Twitter for charities

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What is Twitter?

'A combination of messaging and social networking'

Jack Schofield, The Guardian

Twitter says... 'Twitter asks "what's happening" and makes the answer spread across the globe to millions, immediately. Twitter is a real-time information network powered by people all around the world that lets you share and discover what's happening now. The timely bits of information that spread through Twitter ... creates a platform for you to influence what's being talked about around the world."

It's simple You type messages and 'post' them onto the web for others to find and read Each message is called a 'tweet' They're a maximum of 140 characters long I'VE ALWAYS geek & poke SAID: DON'T MAKE IT TOO EASY !! BRITNEY IS ON TWITTER

It's public Anyone, anywhere in the world, can see your tweets - provided they have a PC or mobile with Internet access



□ As you follow others, retweet them and have conversations, you will widen your network of influence

Follow and be followed

- Follow people and organisations you share interests, missions or values with – and people talking about your cause
- They will follow you back if they think you're interesting too!
- Find them by searching Twitter using keywords. Try some of these and see what works for you:
 - Directories e.g. wefollow.com, twellow.com
 - Twittersearch search.twitter.com
 - Hashtags hashtags.org, wthashtag.com
 - □ Trending topics on Twitter.com or via your Twitter client
 - Social media monitoring samepoint.com or addictomatic.com



It's all about developing your 'social capital'.

That means you need to be interesting.

<u>And</u> you need to be interested in others, and the things they care about, too.



The adoption curve: 2009

Twitter's Worldwide Uniques (in millions)



Twitter UK User Demographics

All traffic statistics are estimates.

Traffic statistics

	Country	Worldwide
Unique visitors (estimated cookies) 💿		150 M
Unique visitors (users) 💿	3.8 M	80 M
Reach	7.75	5.2%
Page views	300 M	4.8 B
Total visits	48 M	720 M
Avg visits per visitor	13	9
Avg time on site	12:20	11:50





Education







Household income



Facebook UK User Demographics

Traffic statistics

	Country	Worldwide
Unique visitors (estimated cookies) 💿		1.1 B
Unique visitors (users) 💿	26 M	490 M
Reach		31.6%
Page views	52 B	470 B
Total visits	1.3 B	17 B
Avg visits per visitor	52	34
Avg time on site	28:20	23:20

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Education



14 M Jul 2009 Oct 2009 Jan 2010 Jan 2009 Apr 2009 = Estimated data = Google Analytics data



Household income



Daily Unique Visitors (cookies)

People use Twitter to... **Share** 🗆 ídeas news and opinions thoughts about things they are interested in feelings about things they care about what they are doing or planning to do

But most of all to...



with people they have something in common with

with brands they share values with

with causes and issues they care about

Putting that another way...

□ Twitter users create, and are in control of, their own experience – and each experience is unique

You will be part of that experience, or not, as they choose

□ They will follow you, or not, as they choose

They can even block you if they feel you're 'spamming' them

□ So treat them with respect





Twitter isn't...

A marketing channel

Somewhere to broadcast

□ Somewhere to press release to

A 'cold list'

All about you!
 (No one likes someone that only talks about themselves)

Benefits of Twitter

- Are entirely what you make them!
- You 'get what you give' the more you engage and share, the more you'll benefit
- Huge potential to engage with people that care about your cause across the UK - and the world
- □ The ability to:
 - reach journalists, politicians, policy makers, funders, celebrities and other influencers – including other charities
 - engage with stakeholders, donors, campaigners, members,
 volunteers & advocates

Unbelievably... You can do all of this without paying a thing!

Examples of Twitter being used by UK charities

One of my favourites



Great engagement with others...

Nature knows a stinker when it sees one http://tinyurl.com /ykvg8ym #RSPB

9:23 AM Mar 8th via web

@gethynwilliams Yes, I think so. 7:49 AM Mar 8th via web in reply to gethynwilliams

Opipersfarm Just been reading about your farm - sounds fabulous.

