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### Target audience for today's webinar

#### **SKILL LEVEL**



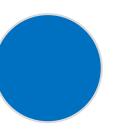
#### Minimal Knowledge

Looking for some basic information, key principles and "how-to's" on the subject.



#### Working Knowledge

Integrated practices and moving beyond basic concepts. Looking for breadth and depth on a topic



#### Authoritative Knowledge

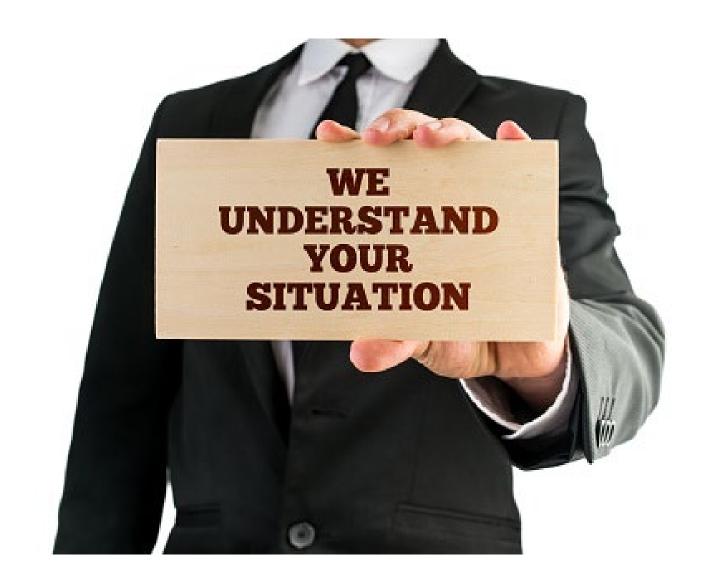
Looking for advanced knowledge, integration and concepts that are innovative and cutting edge.



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#### We Understand!

- 1. Recruiting is difficult
- 2. The pandemic impacts numbers
- 3. Older methods aren't working as well





## So, for Today...



- Developing
   Recruitment
   Strategies
- 2. Importance of Data& Data Storytelling
- 3. Building Campaigns
- 4. Measuring Success





#### **Developing Recruitment Strategies**





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Example: Increase number of zoo penguin chick socializers

by 30% to fill all shifts in the 3-month hatching season and

raise retention/return rate to 75% or more.







#### **Developing Recruitment Strategies**

- Needs Assessment
- Easy role/assignment assessment tool
- What's working, what isn't in current recruitment efforts?
- What can YOU do, what can other departments do?
- What is measured in quality/quantity?
- Goals, milestones, timeline







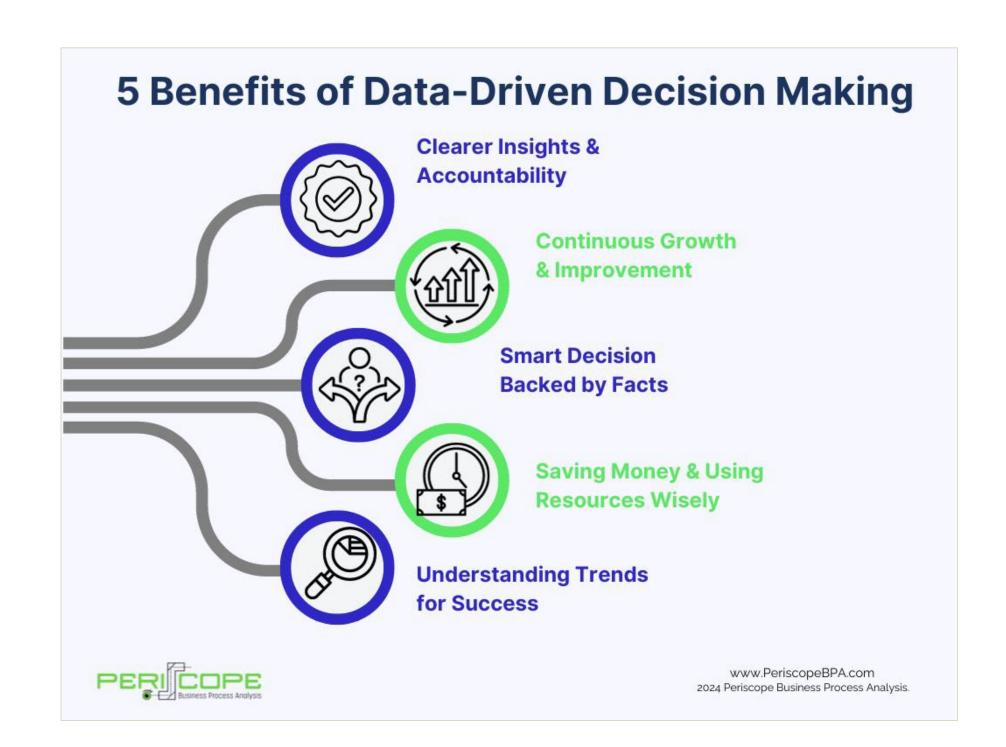
### Importance of Data & Data Storytelling





