Remote Grassroots Organizing

A Primer

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Spending the night with my @UConn_PIRG team as we plan digital organizing and all #PledgeToStayHome



StudentPIRGs and UConnPIRG

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Intro

- Dan (pronounced Dawn) Xie
- University of California Davis '08
- CALPIRG, 7 years
- NJPIRG, 5 years
- Student PIRGs National, 2 years
- Canvassed in 12 states and D.C.

Current Role - Money, Campaign Strategy, Coalitions

Student PIRGs





Principles

- 1. Public health first.
- 2. Meet people where they're at.
- 3. Plan, test, re-plan.

HARVPER

MaryPIRG UMD @MaryPIRG · 18h

Join us online tonight at 6pm for our Labor Campaign Meeting!! We will be working on making memes! DM us for the link to join the call. Hope to see you there! @MaryPIRGLabor **#pledgetostayhome**





How-to

- 1. Assess the state of your team and provide them what they need.
- 2. Assess the state of the communities you're organizing.
- 3. Adjust your current campaign plans & organizational goals appropriately.
- 4. Add any coronavirus related actions or campaigns that make sense for your organization.
- 5. Revise your tactical goals to be digital and remote.
- 6. Track your progress, test rates, and revise.

Student PIRGs

Case Study: UCLA



Tip 1: Keep the same structure



Florida PIRG Students @FLOPIRGStudents · Mar 30

Virtual life, virtual classes, virtual...trainings! Today we held our first virtual activist class. Now is the time to come together to collaborate on how to continue to make change in these unprecedented times. #PledgeToStayHome #MoreTests



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Tip 2: Track Your Digital Work

- 1. The size of your list(s).
- 2. The response rate / engagement rate of your lists.

3. The efficacy of each tactic in building (1) and (2).

- a. Time vs. return rate
- b. Volunteer show rate
- c. Volunteer retention rate
- d. Opportunities for leadership



Tip 3: Build Community



Tools

HootSuite

Chirr App

Canva

Remote Organizing Tactics Library

Google Meet Grid View





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Sarah Shames @ShamesSarah · Mar 27 1/6 This week @UMD_CollegePark started transitioning to online classes... So how is @MaryPIRG making the move? Students are taking the #PledgeToStayHome but that's not stopping us from taking action! On Monday night our chapter met online to continue to make change!



Questions / Discussion



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