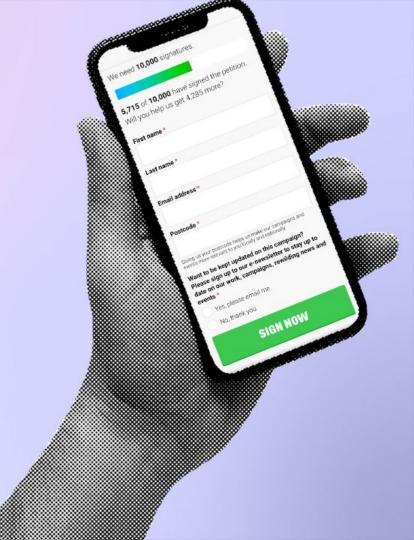
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600+ CLIENTS



Team of experts

In three key fields



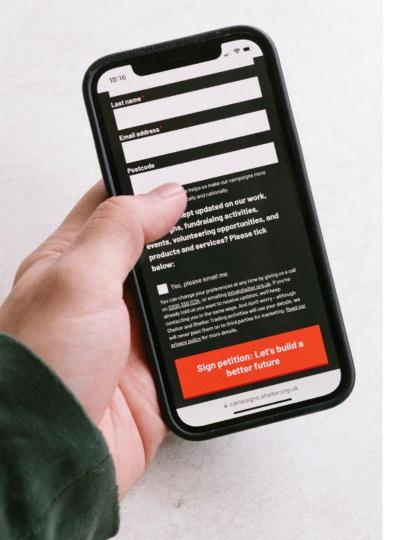
Strategy

For Campaigning and Fundraising



Creative

Copy, design, testing and optimisation



Technology

Landing pages, form optimisation, Impact Stack

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You can't have one without the other.



about me

- Formerly Head of Digital Mobilisation and Deputy Programme Director at Greenpeace UK
- Formerly Interim Associate Director,
 Global Digital Organising &
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- Share some learnings at intersection of innovation and leadership



Successful innovation requires effective leadership

- Bringing people together around shared goal
 - -> bust silos & grow strategy
- Deciding what not to do
 - -> creating space & resource

Leaders at all levels

- We all have access to some potential to lead
- Organisational culture matters
- Bear in mind intersections of oppression/privilege make it easier for some folk to step up and be heard

Some things successful leaders of innovation often do

Making proposals. Organising a discussion. Asking the tough questions. Especially about capacity.

Making requests. Preparing convincing arguments. Collecting and analysing data.

Listening to people's ideas and fears. Bringing in learnings from outside. Horizon scanning. Connecting project ideas back to core organisational objectives.

Asking open questions that start with "what". Asking focusing questions that start with "how, who, where, when".



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You always need a plan.



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No one sets out to take a non-strategic approach

But there are common approaches to innovation that mitigate against strategy.



Innovation as highly reactive



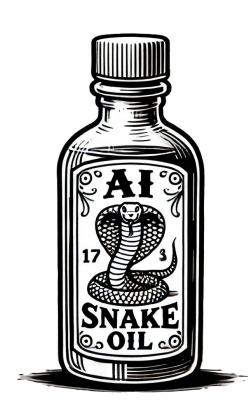
Innovation as nice-to-have on top of the day job.

Shiny bauble syndrome



* New for 2024! *

Innovation as everything "AI"



Innovation must be a means to an end



Strategic digital innovation can bring you closer to your mission - and supporters not lead you away

Figure out what innovation means for you

- Are you providing services, campaigning for change, both?
- How are you funded?
- Your organisational size, structures, strengths and weaknesses
- Your role PD vs social media officer

Great innovation

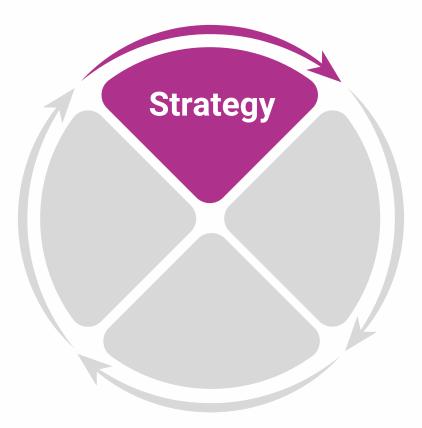
- Adapts to your context
- Considers the reactive and proactive
- Remembers the human element
- Puts audiences at centre

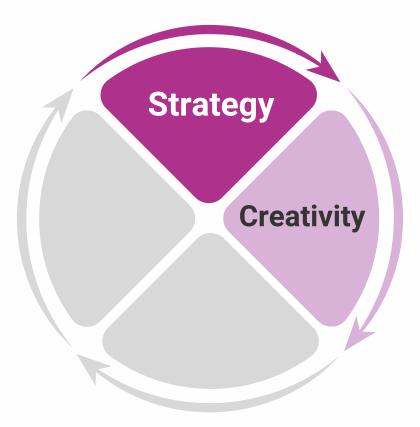
Is it worth it? Yes.

