#### High Impact eAdvocacy

# Listening Online to Message More Effectively

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# Agenda

What is a listening dashboard?

- How can it be useful for your organization?
- What is an RSS Feed?
- What tools can help?
- How can it inform your messaging?

## Basics

Why do I need a listening dashboard?
 To be notified when keywords of interest are mentioned on the internet

# Benefits to Listening Online

How is it valuable?

- Be part of the conversation
- Save \$\$\$
- Less guessing

## Engage in Online Conversations



# **Pre-Cautions to Listening Online**

Does not provide Analytics
 Isn't fool proof
 Sift through noise

Unique Online Identity

# Your Online Listening Garden



#### **Caveats of Free Online Tools**

If you are not paying for the product, you are the product

• When you connect your social media accounts to these tools, pay attention to what permissions you are allowing

Tools change EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.

 This is a snapshot of what we know is working for NGOs TODAY

Trust Yourself

• These tools give insight but, tech filters are not a replacement for human intuition



## Activity:

#### What are Your Search Terms?

# Tools to Listen

#### Online Listening Dashboards

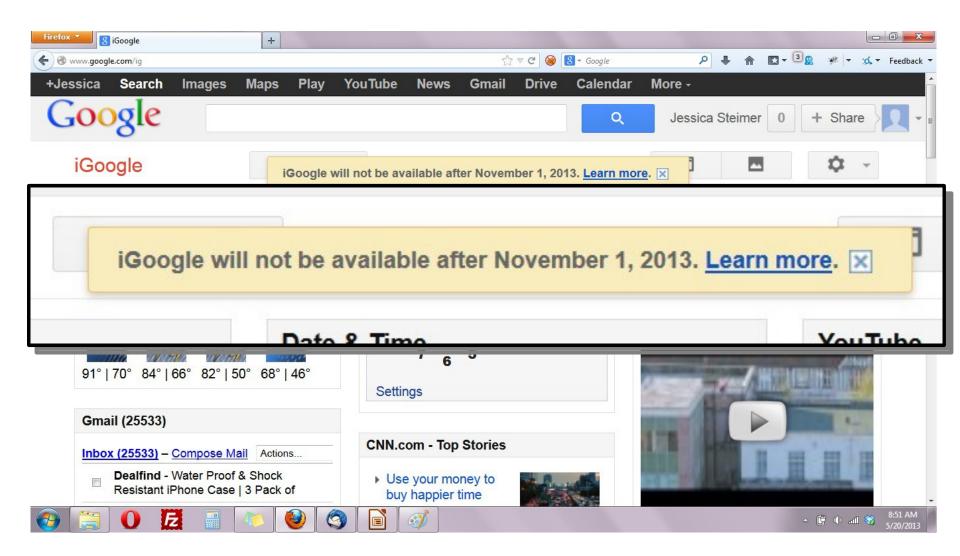
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- Storify
- New Content Feeds (RSS)
  - Google Alerts
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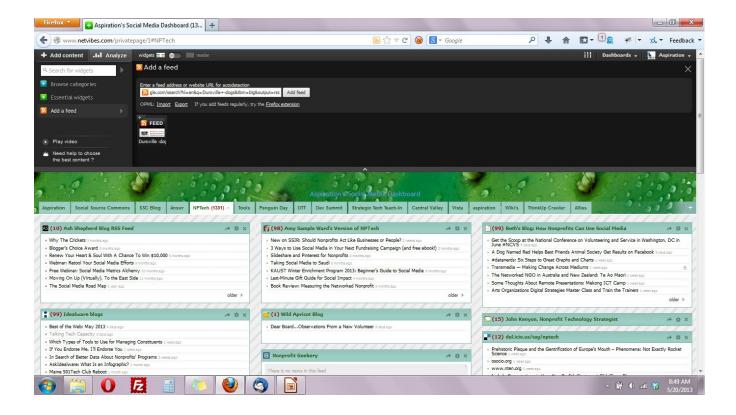
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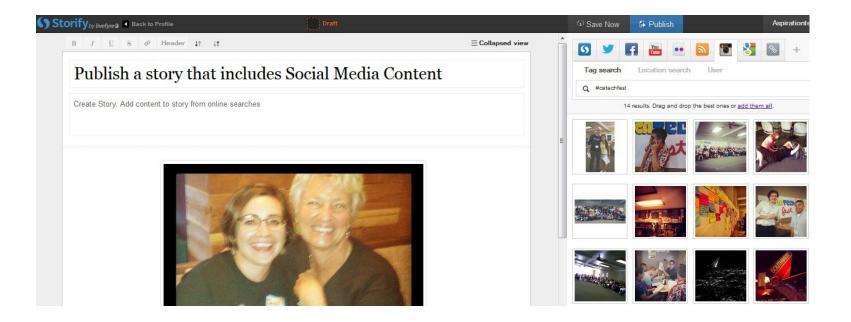
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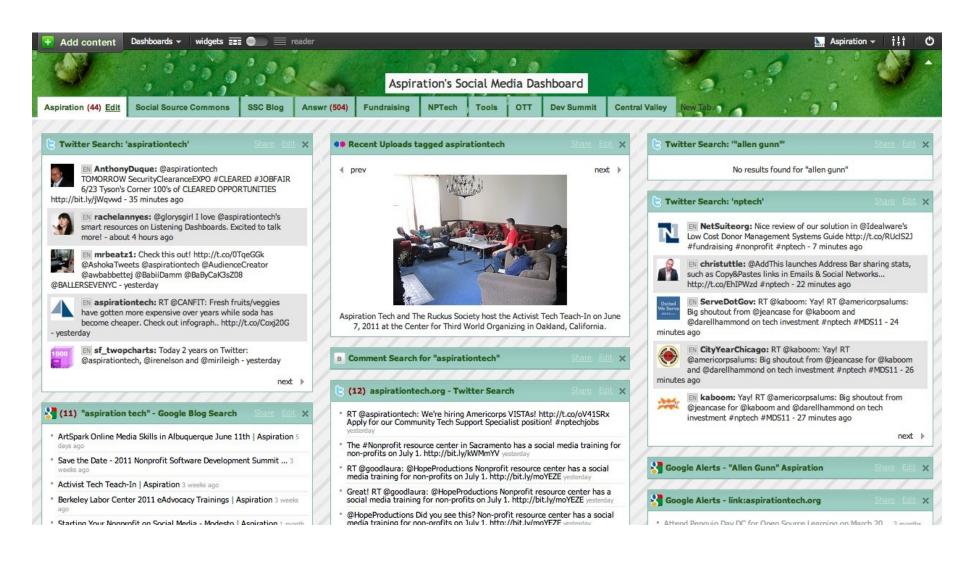