#### Data Driven Recruitment Plan:

- Recruitment Focus
- Target Recruitment Population
- Most Effective Recruitment Methods
- Recruitment Campaign Refinement
- Recruit for Retention





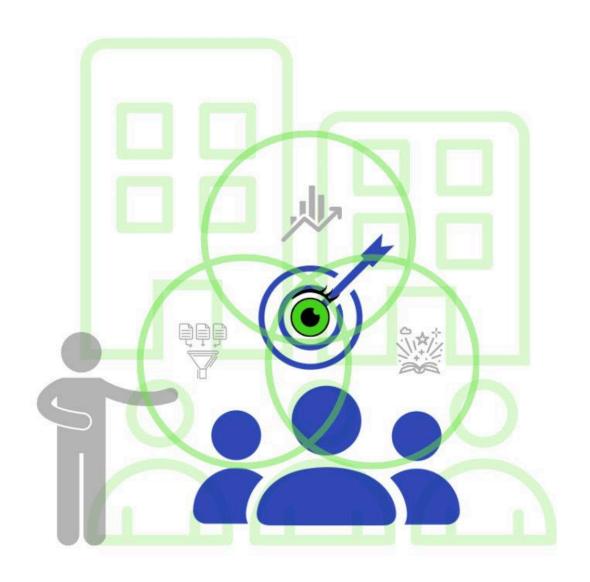


### Importance of Data & Data Storytelling



#### Data Storytelling Essentials

- Data Visualization
- Data Narrative
- Data Savvy
- Data Communication Planning
- Data Presentation
- Data Culture





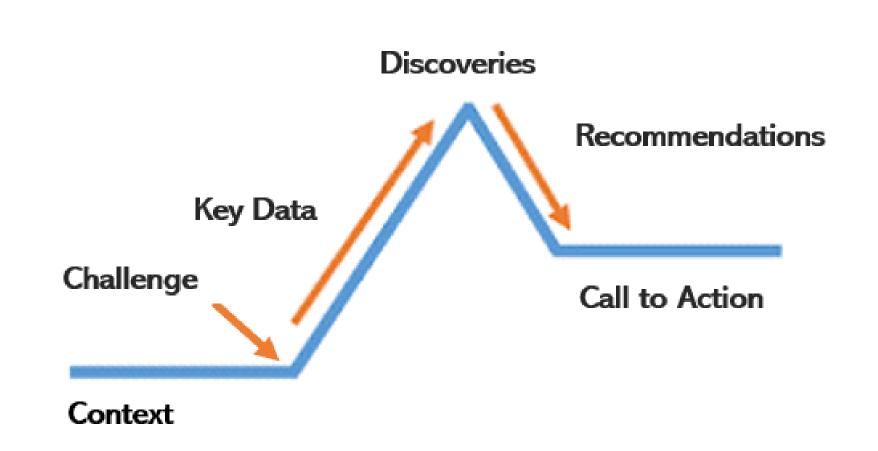


### Importance of Data & Data Storytelling



#### **Data Narrative**

- Numbers numb, Stories resonate
- Take audience on a journey
- Communicate the impact
- Recruitment external #'s
- Recruitment internal support