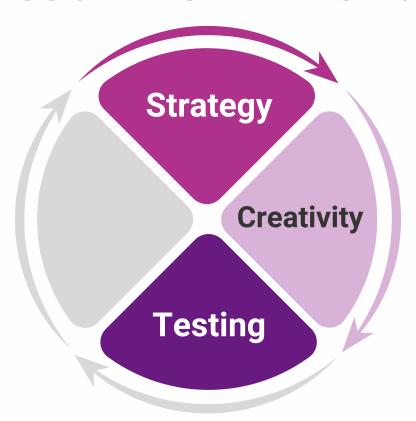
- Help you confront key strategic questions
- Offer more value to supporters
- Creates space for creativity and collaboration (it's fun!)

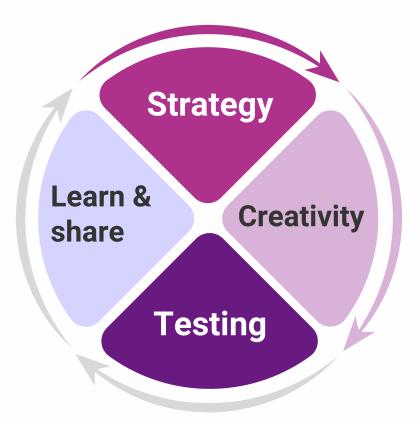


Practical tips









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2. Creativity

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- New ideas need new contexts (leave your desk!)

Empower 'failing'

- It's OK to 'fail'
- But fail quickly (and cheaply)
- Learn, share
- Fail better

3. Choose the right testing methodology

(They are not mutually exclusive)



Optimisation testing

Know what works



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Test multiple versions of the approach/idea/product/experience to see which is most effective



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Most types of innovation should include aspects of optimisation testing

Types of testing

Quantitative:

- A/B
- A/B rollout

Qualitative

- Session recordings
- Interviews
- Many more



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OPTIMISATION TESTING

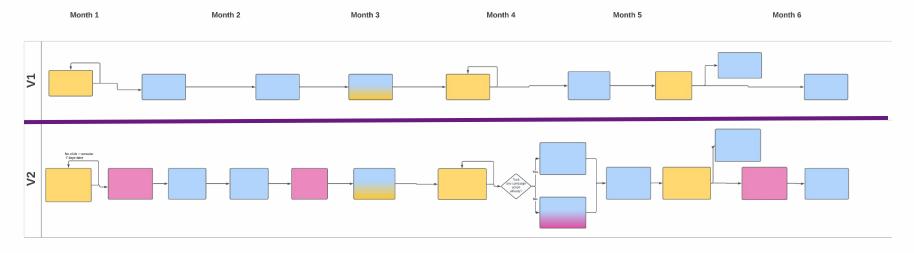
How to boost your campaigning and fundraising impact.





Testing example

Do campaign emails help with regular donor retention?





Pilot testing

Try something new without changing everything



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...on a small scale



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If there's some nervousness or reluctance about about the change.





Challenge:

- Siloed data and ways of working
- Poor donor conversion
- Low rates of second action
- Poor audience insight





Solution

 An isolated welcome journeys project to try to address these challenges (work more closely, better engage supporters, learn about supporters)





Over 4 years:

The pilot was a success and was slowly expanded as the charity built on successes and shaped new ways of working





Successes:

- Journeys are now a strategic priority
- Dedicated Supporter Journeys Manager
- The project insights led to the creation of a new regular giving product with over 400 new regular gifts in the first eight weeks



Minimum Viable Product

Spend small, learn quickly

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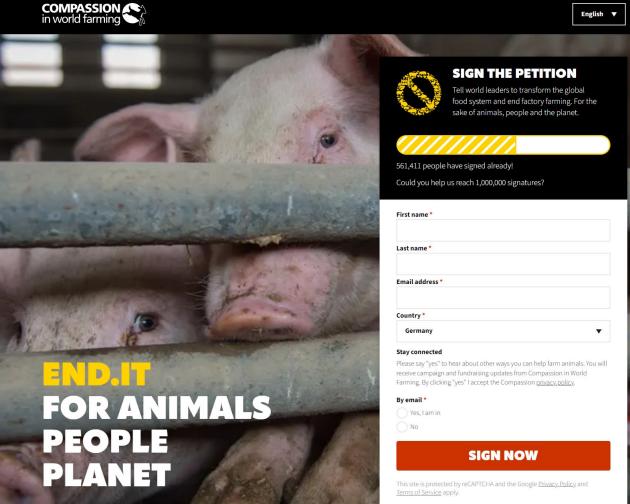
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MVP approaches are very common with technology development.



Slow and steady wins the race



- Some features not a part of MVP (e.g. social proof)
- Start with one or two partners
- Scaled up to ~130 partners



4. Learn and share

Develop and support a culture of testing

- Ideas
- Content
- Learnings

The failings as well as the wins



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