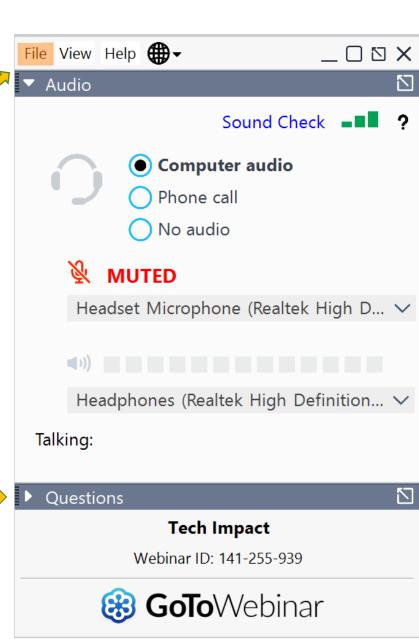


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## **POLL**

Typically, Tech Impact runs course sessions once a week for consecutive weeks. This course was run in 3 consecutive days. How did you feel about this schedule?

- 1. I prefer consecutive days instead of consecutive weeks.
- 2. I prefer consecutive weeks instead of consecutive days.
- 3. Either schedule works fine for me.
- 4. Comments (into the Questions pane)







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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Homework Review
- 2. Envisioning Your Community
- 3. Choosing Your Platforms
- 4. Tending Communities
- 5. Case Studies
- 5. Determining & Measuring Success
- 7. Next Steps







## **HOMEWORK REVIEW**

Think about which of your programs you might want to offer remotely *beyond the pandemic*.

- Brief description of the program
- Why do you want to offer this program remotely longer term?
- What value will it provide your organization or your clients?



### **HOMEWORK SUBMISSION #1**



Career Readiness Training (Dual) in class 2 times/week with the rest of class online.

- In the Career Readiness Training we use Google Classroom.
- We use it to help participants with expungements.
- We meet as a group to discuss what the week will be for the class and what project or assignments to be working on.

I would want this to be offered long term because this is training for the participants in Career Training because they are using technology.



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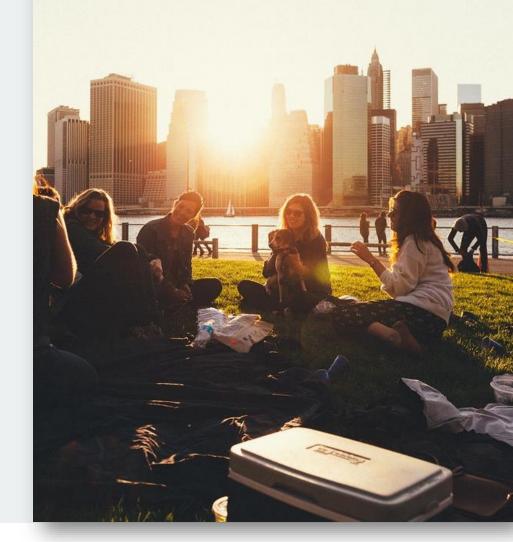




## IN NORMAL TIMES...

Consider starting community building in-person.

You'd begin with supporters who are already active and create meet-ups or in-person events to gauge interest and solicit ideas.







# DURING THE PANDEMIC

You need to get creative and have a plan.



# OUTLINE YOUR GOALS

### Examples:

- Create a space for people to talk to each other
- Create a space for supporters to talk to staff
- Provide resources for your community
- Provide opportunities for engagement with your organization





## **HAVE S.M.A.R.T. GOALS**

S : Specific

M: Measurable

A: Attainable

R: Relevant

: Timely



# WHO WILL BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY?



There are many kinds of people in a community. Are you trying to foster communication among a small group? A large group? The general public?



## WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE?

- Who will be managing the communities?
- Who will be responding to questions on behalf of the organization?
- Who will be representing the organization?

Make sure everyone's roles are clear and everyone knows their responsibilities.





## INTO TO CHAT

What goals do you have for your online community?





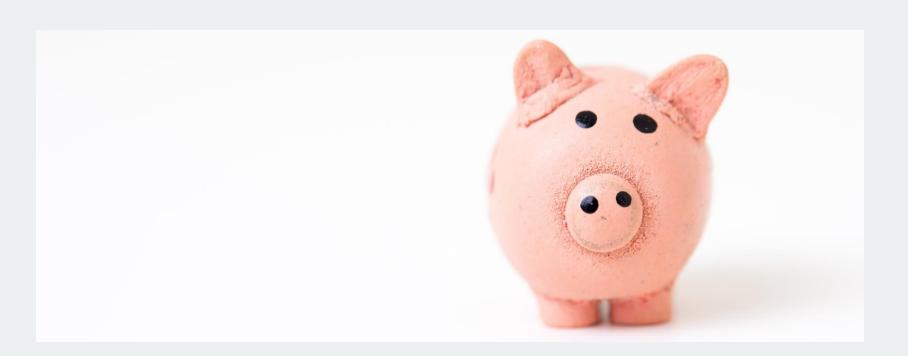




## **QUESTIONS TO ASK**

- Which platforms/tools do our clients use?
- Are our clients typically tech savvy?
- How tech savvy are involved staff members and volunteers?
- Do we have staff who can provide tech support?
- What's our budget?
- What tools do we already have?
- How personal should the interaction feel?

