



New England Grassroots Environment Fund

Think Social, Act Local:

Applying Social Media to

Your Community Group

RI Land & Water Summit

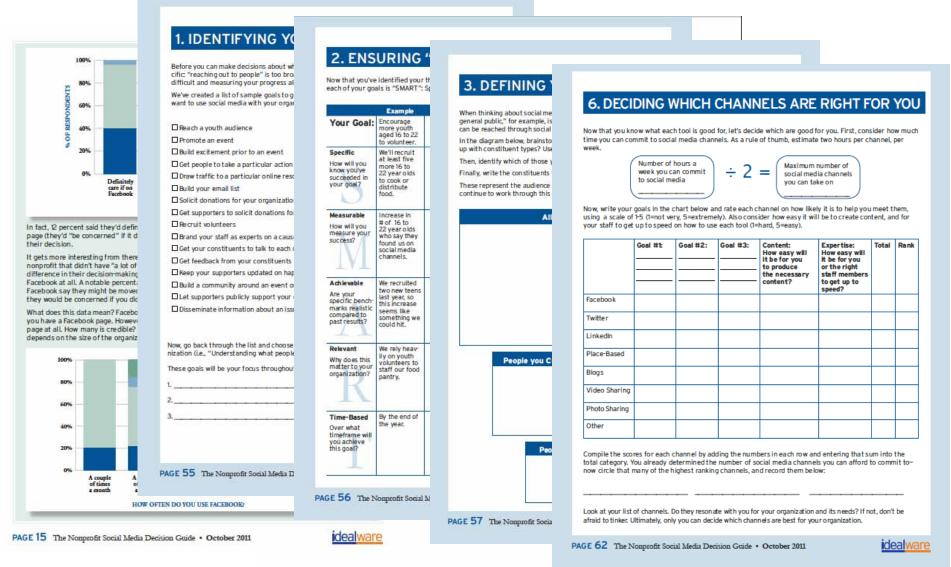
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Our Roots



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What is Social Media?

....and, why do I need it?













Where did we get information in the past? How did we make decisions?





What's Different Now?

- Speed
- Access
- Variety
- Networks









What's the Same?

It's people.

It's relationships.

It's conversations.

It's capturing ATTENTION.





- Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers
 - Conversation and community
 - Recognize current volunteers
 - Reach out to new volunteers

"We like to promote people when they do things on their own, like volunteer fundraisers who host events, which then encourages other people to do the same types of things, or gives ideas to other people."





- West Side, Providence, Rhode Island 02909
- 401-267-UGFC (8432)









Abou

As of Feb 16th we have 423 members! Thank you to the 8 new members we gathered at Farm Fresh Rhode Island's winter market. That might be a new record for most sign ups in one day! Each membership gets us closer to opening a consumer-owned co-op grocery store. Ready to help us meet our goal of 500 memberships by April 2013? You can join online.

- Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers
- Advocacy
- Educate about your issue
- Taking action
- Thanking and celebrating





July 9







July 9

July 11







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July 11

July 14



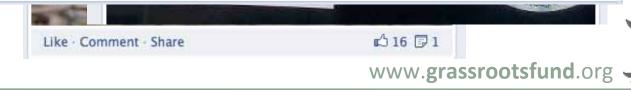
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We are having a painting party today 9am-Noon. We'll be staining the shed, weeding, filling some of the raised beds and watering. If you have any spare time or would like to get on our volunteer list, just let us know! Thanks for All of your Support. Oh Yeah and Don't forget to VOTE!-The Garden Crew

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July 11

July 14







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Coventry Community Garden Wins \$4,000 Grant

The garden earned nearly 23,000 votes between March 6-August 6.

By Lauren Costa | Email the author | August 7, 2012

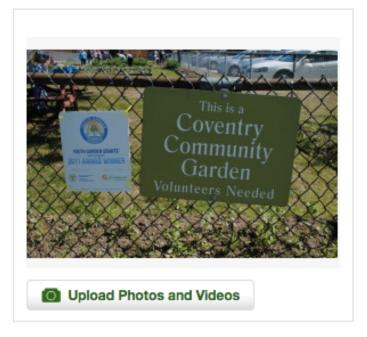


Coventry's own Community Garden will now be able to provide even more fresh produce to residents in need after winning a \$4,000 grant on August 6.