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### **Building Campaigns**

- "Sticky" messaging: 3 words, 30 seconds, 3 minutes
- Who & Where: Tailored to audience; area, age, language, interests
- Why and "WIIFM"
- Word of mouth is key





#### **Building Campaigns**



## How to Create a Successful Marketing Campaign

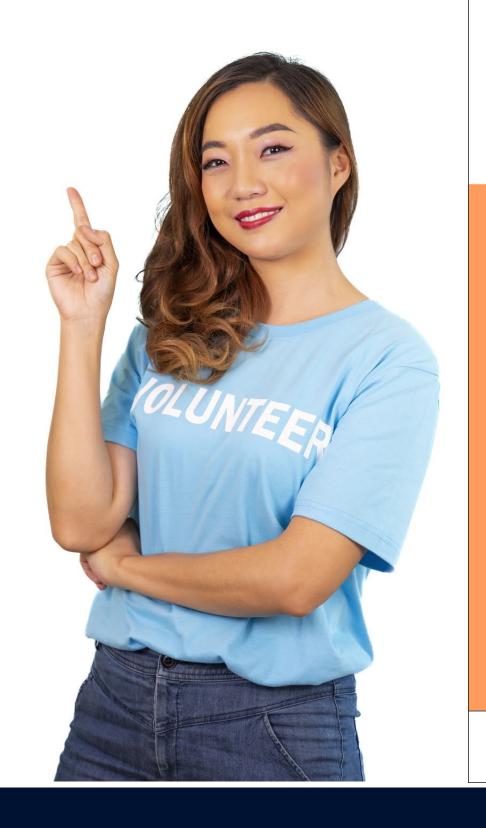
- Set a purpose and goal for your campaign.
- Establish how you'll measure your campaign.
- Define your target audience.
- Set a concept for your campaign and get in contact with the right team.
- Choose the channels on which you'll run your campaign.

- Set a timeline for your campaign.
- Ensure your campaign is driving users toward a desired action.
- Monitor the right metrics.
- Establish success numbers and metrics.
- Decide what you'll do with the campaign data.



### **Building Campaigns**

- Theme Hashtags; short & sweet & "sticky"
- Content and schedule
- Success metrics and milestones
- Lots of FREE or low-cost content creation apps/sites
- Involve Volunteers



## How to run a successful social media campaign



Brainstorm social campaign themes



Build out your creative and content



Choose your metrics and measure success

sproutsocial.com/insights

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#### What Campaign "Success" is **NOT:**

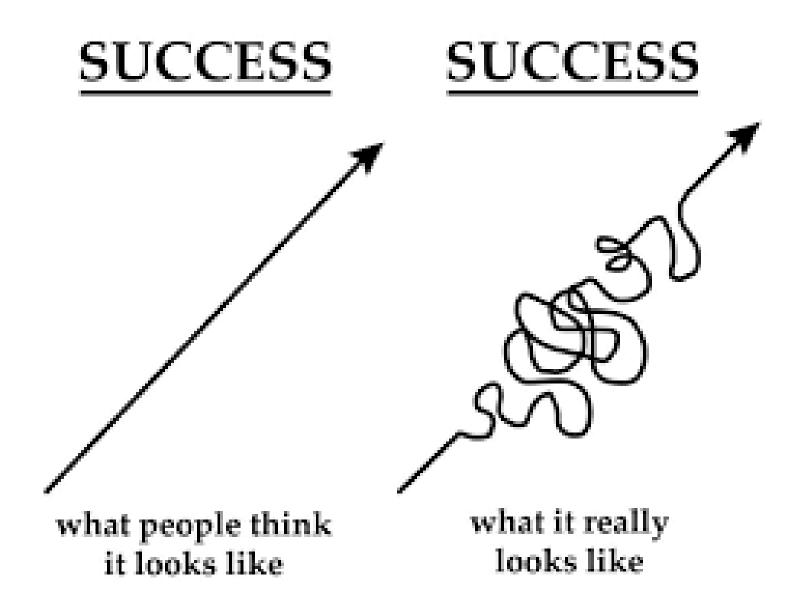
- The # of volunteers recruited
- The # of hours served
- Program outputs (unless helpful)