## SOFTWARE COST MAY NOT BE A BARRIER



Many collaboration software products—even quite powerful ones—are free or cost very little.





# CONSIDER THE HIDDEN COSTS

It will cost more than the price of the tool.

Remember to think about time to test, set it up, make decisions, convince your colleagues, and manage the tool.



## CONSIDER EASE OF SET-UP AND USE

Remember that setting up a system and process for using it can take a lot of effort.



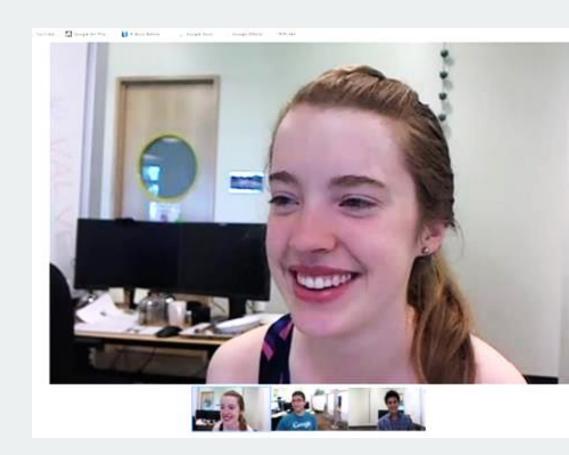


## VIDEO CONFERENCING

Video conferencing can be a great way to bring groups of people together.

There are a ton of platforms out there, such as:

- Google Hangouts
- Microsoft Teams
- WebEx





## **EMAIL LISTSERVS**

Email is still a useful option for people who check their email frequently.

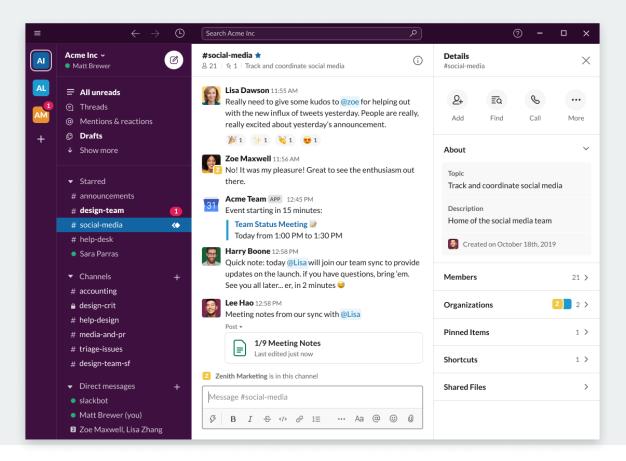
### Listservs can be used for:

- Job postings
- Volunteer opportunities
- Announcements
- Sharing ideas





## **SLACK**



Slack is a popular community building platform. You can create different channels for different program areas.

Image Source: Slack



## **TEACHING & LEARNING TOOLS**

Education tools can help you teach, engage students, and build community remotely.

There are a ton of tools out there, such as:

- Google Classroom
- Seesaw
- Canvas

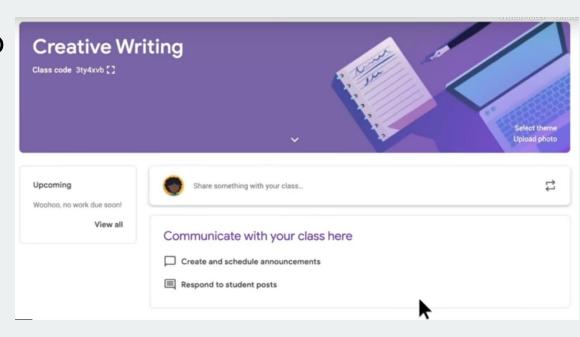
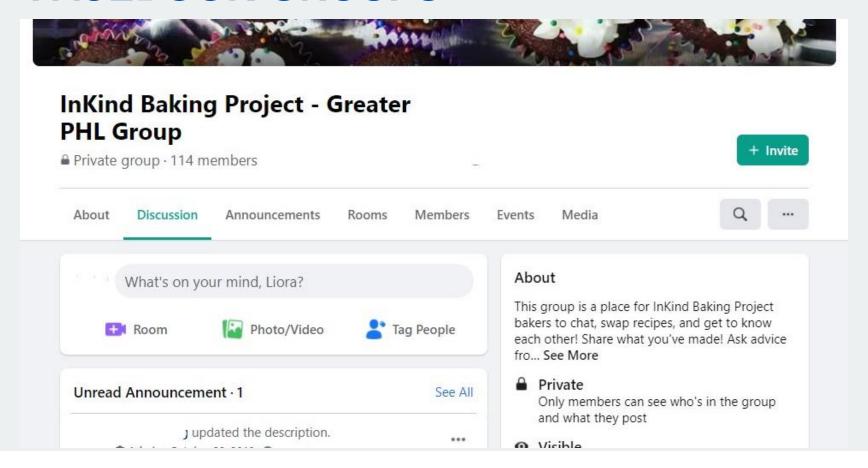