The garden, founded by resident Gail Tatangelo, was contacted on February 2 by Organic Magazine to let them know the garden was one of 15 across the country nominated for the grant.

The grant program, funded by DeLoach Vineyards, will present checks totaling \$20,000 to five community gardens that have a large impact on their communities. The funds can be used for anything from purchasing seeds and supplies. installing sheds and lighting, improving signage and more.

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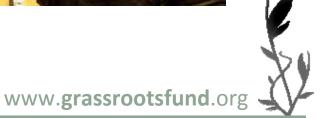
Members of the garden created a video that was posted on deloachcommunitygardens.com, and enlisted friends, family and neighbors to vote once a day from March 6 to August 6 in order to stay in the top 5.

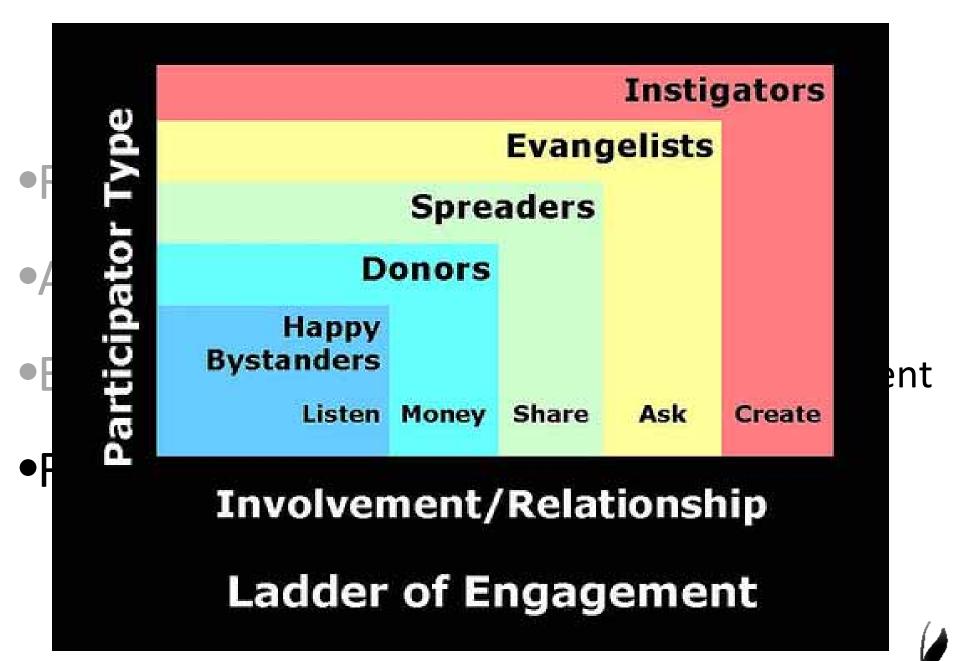


- Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers
- Advocacy
- Events
 - Before
 - During
 - After











- Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers
- Advocacy
- Events
- Fundraising

- Promoting existing campaigns
- Moving up ladder of engagement
- Social media as friend-to-friend
- Tools live at fundraising events
- Finding potential donors





- Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers
- Advocacy
- Events
- Fundraising

- Driving traffic
- Building lists
- Viral messages
- Promotion and Outreach







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Social Media Tools and Their Use

Social "Updating"

.... like Twitter

Social "Networking"

... like Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+

Social "Musing"

.... like blogs

Social "Sharing"

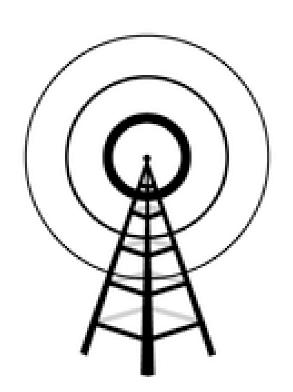
.... like YouTube, Pinterest, Flickr





Twitter - What is It?

Find out what's happening, right now, with people & organizations you care about.







Twitter - What is It?