## Measuring Success: Campaign Success Is...

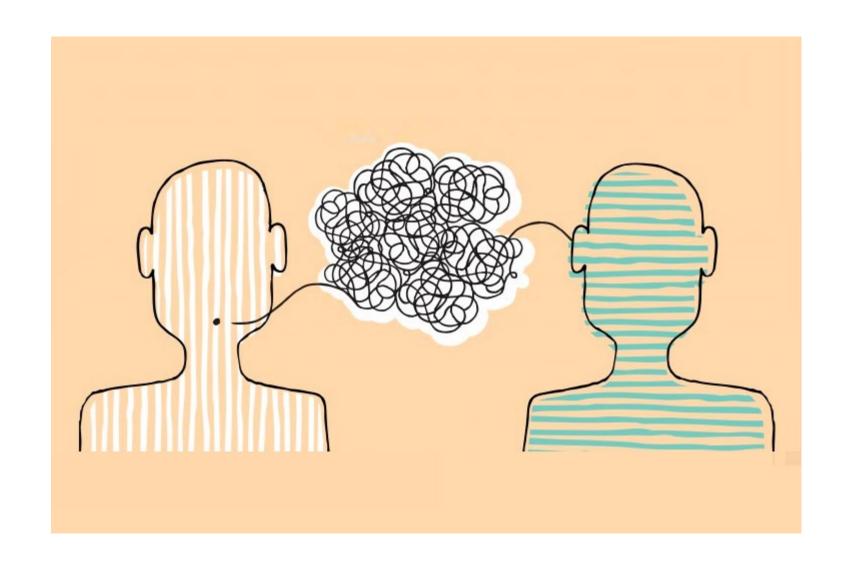
- 1. Organic
- 2. Dynamic
- 3. Simple
- 4. Shareable





### Measuring Success: 3 Common Misunderstandings

- 1. Working with younger, busier people.
- 2. Engaging them in the success definition.
- 3. Understanding what THEY consider to be a successful experience.





#### Measuring Success: Repackaging For Success

- Enticement: "What can YOU do for the Penguins"
- Convenience: "What can YOU do with 1 hour / month?"
- Purpose: "Save The Planet w/ One 1 hour / month"
- Social: "Join US to Serve \_\_\_\_\_"
- Gamification: "Can YOU plant more trees than I can?"
- Skills: "What volunteerism can do for YOU!"





#### **Ideas To Action**

- Empower and involve volunteers in recruitment; messaging, committees, training/buddies.
- 2. Good data; what can you automate, collect, report along with other data collection methods (Melissa's technical webinars).
- 3. Start small and build on success.



### **Open Discussion & Questions**



#### **Summary of Resources**

- Dr.Sue Carter-Kahl VolunteerCommons blog going beyond the numbers!
   <a href="https://www.volunteercommons.com/2023/12/12/community-centered-volunteer-data/">https://www.volunteercommons.com/2023/12/12/community-centered-volunteer-data/</a>
- Dana's Priceless Advice: TuesdayTips The Secret to Success in Messaging & Marketing!
- Dana's Priceless Advice: TuesdayTips Volunteer Recruitment: Never Say 'Need'!
- Periscope Business Practices Volunteer Program Recruitment Plan
- Periscope Business Practices <u>www.periscopebpa.com/post/optimizing-impact-the-data-driven-volunteer-recruitment-plan</u>
- VSysVoices: <u>Metrics & Data Storytelling</u>
- VSysVoices: "Plan.Do.Check.Act."



## Thank you for joining us!