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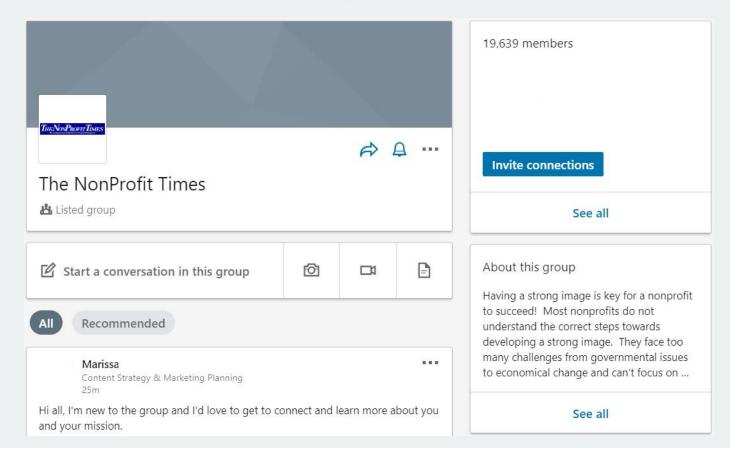
## **FACEBOOK GROUPS**



Most clients are likely on Facebook already and groups can be made private, allowing them to discuss sensitive topics.

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## **LINKEDIN GROUPS**

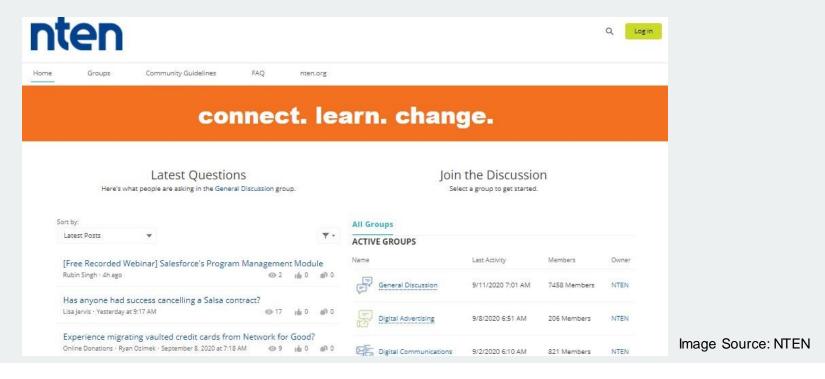


Consider LinkedIn closed or listed (open) groups if most of your clients are professionals and active on LinkedIn.

Image Source: The NonProfit Times



## **CUSTOM ONLINE COMMUNITY**

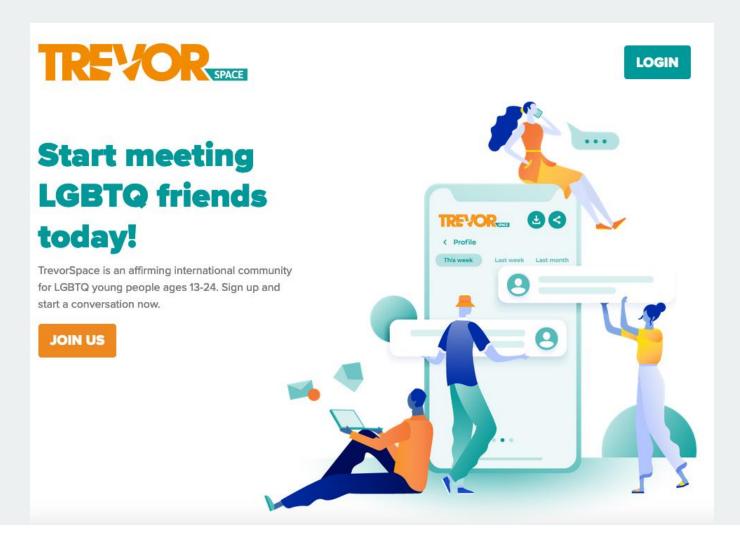


It's hard to get people to join a new social media platform where there aren't already a lot of people.

But if you have the resources, this can be a successful way to engage people.