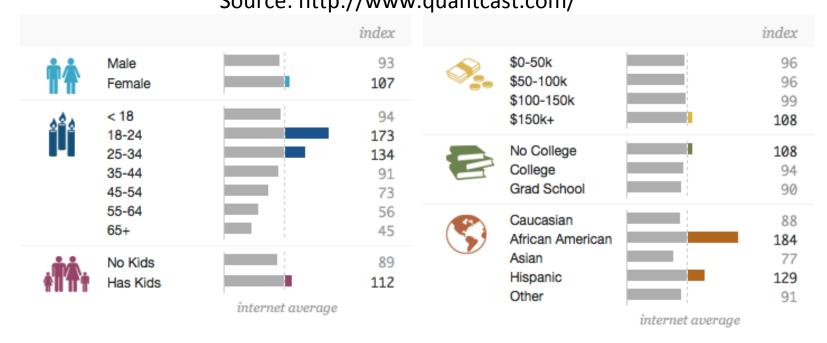


Twitter - Who Uses it?

• 500 million registered users, 200 million active users

US Demographics
Updated Feb 2013 • Next: Mar 2013

Source: http://www.quantcast.com/



"Twitter's probably not the right channel to reach your teen advisory group, but it's an interesting way to reach media, partners and skilled potential volunteers."





Twitter - How To?

- create user profile (name, email, password)
- average of 1.5 − 2 hours a week
- post several times per day (though somewhat forgiving)
- make sure at least half of post are not self-promotional
- make time to read and retweet as well as tweeting your own content
- retweeting = friendship, provides valuable resources to your network
- leave room for re-tweeters to add a comment
- use tinyurl.com or bit.ly for smaller links in your tweets
- use Tweetdeck to schedule your tweets





Keep in touch with extended groups of friends, family & organizations.



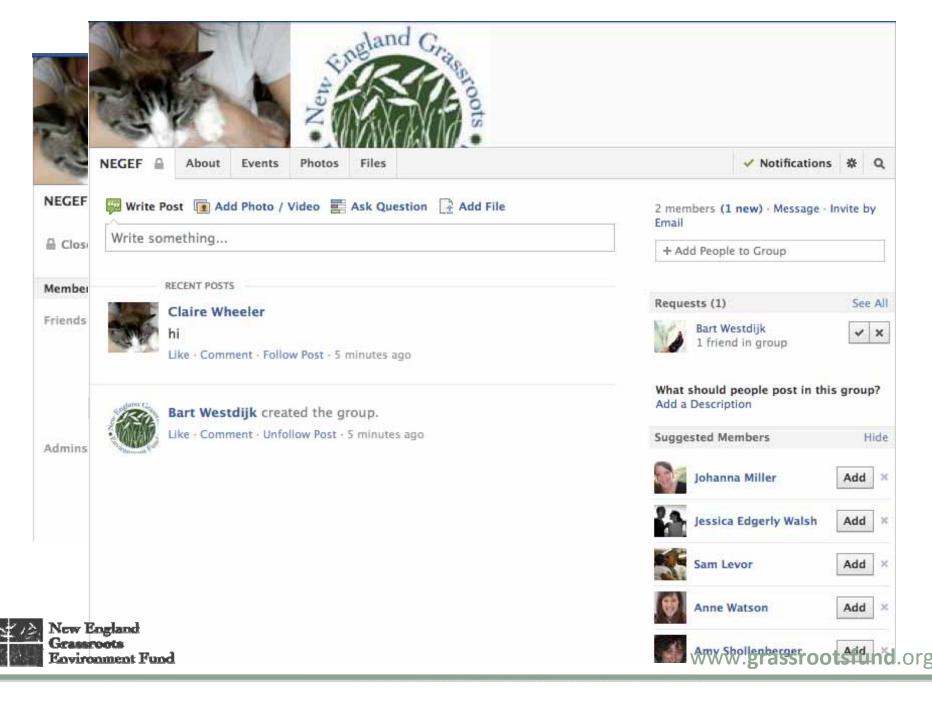




To Page or To Group? That is the question!