7:48 AM Mar 8th via web in reply to pipersfarm

@wildfreckle Thanks! 10:01 PM Mar 7th via web in reply to wildfreckle

@ethernat At nesting time anything goes. 8:28 PM Mar 7th via web in reply to ethernat

@pettittsa Thank you! 8:27 PM Mar 7th via web in reply to pettittsa

Just joined the Birding community to keep track of the best experts. Join me here: http://mrtweet.com/c/birding?v=jt 5:57 PM Mar 7th via MrTweet

greenroofsuk I once saved and released a bittern [1979]
 -Rescued rare bittern released back into the wild - #birds
 http://ow.ly/leWWy #iyb #rspb
 11:20 AM Mar 6th via HootSuite
 Retweeted by Natures_Voice and 1 other

 Claraesse Looking forward to volunteering for the RSPB in Battersea Park tomoz – Date with Nature looking at herons. Hope the weather stays nice! 12:07 PM Mar 5th via web Retweeted by Natures_Voice

SCUBA_rabbit The RSPB: Call for world's largest marine reserve http://bit.ly/ayhLgp 2:35 AM Mar.6th via.twitterfeed

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@alialifarn Ah, yes - was that on Meridian? Lovely stor it :-) about 12 hours ago via web in reply to alialifarn		
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Rescue: Appledore's new lifeboat can't wait to help:		

Rescue:Appledore's new lifeboat can't wait to help: http://tinyurl.com/yafvlc9

11:33 AM Mar 8th via API

Rescue:Listing dredger escorted to safety by Angle RNLI lifeboat: http://tinyurl.com/y9xqsel

11:30 AM Mar 8th via API

Rescue:Sunderland RNLI rescue two men after fishing boat suffers mechanical failure: http://tinyurl.com/ye6f87g

10:30 AM Mar 8th via API

Rescue:Commercial workboat entering Barrow begins to take on water: http://tinyurl.com/ycwofye

8:30 PM Mar 7th via API

RNLIevents RNLI lifeguards feature in Sunday's episode of the BBC's Country Tracks, http://www.bbc.co.uk /programmes/b00rdt3h to check it out

3:49 PM Mar 5th via web Retweeted by RNLI

@Laanetweets @thecivvie @White_Box @HolidayDrivers @BestTourGuide @MouseholeCat @_SimonArnoldme @HelpforHeroes Thanks for the #FollowFriday!

4:31 PM Mar 5th via web in reply to Laanetweets

@timgardendesign A beautiful part of the country though, Tim

2:41 PM Mar 5th via web in reply to timgardendesign

@MarineEx2010 Sounds perfect!



View all...

S RSS feed of RNLI's tweets

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2:36 PM Mar 5th via web in reply to MarineEx2010

@BestTourGuide Glad to hear it, Janie!

2:03 PM Mar 5th via web in reply to BestTourGuide

@charlieconnelly Fantastic news! Doesn't it lighten your mood - smiles all round here :-)

1:56 PM Mar 5th via web in reply to charlieconnelly

@mandajroberts Fingers crossed for the rest of the weekend!

1:54 PM Mar 5th via web in reply to mandajroberts

dougmiestergen Please anybody who can, support my friend who is doing a 1500m Swim, 40km Cycle and 10km Run for the RNLI http://tinyurl.com/ydl2d74 Please.

1:30 PM Mar 5th via TweetDeck Retweeted by RNLI

naominf Having a raffle at work to help reach my marathon fundraising target for The RNLI Trying to get some donated prizes - could anyone help pls?

1:30 PM Mar 5th via BeTwittered



Twitter feed

Follow us at twitter.com/wrvs

Have you watched our Hitchhicking video? We would like to hear your thoughts about it! http://bit.ly/6yRe6c #giveusalift

yesterday

@alan25c Hi Alan, thanks for your competition entry, but just a reminder you need to be following us for it to be counted as a valid entry vesterday

@chichard41 Thanks for your competition entry, but just a reminder you need to be following us on twitter for your entry to be valid :)

yesterday

@Dark_Wolf Hi Graham!

(OMPETITION WINNERS RETWEET WINNERS

atimmorrisphoto airidessa76 abb1985

RVESTION WINNERS

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(ONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OVR WINNERS! A competition helps to spread the word about the appeal and build brand awareness with new audiences

All that effort and only following 159 people?!