# **EXAMPLE: THE TREVOR PROJECT ONLINE COMMUNITY**





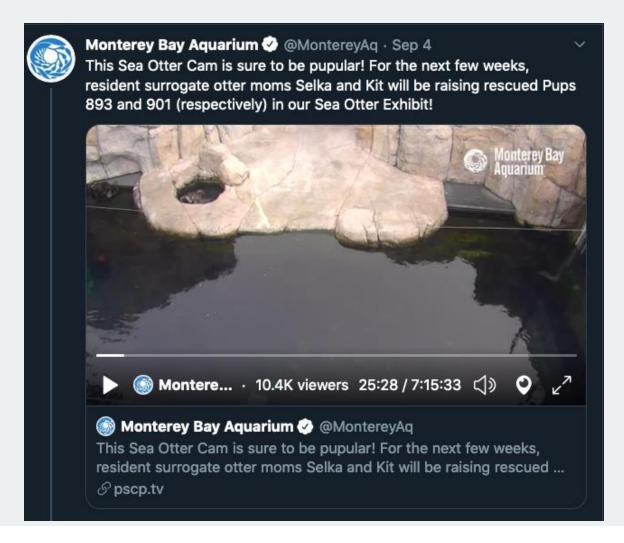
## YOUR ORGANIZATION'S FACEBOOK PAGE





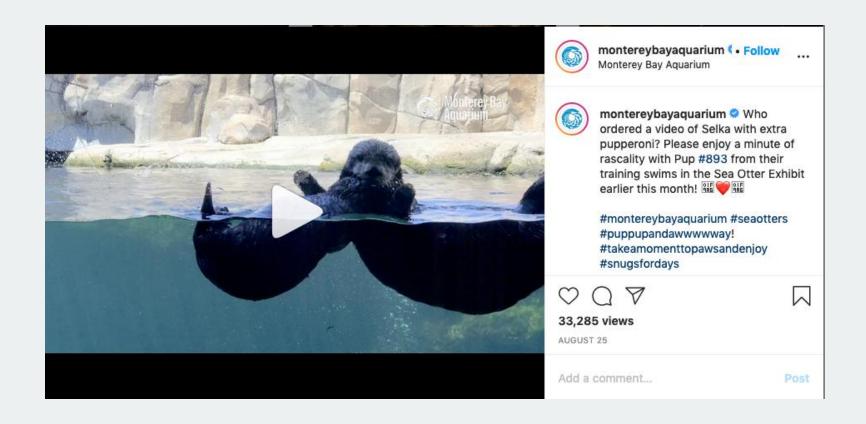


## **TWITTER**





## **INSTAGRAM**





#### INTO THE CHAT

Which tools would your organization consider using?







### PLAN TIME TO TEND TO THE COMMUNITY





### SEED THE COMMUNITY

Ask questions to get things rolling.

Provide valuable content.

Answer questions.

Be engaging and engaged.







### WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION?

What do your supporters want/need? How can you provide that?

What information do you want people to engage with? Stories? Questions? Resources? Moral support?

Make a plan for the types of content you'll share.



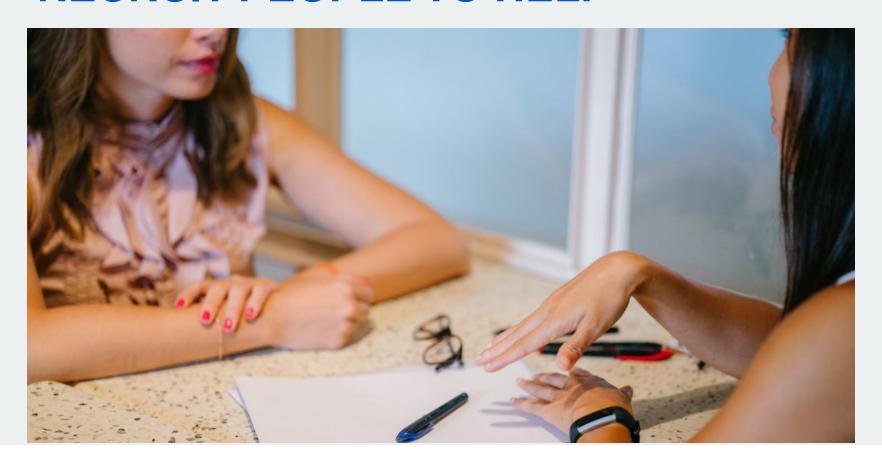
### BEWARE THE "EMPTY PARTY SYNDROME"



No one will ask a question in a community that isn't active.



#### RECRUIT PEOPLE TO HELP



Ask specific clients to participate and consider creating a team or committee that's charged with fostering the community.