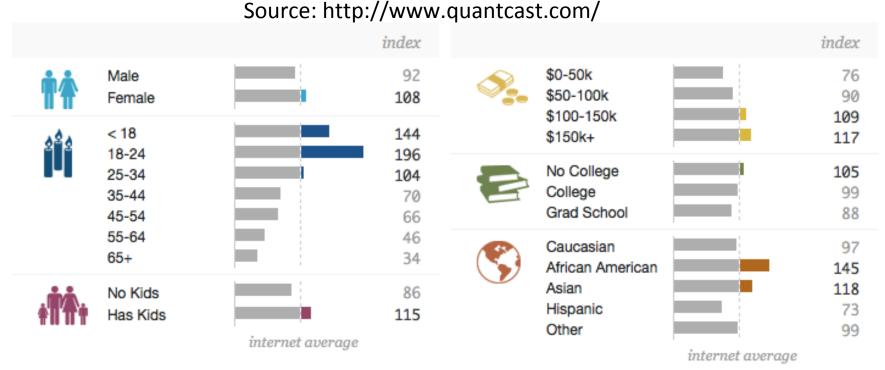




Facebook - Who Uses it?

• 1.06 billion registered users, 680 million mobile users

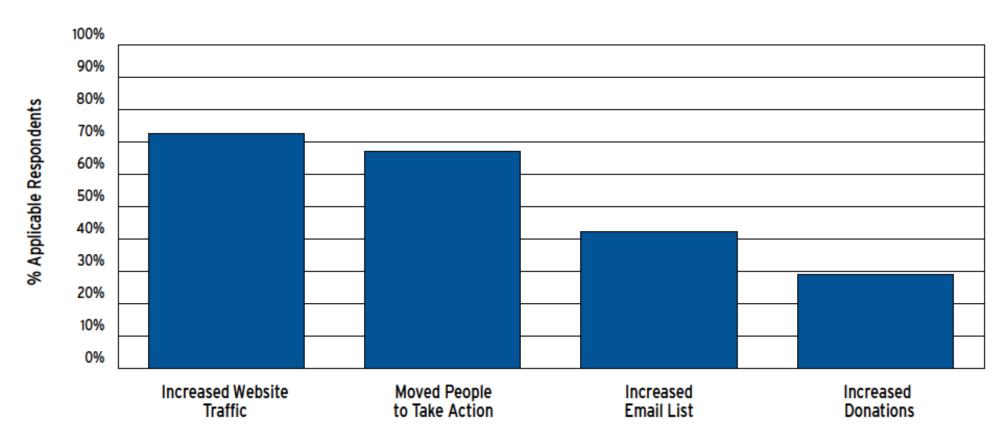
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"Heavy users turn to Facebook as a reference site - almost like they would a website. It's worth thinking about creating a page simply to ensure that people looking for you can find you."







Source: Idealware.org's 2011 Social Media Decision Guide





Facebook - How To?

- create user profile (name, email, password, birth date, gender)
- create page & follow steps
- ask friends to like early on (show activity)
- average of 2 ½ hours a week
- post several times per week (less forgiving than twitter)
- small, simple messages: news, photos, events, questions, etc.
- it's interactive!
- make time to like, comment and share
- use @ to talk to/highlight others
- option to connect Facebook to other applications





Post fairly frequent updates about what's going on with the group or the project, often told from a personal perspective.







Technically, it's not that different from a website, but the structure and tone tends to differentiate blogs—posts are often short, appear in reverse chronological order (newest first), and are almost always written in the first person. Typically text-based, they can also include photos or videos.







Blogger



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Welcome to our blog--a platform for discussing issues related to poverty and social justice. Please join the discussion and help create a vibrant space full of thought provoking ideas that lead to actions that better our world!

Sunday, February 24, 2013

Pragmatic Idealism

A central aspect of my job and life as a social entrepreneur, social crusader and poet is to inspire and empower others to follow their dreams and, in turn, better the world. Indeed, one of my favorite sayings is that there is nothing more beautiful than a life well-lived. Unfortunately, there are so many obstacles to living the lives we wish to lead: societal and parental pressure, the imperative to earn money to pay off student loans, a lack of supports and examples for those seeking to do bold things, and so on.

POST

As a result, far too few people do what it is they truly want to do, and this has horrible consequences for the individual and for society as a whole. After all, in the year 2013 we can no longer justify social or environmental injustice with the argument that we don't have the capacity to solve them: we have all the technology, the money, the wealth, the examples and the business models needed to eradicate poverty, avoid climate change, and so on. What's lacking, then, is the *will* to do so. And as I often argue, there is a significant disconnect between our will and our desire—for how many of us *want* to see a better world? I'd venture that the vast majority of us long for that. So what's the problem? Simply put, because we feel incapable of living up to our ideals we often pursue careers that, at best, are neutral and, at worst, negatively impact the world.