Tweetsgiving: the classroom built by gratitude





The UK's largest dog welfare charity, with 17 nationwide rehoming centres.

We never put a healthy dog down.

We also campaign & educate about responsible dog ownership, including neutering & microchipping.

www.sponsoradog.org.uk

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Facebook www.facebook.com/dogstrust

MvSpace www.myspace.com/officialdogstrust

Bebo www.bebo.com/dogstrust

Flickr www.flickr.com/photos/dogstrust

YouTube www.youtube.com/dogstrust

Blog www.dogstrustblog.blogspot.com

DoggySnaps www.doggysnaps.com

Twibbon www.twibbon.com/join/dogstrust

> Follow @dt_glasgow for regional updates!

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Following ③

Fantastic! RT: @hellschilde17: http://twitpic.com/17k0ug -Members of WelshFord on a Xmas pet food run for @dogstrust

about 4 hours ago via Echofon

@lonmarathon Hope it helps! Being so close to the target is a great achievement (and I couldn't run 26 miles in a million years!)

about 6 hours ago via Echofon in reply to lonmarathon

@jedi2009 That's so kind! Anything you can offer is much appreciated, :)

about 6 hours ago via Echofon in reply to jedi2009

RT: @marleyterrier: @lonmarathon needs £10 to reach his fundraising target for @dogstrust from the London Mararthon. http://bit.ly/1CJ16E about 6 hours ago via Echofon

Canine Carer Joy @dt_leeds tells all about one of the centre's sweetest residents, Toby: http://bit.ly/7WltCy (vid)# about 7 hours ago via Echofon

@sammi24 We do! Everything you need to know: http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/az/s/stamps/default.aspx :) about 8 hours ago via Echofon in reply to sammi24

Hope @simonpegg's Minnie does indeed reach stardom - to make sure, anyone want to nominate her for celeb dog? www.dogstrusthonours.co.uk about 9 hours ago via Echofon

RT @simonpegg Minnie to try acting again. How To Lose Eriande - eacked Daul - cut out Durke & Hare - 2rd time lucky Name Dogs Trust Location London Web

http://www.dogstr...

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Bio Tweets by Dogs Trust digital team: Alex (alex.goldstein@dogs trust.org.uk), Lo & manager Jacqui. Erm... woof? Bark! Whiiiine...

6,483 11,651 375 following followers listed

Tw	ee	ts	7,219

Favorites

Actions

message dogstrust block dogstrust report for spam

Following



View all...

RSS feed of dogstrust's tweets

Your Profile

- Make it easy for interested people to find you by making your bio statement clear and including <u>searchable keywords</u>.
- Mention who at your organisation is tweeting, if you can.
- Include a URL that línks to a page on your website providing clear information about your organisation and its purpose.
- Utilise your profile background add an attractive, relevant, branded background and make the most of this additional opportunity to say more about who you are and what you do.
- Make sure your avatar is <u>clear and simple</u>. It will be viewed as a tiny icon. No point including detail or type that won't be visible!

Can you tell who is who?





Can you tell who is who?



FARMAfrica





WaterAid



mencap_charity



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These are much better





You are your brand

□ Are your tweets on brand?

- Are you using searchable keywords associated with your charity?
- Do they reflect your Google Adwords and keyword density of your website? Tip: Social media monitoring can inform which paid search keywords you should be using.
- □ Have you conducted a competitor analysis and are you clear about how you are differentiating?



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How do you know when you're getting it right?

Monitoring Metrics and Measuring

- Utilise all of the free tools available to optimise the impact of your Twitter activity.
- Look at dwell time on your website for people coming from Twitter (quality of traffic) and see how this relates to your activity.
- Map your retweeting reach and the spread of information
- Learn and evolve.