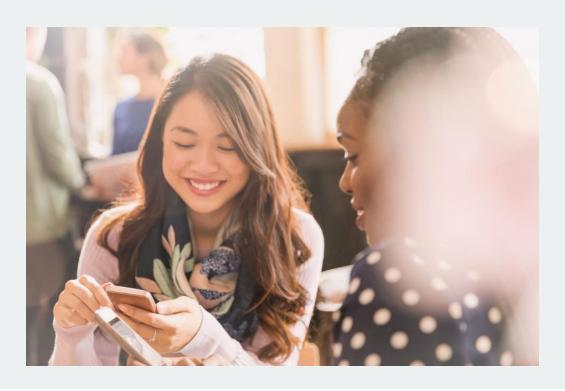
### EMBRACE THE EXPERIMENT!

Ask your clients what they want, then try some different methods of providing that.

You never know what will work for your organization until you try.



### LONGER TERM: FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS OVER TIME

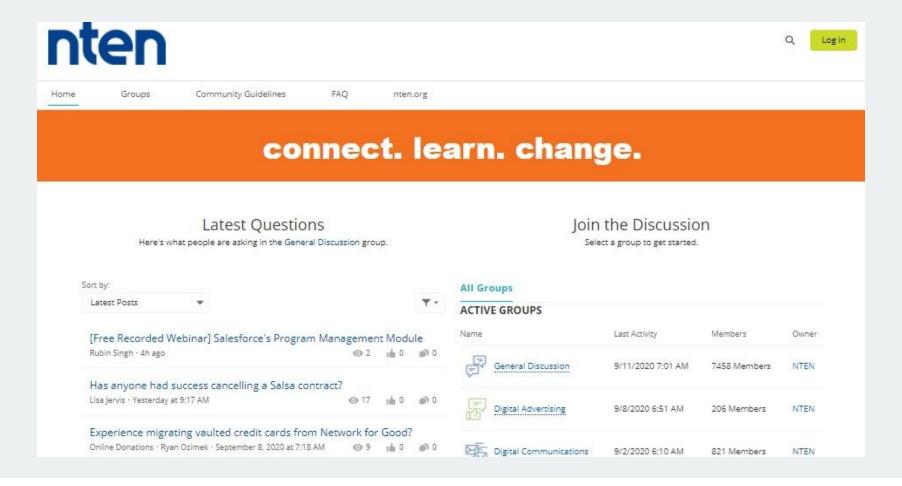


Blend in-person meetings of peer groups with more frequent conference calls, webinars or other ways to interact.





#### **ONLINE COMMUNITY EXAMPLES**





#### IMMIGRATION ADVOCATES NETWORK



Weekly update + Webinars + Podcasts





Access training materials and manuals to guide your legal advocacy.

LEARN MORE



Join local and national immigration trainings, events, and webinars.

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Get the latest immigration resources and information.

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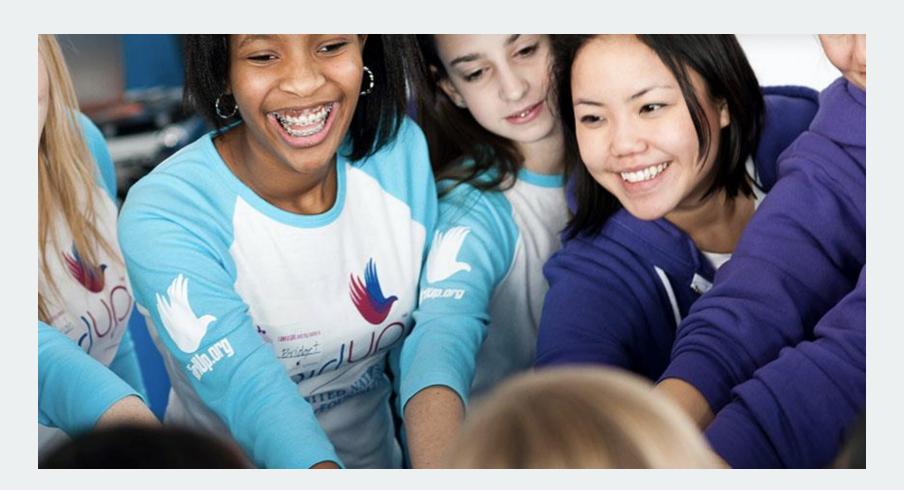


### **GIRL UP (1/3)**





# GIRL UP: LOCAL ACTION ON GLOBAL ISSUES (2/3)





### GIRL UP: FAST-GROWING COMMUNITY (3/3)

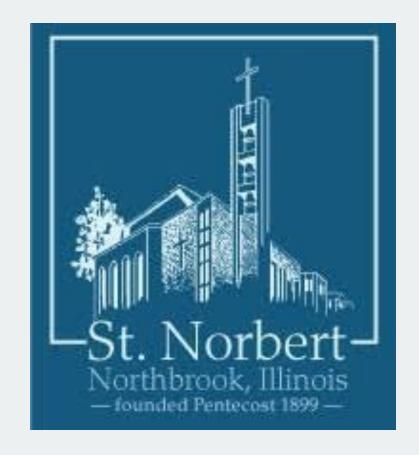
Word of mouth was one of the strongest drivers of community growth.





### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTHBROOK (1/2)

Religious institutions are almost always focused on inperson community events. With COVID-19, communities have had to adapt.





# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTHBROOK (2/2)



10 pm, and Sunday at 7:30 am and 9:30 am, all in St. Norbert Church. We will LiveStream and Record 5:00 pm Mass, so you can alwatch from home, if you are unable to join us. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended indefinitely for everyone. Each persor

e to decide what is best and safest for you and your family.

How did they adapt?

- Live streamed Mass
- Recorded video for additional prayer experiences
- E-giving opportunities (including Sunday offering)
- E-news
- Car mass
- Limited in-person opportunities



#### INTO THE CHAT

Who at your organization would be responsible for keeping a community engaged?







#### **TECH FORWARD**

Tech Forward is Tech Impact's annual conference, typically held in-person.

This year, the conference was scheduled to take place in Denver, Colorado.

Due to COVID-19, Tech Foward would not be able to proceed as scheduled.







#### **TECH FORWARD**

Instead of canceling entirely, Tech Impact decided to go virtual. Some factors that influenced the decision included:

- Staying relevant
- Still providing value, even on a virtual platform



### WHAT TO CONSIDER?

- What is our budget?
- Live or recorded video?
- What do we want to give the community?
- What does the community want from us?
- What do we prioritize?







#### **PRIORITIES SHIFT**

The priorities of a virtual conference are different than for an in-person conference.

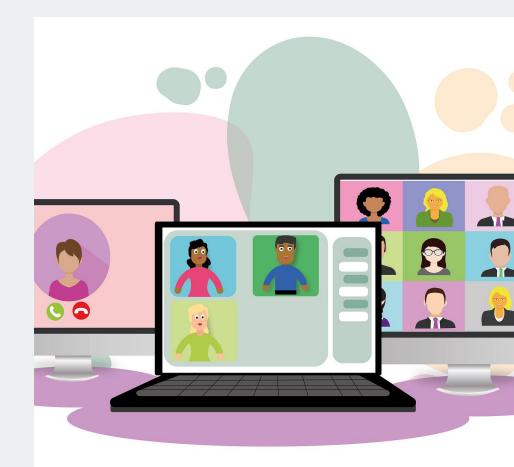
For example, networking is typically a main priority of Tech Forward. With a virtual platform, networking is difficult, so priorities had to shift.



### CHOOSE YOUR PLATFORM WISELY

Originally, Tech Impact was going to use GoToWebinar. Ultimately, we shifted to using Microsoft Teams platform.

We realized we wanted to prioritize participant engagement, and Teams had better tools to do so.





## RECORDED OR LIVE VIDEO?

Tech Forward included a mixed use of recorded and live video.

- Recorded lightning talks for the main event
- Live webinar workshops for the paid experience







#### **KEEP IT ENGAGING**

It can be harder to keep people's attention through a computer, so Tech Impact opted to shorten the conference to a half day, and to present a series of brief lightning talks.



#### **TAKEAWAYS**

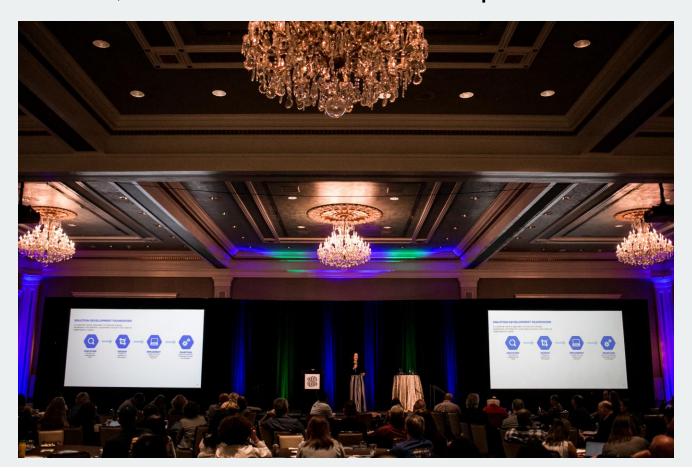
- We are confident that we chose the right platform
- We were able to offer a free/low-cost opportunity to participate in Tech Forward
- We had a significantly greater reach with a virtual option (Over 850 registrants).





#### THE FUTURE OF TECH FORWARD

In the future, we would like to move back to in-person conferences, but still include virtual aspects.







## MEASUREMENT IS IMPORTANT

- Learn what's working and what isn't.
- Decide how to invest resources.
- Prioritize information delivery methods.
- Show value to staff and funders.