AMPLIFY

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INTERACT

Posted by Andy at 4:51 PM No comments:



MODERATE





Blogs - How to?

- create user profile (email/user name + password)
- name your blog & follow steps
- create first few posts
- average of 3 hours a week
- update at least every 2 weeks (be consistent!)
- follow other blogs, comment and respond!
- make a plan/policy for moderating comments
- link to relevant other blogs (and they often return the favor)
- promote the RSS feed
- use your other channels to promote your blog





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Pic & Vid Sharing - What is It?



- PHOTOSTREAM
 COLLECTION
 SET
- favorite
- comment
- notes
- tag
- people



GROUPS
CHANNELS
FEED

- like

- comment



BOARDS GIFTS

- pin/re-pin

- like

- comment

- follow



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Pic & Vid Sharing - What is It?

- Sites serve as reservoirs for pictures or videos
- Ability to pull images to website, drive traffic
- Straightforward communication use
- Users can share, comment, or tag content
- Social aspect is still growing

"On a few occasions, I've had enough time to search tags and find photos associated with us but posted by a constituent instead of an employee. It has been a great way to strike up a conversation or manage our reputation."



Sharing: Who Uses it?

YouTube: 490+ million users

Flickr: 70+ million

Vimeo: 8+ million users

Pinterest: 12+ million users

- main demographic is women aged 25-44





Sharing: How To?

- Sign up & Explore
- Spread the word
- Ask constituents to like & vote your pics & videos
- Ask supporters to provide content to publish on channels
- Encourage conversation around striking images & videos
- Drive traffic to your site







Number of hours a week you can commit to social media

Maximum number of social media channels you can take on

1 = the loneliest number





Time Flies | Average minutes per visitor to social-media sites in January tumblr. 89 Pinterest Linked in facebook 405 minutes per visitor myspace twitter 3) Google+ Notes: World-wide data. Does not include mobile usage. "Twitter.com data only Source: comScore The Wall Street Journal





Social Media takes TIME

Listen

No Engagement

Google alerts

socialmention*





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Promote

Broadcast/Share



twitter







ShareThis



dlvr.it

Participate

Low Engagement

facebook.











Publish

Content Intensive











Build Community

High Engagement









15 min/day

20 min/day







3-5 hrs/wk + 5-10 hrs/wk



Original concept by Beth Kanter





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	edia to use, you should be clear on your goals. Be spe- ple. This type of goal will make identifying your strateg ble.		
We've created a list of sample goals to get you thinki want to use social media with your organization.	ng about your own. Check off all of the reasons why yo		
☐ Reach a youth audience	☐Recruit new members, advocates or patrons		
☐ Promote an event ☐ Build excitement prior to an event ☐ Get people to take a particular action ☐ Draw traffic to a particular online resource ☐ Build your email list	□Support a particular group of members, alumni, etc. □Tell stories about the work you do □Get press coverage		
			Connect with other like-minded organizations
			Solicit donations for your organization
	Get supporters to solicit donations for you Recruit volunteers Brand your staff as experts on a cause or issue Get your constituents to talk to each other Get feedback from your constituents Keep your supporters updated on happenings Build a community around an event or topic		
Understand what people are saying about you			
□Keep up to date with a particular issue □Coordinate people in an action or a project □Other			
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		Other	
Let supporters publicly support your cause		Other	
□ Disseminate information about an issue or topic		Other	
Now, go back through the list and choose your top thr nization (i.e., "Understanding what people are saying a These goals will be your focus throughout this workbo			
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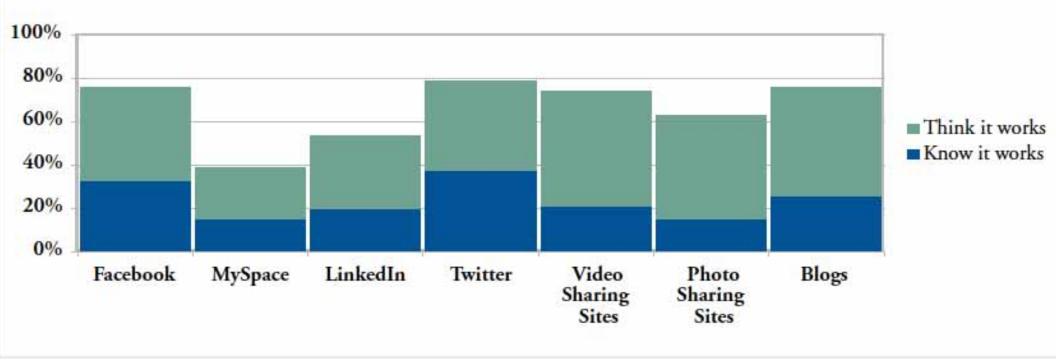
	Example	Goal 1	Goal 2	Goal 3
Your Goal:	Charles on the Land of the Land		33372	
Specific How will you know you've succeeded in your goal?	We'll recruit at least five more 16 to 22 year olds to cook or distribute food.			
Measurable How will you measure your success?	Increase in # of 16 to 22 year olds who say they found us on social media channels.			
Achievable Are your specific benchmarks realistic compared to past results?	We recruited two new teens last year, so this increase seems like something we could hit.			
Relevant Why does this matter to your organization?	We rely heav- ily on youth volunteers to staff our food pantry.			
Time-Based Over what timeframe will you achieve this goal?	By the end of the year.			