A Case Study

twitter





V Following 🔁

Our online community

Blog blogs.redcross.org.uk

Facebook facebook.com/britishredcross

YouTube youtube.com/britishredcross

Flickr flickr.com/britishredcross Thanks for the #charitytuesday! @beautifulw @TeriDoubtfire @Gemma7586 @animalallsorts @White_Box @PeerLink_Leap @100fundraising

about 2 hours ago via TweetDeck

Gearing up for the London Marathon http://dlvr.it/8TKI about 2 hours ago via dlvr.it

RT @decappeal: Quake in Chile has move entire city of Conception 10ft to the left, Telegraph: http://bit.ly/bmpzR9 about 6 hours ago via TweetDeck

Home Profile Find People Settings Help Sign out

Name British Red Cross Location UK

Web http://www.redcro... Bio The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are.

2,994 6,146 395 following followers listed

Tweets

1.080

Favorites

Lists

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@britishredcross/volunteersand-staff

@britishredcross/red-crossred-crescent

View all

Actions

message britishredcross block britishredcross report for spam

Following

Follow Us Check out our Top 10 Lists for 2009 Kiout Enter a Twitter username here

Lists

Sign in | Register

Go

Users Topics

Username: britishredcross

Location: UK

Web: http://www.redcross.org.uk

Bio: The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are. View Twitter Profile



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Influence Tracker

Are you gaining or losing influence with your friends?

The Influence Tracker allows you to manage your influence with your friends.

Sign in now to see your Influence Tracker.

Klout Score and Key Stats (click variable names for description and analysis)

Current Klout Score True Reach	40 393
Network Score	0
Amplification Score	0
Lists	128

britishredcross is effectively using social media to influence their network across a variety of topics.

Tweet This



Klout Score

The Klout Score is a representation of a person's overall influence. This number is generated through analysis of over 25 different variables and ranges from 1-100, with 100 being the most influential.

Reach		🜟 Demand	
Followers	4570	@ Mention Count	8
Total Retweets	73	Follower/Follow Ratio	1.53
Friends	2939	Followed Back %	98 %
Engagement		Uelocity	
Engagement	0 %	Unique Messages Retweeted	22
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Tags

No tags

Over last 30 days:

Links shared: 13	Number of questions asked: 0
% of tweets containing links: 41%	% of tweets that were questions: 0%
@messages sent:	Avg reply count per question: 0
% of tweets containing @: 0%	Longest thread reply count: 0

Top Retweets

Carriers	Possible Reach
<u>mtvuk</u>	35343
twitterbo	15621
giagia, CampbellX, numerate	9251
<u>Aislinnye24</u>	9124
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Most Popular Shared Items

URL	Info	Date	Clicks	Total Clicks	% of Clicks
http://bit.ly/5xg9eH	Haiti Earthquake Appeal British Red Cross	2010-01-13 03:01:35	90	141	64%
http://bit.ly/4qzvgz	Flickr: British Red Cross.'s Photostream	2010-01-14 10:01:46	48	125	38%
http://bit.ly/amhb2A	Prayers in La Piste - British Red Cross	2010-02-02 05:02:48	9	11	82%
http://bit.ly/4Tr5do		2010-01-25 09:01:47	8	10	80%
http://bit.ly/dvtXJd	Coldplay charity call for Chile British Red Cross	2010-03-04 06:03:47	7	11	64%
http://bit.ly/4Xnm5r	Haiti Earthquake Appeal Spend Nectar Points	2010-01-22 12:01:13	7	18	39%
http://bit.ly/5nYV3e	Haiti quake: bringing life-saving water Red Cross Blogs	2010-01-23 06:01:18	7	12	58%
http://bit.ly/767D4s	Loos will save lives in Haiti Red Cross Blogs	2010-01-24 14:01:07	6	17	35%
http://bit.ly/60mkP0		2010-01-23 04:01:20	6	10	60%
http://bit.ly/a5xT9A	Haiti collection strikes gold at Tesco Red Cross Blogs	2010-01-26 11:01:28	5	6	83%





@britishredcross History vs. @OxfamGB



Twitalyzer



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Trends Network Retweeters		oss helps people in crisis, whoeve ot added any tags to their profile. As		think @britishredcross lives in	London.		
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	L	@britishredcross's	30-day moving averages, last proc	cessed on 3/9/2010.			
Profile any Twitter User		Don't forget! Twitalyzer provi	des nine additional free report	s in Twitalyzer Dashboard!			
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Top 25 Network Participants

Here are the 25 individuals in conversation with @britishredcross recently who have the most overall impact in Twitter. Click on ? to process users and collect missing data. Think someone is missing from this list?