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#### What a Dashboard Looks Like



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#### Building a Listening Dashboard

What Do I need to know to build a Dashboard?

- What are RSS Feeds
- How to find RSS feeds
- Choosing a RSS Reader

# RSS



RSS: Really Simple Syndication

 Web page content is "syndicated" or broadcast out using RSS

RSS "feeds" allow people to see when there is new content on a web page by "subscribing"

e.g. blog posts

#### Subscribing

	Magazine	Email	Web Page
What?	Topical News	New updates from org	New updates from webpage
Where does it go?	Physical Mailbox	Email Inbox	RSS Reader
How to subscribe?	Little card thingys	Sign-Up box on website	

## Like subscribing to a magazine....



# Or, subscribing to a Enewsletter



## Subscribe to RSS Feeds



Finding a Page's RSS Feed



#### Look for the icon or a link to "RSS" "Feed" or "Atom"

- Some browsers auto-detect RSS
  - They place an icon in the browser address bar
  - Safari feeds can be tricky

# Find & Click the RSS Icon



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#### Social Media RSS



#### RSS is not just limited to blog posts

Sites publish RSS feeds for new social media content

- New Twitter tweets
- New blog posts
- New bookmarks
- New Photos

#### **RSS from Search**



#### RSS feeds can also be generated from searches

- e.g. Twitter Search, Blog Search
- Search for a term, subscribe to the RSS feed of the search results page
  - The feed will then automatically update anytime there's a new result

#### RSS from Social Media Search



So RSS can monitor social media searches for you and update when someone mentions something you care about:

 Organization name, Exec. Dir. name, Relevant issue keywords, important people, propositions, etc.

