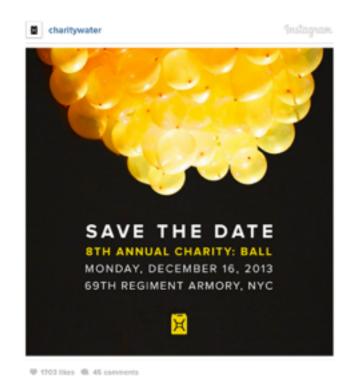


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## Instagram



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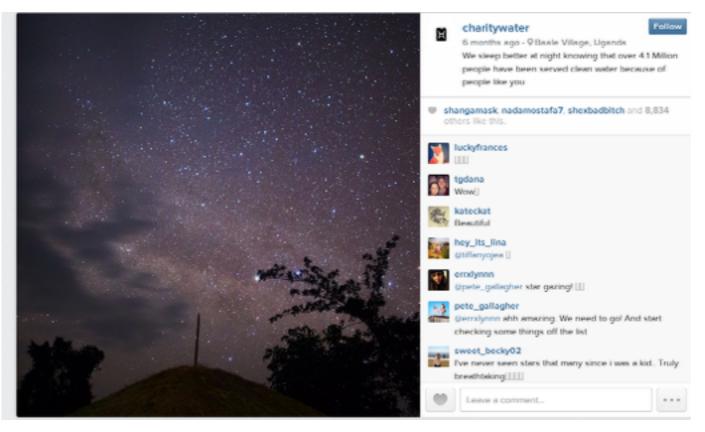
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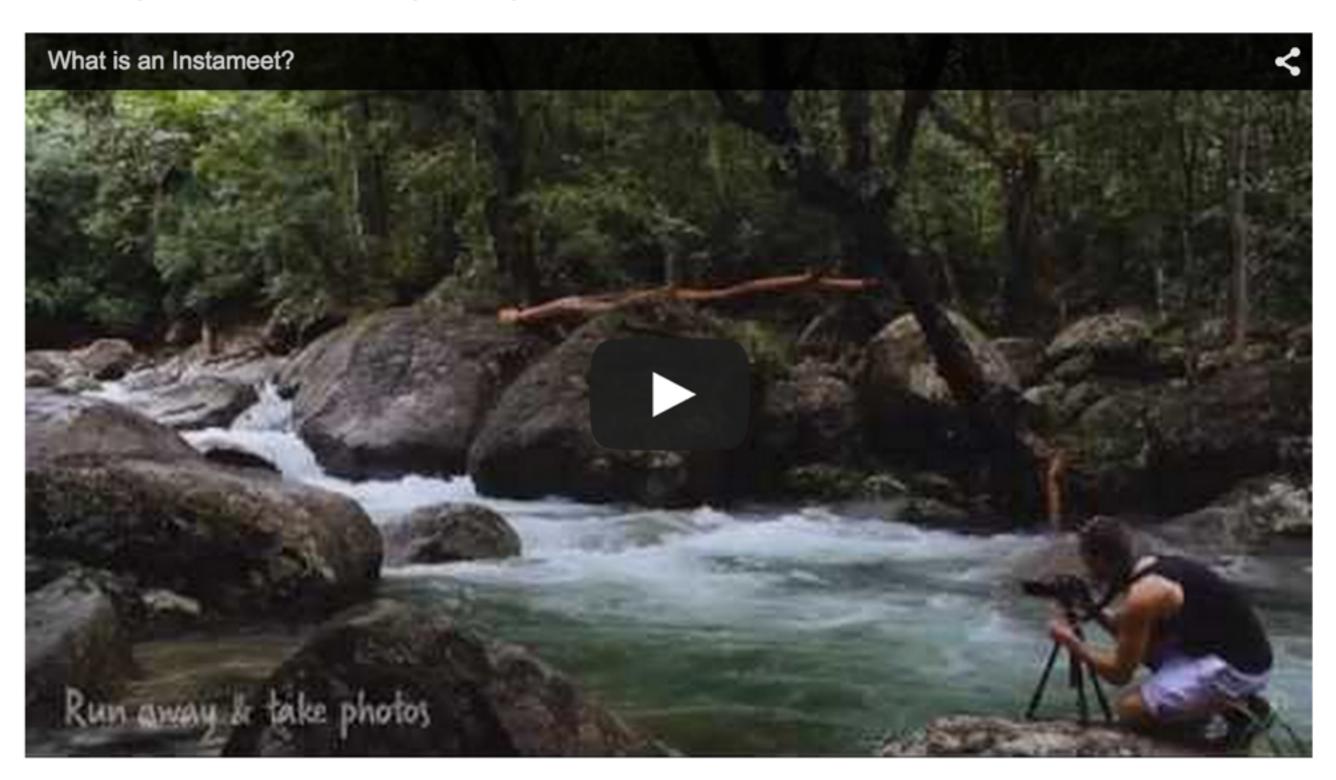
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A recent example of this was the **Queensland Instameet**. In October 2014, **Queensland** hosted a world record breaking Instameet with 88 events on the one day with over 1000 participants.