т.	Ci i	@CarolinaMillan	26.1 Impact	37.1 Engagement	4,484 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags
2.		@jennieMACAULAY	I7.7 Impact	31.3 Engagement	896 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags
3.	1	@debdobson	17.6 Impact	86.6 Engagement	2,873 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags
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5.		@swissbusiness	9.7 Impact	52.9 Engagement	I 4,335 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags
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7.	C.	@CRUKWALTON	8.4 Impact	66. I Engagement	652 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags
8.	ß	@Oasica	5.4 Impact	77.9 Engagement	280 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags
9.	(D)	@hubbs	4.9 Impact	I.I Engagement	108 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags
10.	뮲	@euzie	4.4 Impact	I OO.O Engagement	565 Followers	Show Tweets	Add Tags



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How Sociable?



Getting Buy-in

- □ Someone at your charity to that's interested in the medium and already uses it personally should manage your account.
- Become a 'mini expert' within your organisation and be prepared to make, and prove, the case.
- Overcome resistance by collecting and sharing evidence and success stories - including anecdotal - from other charities as well as your own.
- Study what other, similar charities are doing and how successful it appears to be. Use this to strengthen your case.
- Consider producing a monthly report including statistics and stories, to illustrate the value of your activity.

Tools & Applications

- Try them out ξ keep experimenting with new ones.
- □ Use Twitpic or yfrog maybe post a 'pic of the day' and with Audioboo and video for authentic voice.
- □ Use URL shorteners e.g. bit.ly to make more of your 140 characters and monitor metrics.
- Using a client e.g. Tweetdeck makes life easy. Use CoTweet to manage an account or accounts with multiple users.
- Monitor who's talking about you samepoint.com, addictomatic.com - and join in.

More Top Tips

Reach out:

Follow other people, have conversations, ask questions and retweet other users' relevant tweets; this will increase awareness of your Twitter activity and help you attract a following.

Be interested and you will be interesting: Take time to read other people's tweets – consider what you like and don't like about their Twitter feeds. It will inspire you and help to inform your own approach.

Be yourself:

Twitter is a very immediate, transparent medium. It's almost impossible to pretend to be what you're not. Be authentic and genuine – personally and on behalf of your brand.

More Top Tips

• Focus on relevance:

Follow and engage with people/organisations you share interests, missions or values with. Remember, with followers, quality is more important than quantity.

Make 140 characters count:

Use URL shorteners, so you can link without using up too many characters. Include key words and hashtags that will catch your audience's attention and give them a reason to click on your link.

Always integrate:

Twitter will provide most value when used in conjunction with other social media, your own website & microsites, third party websites, online forums & communities, so share content/links.

More Top Tips

Be your own, most constructive critic:

Take stock of your Twitter feed from time to time. Ask yourself whether you would enjoy following it, what you might get out of that, whether it is providing the right mix of messages for your organisation's target audiences and how it could be better.

Don't be afraid to make mistakes:

If something doesn't work, it's not the end of the world. Tweets are quite transitory and will pass a lot of people by without them noticing. When (not if) you mess something up, don't be afraid to say so – your followers will be forgiving and it's another opportunity to be engage in authentic dialogue.

And remember...

- Tweet about things that are important to your charity - and that it is passionate or excited about (it will show)
- Your tweets will be seen across to the world, by people in all sorts of situations, with a variety of outlooks
- You can't see and tweet everything or be on Twitter all the time
- It's all just communication and we've all been doing that for years!



Meet other charities using Twitter

□ Share knowledge, experiences and tips

□ FREE to attend

□ come along in person, or take part online - or both!



□ Keep up to date by:

□ Following Twitter.com/NFPtweetup

checking and subscribing to updates: <u>www.nfptweetup.org.uk</u>

D Becoming a fan on Facebook

□ Joining the group on LinkedIn

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