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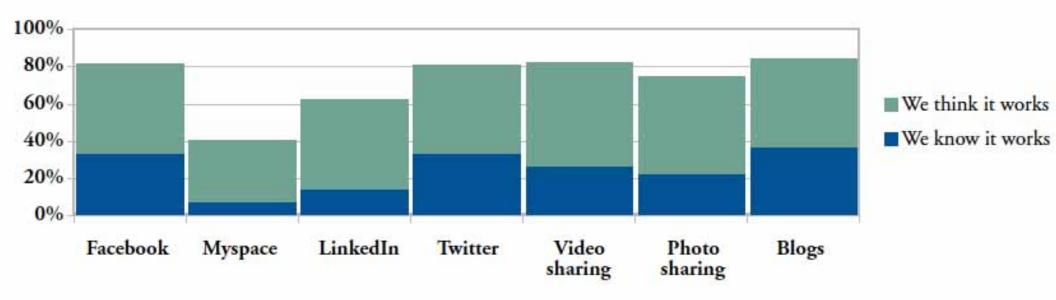
Reaching New Supporters For Your Organization







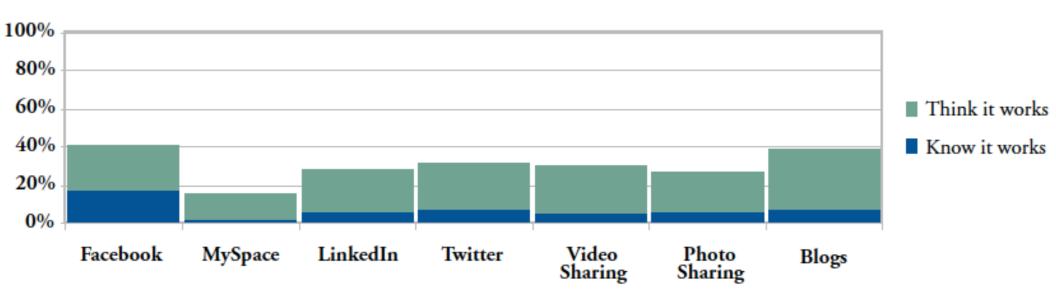
Enhancing Relations with Your Audience







Raising Money For Your Organization







Helpful Hints from Local Groups

- Part of your already existing campaigns and strategies
- Get Over Yourself!
- Invite people to like as a way to stay in touch, NOT as a way to get \$
- Share real content and be genuine
- Listen, make room for adaptation/sharing
- Be a content curator for your supporters in the marketplace of ideas
- Foot in the Door strategy
- Yum, Dim Sum!
- Let's get visual
- Stick With It: before, during and after project or event





Integration Tools

- Facebook Apps
 - -Twitter
 - -Kickstarter
 - -Pinterest
 - -Flickr



- Hootsuite: http://hootsuite.com/

- Tweetdeck: http://tweetdeck.com/

- Others?





Thank You!

QUESTIONS? THOUGHTS? COMMENTS? IDEAS?

Download the presentation: www.grassrootsfund.org/resources/think_social_act_local/

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