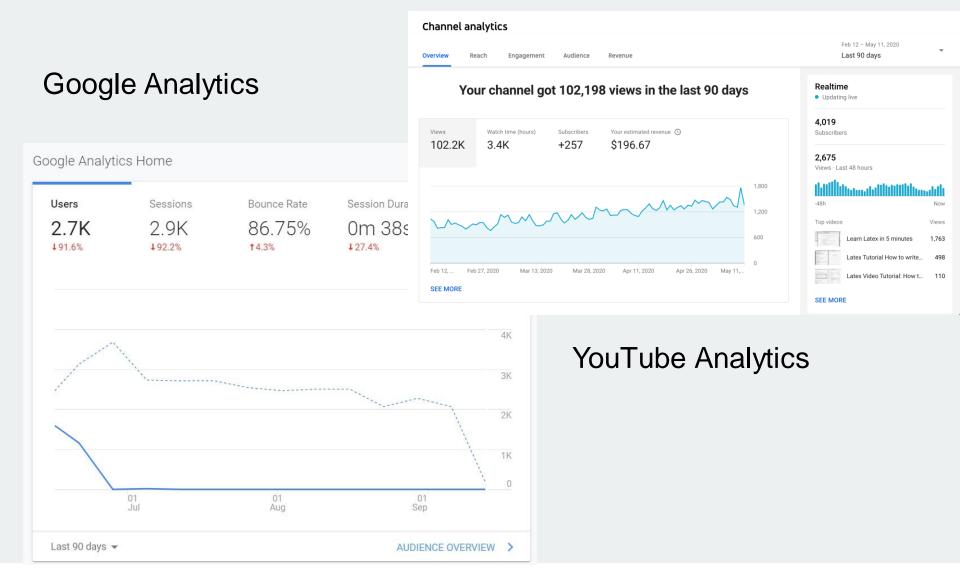
### WHAT CAN YOU MEASURE?

- Number of people reached
- Engagement
- Participation (e.g. event attendees)
- Who you reached (demographics)
- Whether clients found the program valuable





#### **PARTICIPATION**





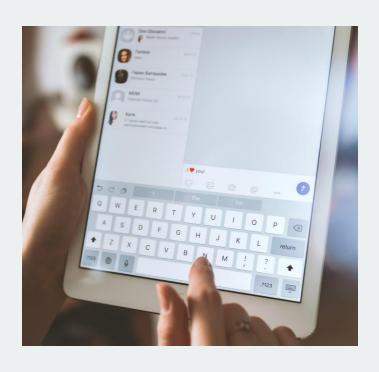
# HOW MANY PEOPLE ENGAGED WITH YOUR CONTENT?

- Video conference attendees and views afterward
- Webinar attendees
- Community members
- Engagement with content on social media (e.g. likes, shares, retweets)

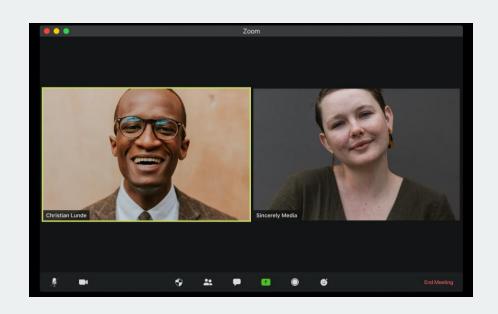




### HOW MANY PEOPLE DID YOU SERVE REMOTELY?



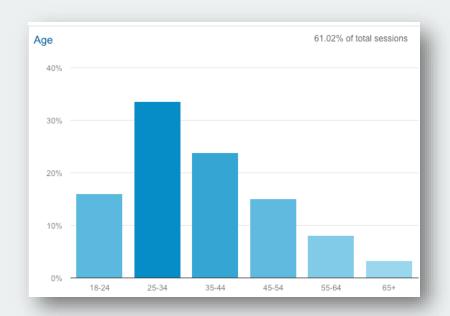
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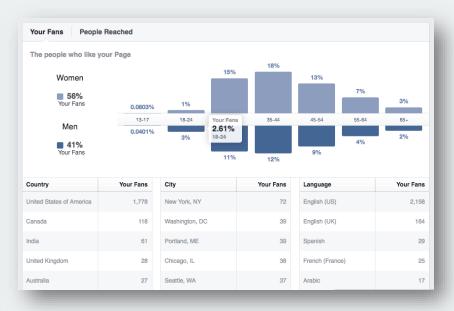


Video conferencing consults



#### WHAT WERE THE DEMOGRAPHICS?





Google Analytics (with specific settings)

Facebook Insights

You're not going to be able to get perfect data, but you can gain some general insights.