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175 likes 0 comments

# Social Media Image Size Cheat Sheet 2015



#### Facebook

Cover photo 851x315 Profile photo 180x180 Tab 111x74 Link image 1200x627 Shared image 1200x1200



#### Twitter

Header 1500x500 Profile photo 400x400 Shared photo 1024x512 In-stream photo preview 220x440



#### Google+

Profile photo 250x250 Cover photo 2120x1192 Shared image [minimum] 250x250



#### LinkedIn

Standard logo 100x60 Square logo 50x50 Banner image 646x220 Shared image size limit 100 MB



#### **Pinterest**

Profile photo 600x600 Board thumbnail 222x150 Pin 600xinfinite



#### Instagram

Profile photo 161x161 Image viewed on desktop in lightbox as 612x612 Image feed 510x510



#### YouTube

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### First Draft of a Story Project







**What** 

<u>Why</u>

Mission Goal

**Project Objectives** 

Audience
Who/Relevance/Resonance/
Location/Actions

Channels/Media

Project Ideas

**Evaluation** 

2 Platform guide Which platform will you use for what activities?		
Platform	Priority (high, medium, low)	What will you do on this platform (per activity)
2 Your website		
<b>f</b> Facebook		
Twitter		
<b>⊚</b> Instagram		
Pinterest		
(a) You Tube		
• Flickr		
<b>⋒</b> Blog		

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## **Storytelling Strategy**

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## What makes for an effective storytelling organization?

- Senior management promotes a storytelling culture
- Everyone in the organization understands the organization's values and what makes a compelling, strategic story
- The organization has developed a storytelling strategy, supported by appropriate content and platforms
- Meaningful metrics are used to evaluate the effectiveness of storytelling

Why do we need stories and storytelling?

