Want to get heard online?

Six ideas for incorporating social media tools and web-based technologies into local campaign efforts and/or coalitions.

<u>BLOG</u> to spread awareness, tell your story, or give your coalition a voice. Try BLOGGING to let the community know about your agency or coalition, and to disseminate information quickly.

<u>PODCAST</u> a coalition meeting or presentation, for those advocates who were unable to attend. PODCASTS are great for delivering updates and trainings to a larger audience.

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<u>WIKI</u> with your youth or adult coalition to plan your next meeting or activity! Use a WIKI page to work as a group to create a document about your coalition, campaign or a specific issue, with no attachments involved.

<u>SOCIAL NETWORKS</u>, such as Facebook, are excellent for recruiting and engaging youth advocates. SOCIAL NETWORKS can also be a great place to share links, post comments or promote activities. Utilize SOCIAL NETWORKS to create a sense of being involved in something larger and more exciting.

Share photos of activities and events with <u>PHOTO SHARING</u> websites, such as Flickr. Make albums or hold a contest for the best shot or most creative caption. PHOTO SHARING websites are great for celebrating successes and acknowledging advocates.

Create a short video about an issue, your coalition or a recent activity and upload it to <u>YOUTUBE</u>. Take your video viral and share it with the community or embed it on your website. Create a YOUTUBE group and host a local video contest to generate excitement.

Social media can be a no cost, time effective and extremely powerful tool to add to your agency or coalition's communication arsenal!

Be creative, involve youth, have fun and get social!

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