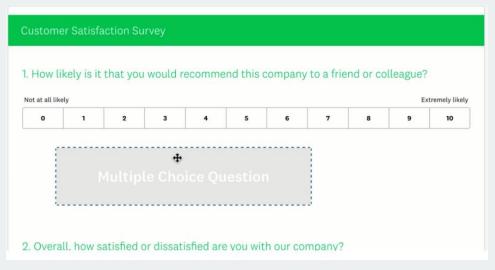


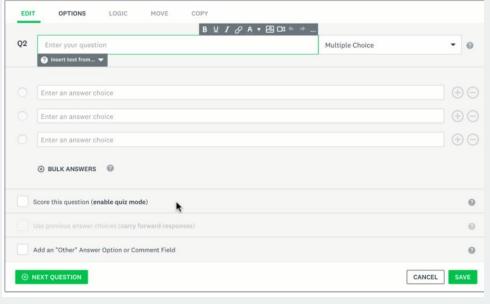
#### CONDUCT INTERVIEWS

Conducting a round of interviews—perhaps six clients who have used a resource—can provide useful insight into what works, what doesn't, and what impact it had on behavior.









# COLLECT FEEDBACK THROUGH SIMPLE SURVEYS

It's easy to solicit feedback with survey tools like:

- SurveyMonkey
- Typeform
- JotForm
- Formstack
- Google Forms

Source: SurveyMonkey

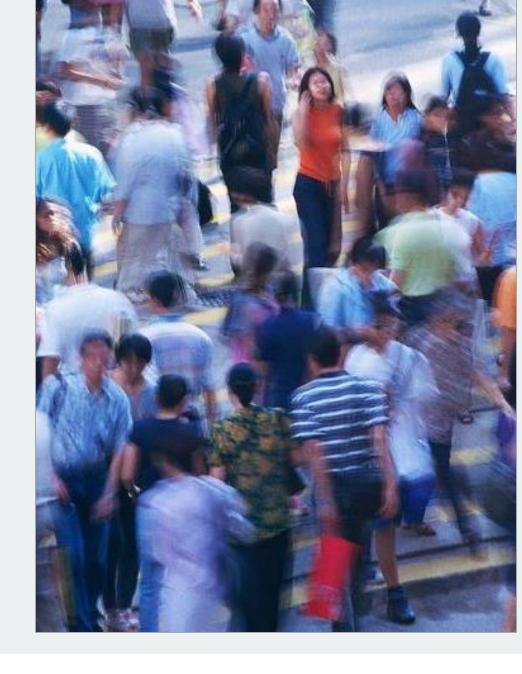


## CONSIDER WHO WILL ANSWER THE SURVEY

Make sure questions are relevant and clear for your participants.

Do you want to slice & dice the results? You may need "identifier" questions.

Don't forget the benefits of using consistent questions.







### KEEP IT SHORT AND EASY TO READ

- The shorter the survey, the better the response rate.
- Can participants fill it out in less than five minutes?
- Make sure you're only collecting data you'll actually use





### **EVERY JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A FIRST STEP**





#### **BENEFIT VS. COST**

 To what degree will it increase your ability to serve your mission?

Reduce time or cost?

Avoid catastrophe?

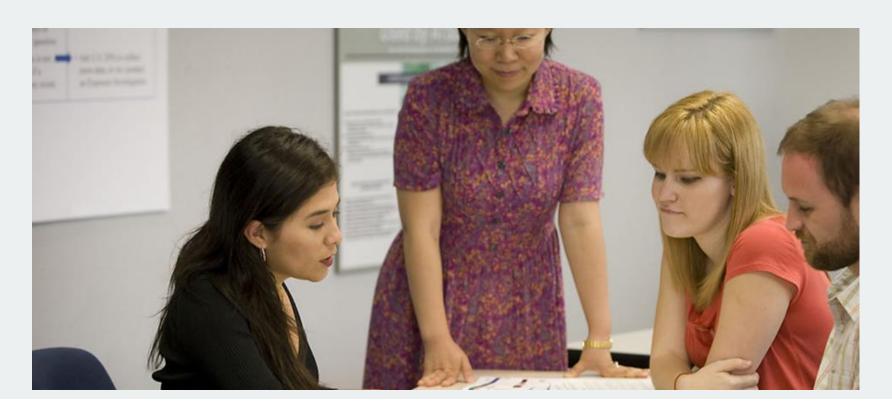
How much will it cost?

How complex is the project likely to be?

 How much outside expertise will you need?



#### WHO DO YOU NEED TO GET BUY-IN?



Form a committee to determine your plan.





### WHAT NEEDS MORE THOUGHT?

What parts of your plan require additional thought?

What should you have a meeting about?

What will you need to allocate budget to achieve?

Should you bring external expertise into your organization?



### START SMALL & MAKE A PLAN

Fostering community is hard. Trying it out yourself or with a small pilot group will be easier—and will provide valuable learnings.





#### **GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO EXPERIMENT**



It's hard to know what will work best without using the tools yourself.







### **GETTING STARTED (1/2)**

- Define your audience.
- Set your goals.
- Determine how you'll measure success.
- Decide which type(s) of remote delivery are right for you (self-serve, directly helping clients, building community).

### **GETTING STARTED (2/2)**

- Choose your tools.
- Make a plan.
- Decide who will be involved.
- Launch, advertise, and maintain your program.
- Think long-term, beyond the pandemic.











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