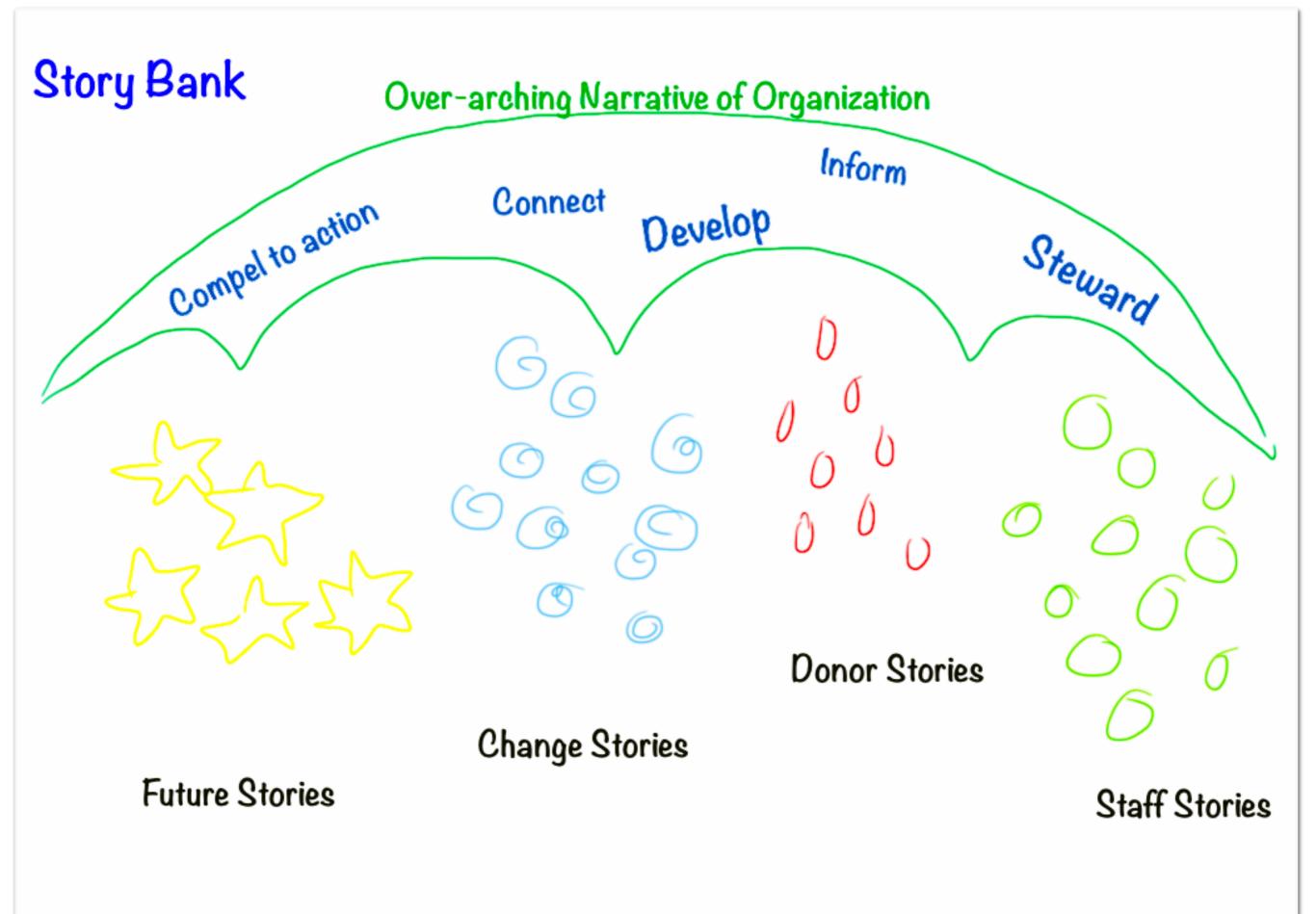
Where will we use stories/telling?

What will success look like?

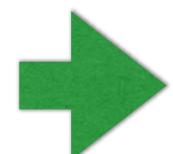
What? So what? Now what?

## BUILDING YOUR STORYTELLING STRATEGY

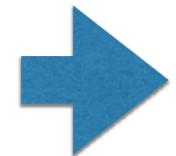
- \*\* Less can be more
- \*\* Ask "What for" then "What"
- \*\* What about the **social** in social media?
- \*\* What unique story do you have to tell and value to offer?
- \*\* How are you weaving the **bigger story** by choosing channels to match stories & linking between versions and back to your website



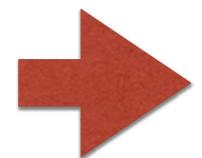
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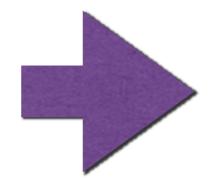
What stories do you already have? Do you need?



What channels/media can/should you employ?



What do you need help doing? Who might help?



How will you evaluate your efforts?



### Workshop Resources

If you have follow-up questions, feedback, or ideas you'd like to share with us, please contact us at:

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Resources for this Workshop (A Long List of Readings, Examples, How-tos):