#### Subscribing to RSS



#### Add RSS Feed to an RSS Reader

#### RSS Readers

- Igoogle or google reader (phasing out)
- Netvibes.com
- Storify.com

Search for a person or keyword,

then subscribe to the feed of the search results page

- Google Alerts
- Google Blog Search
- Bing Search



#### Google Alerts to RSS Feed

#### Google

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#### Alerts

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#### to RSS Feed

- ► Go to http://bing.com
- Type your search terms
- The search results page generates an RSS Feed
  - add "&format=rss" to the end of the URL



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#### Add RSS Feed to Dashboard

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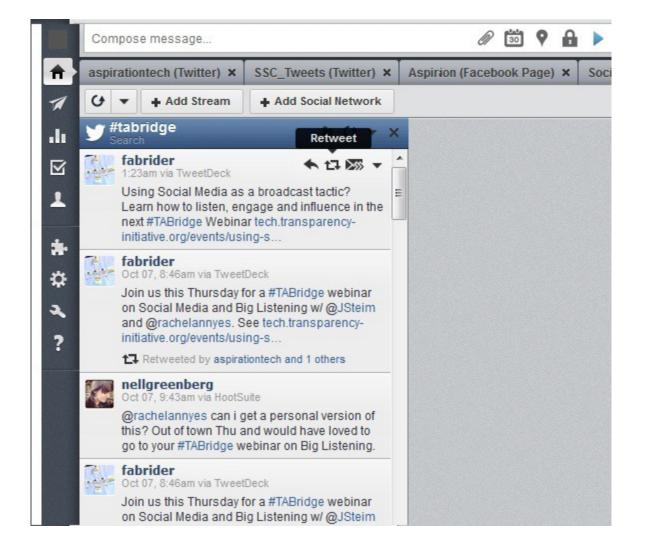
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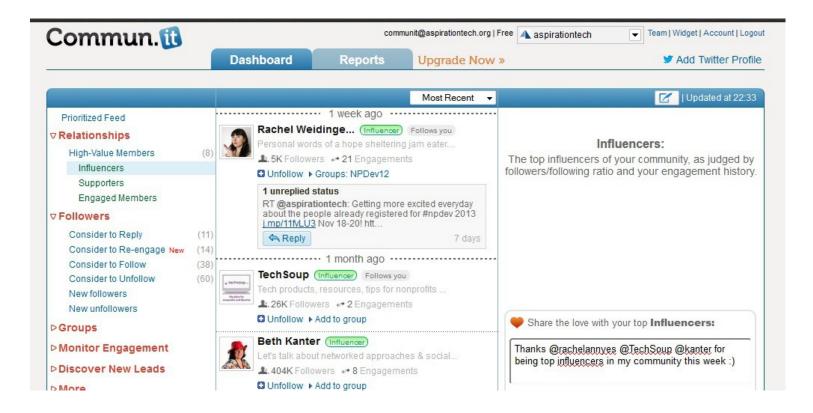
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  - Hootsuite
  - Commun.it
  - Followerwonk
  - Tweetlevel

• Special Thanks to Susan Tenby (@suzboop) & Upwell (@upwell) for sharing useful tools.

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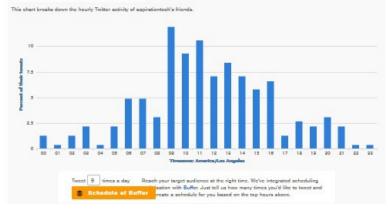
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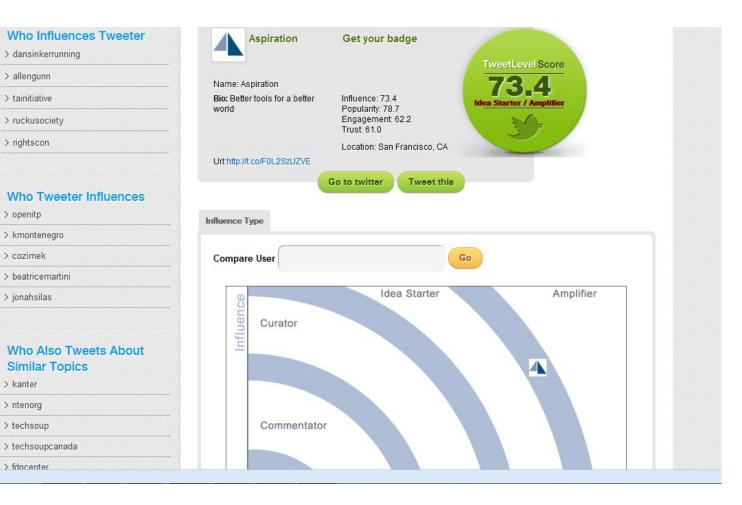
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# Building Listening Into your Process

- 1. Listen Online
- 2. Identify Opportunities
  - WHAT?
    - What topics are people talking about along with your issue?
    - What are people saying about your organization? Your people? Your issue?
    - What vocabulary are people using? How does it differ?
  - WHO?
    - Who is talking about your issue?
    - Who is connecting with you?
- 3. Incorporate into your Messaging
- 4. Track the Impact
- 5. Practice & Improve

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