

Internet Research Training Guide

Homeless Organizing Academy

Goal: Practice with different tools and techniques, get more comfortable & confident, find what you need online quicker & better

A. Structure of a website address

http://www._____.____ (nowadays, you don't always need to type out "http://" or even "www")

examples: picturethehomeless.org, facebook.com, twitter.com

B. Using a search engine ... <http://google.com>

{See: "Basic search help" & "More search help" tip-sheets}

Practice: 1) What is the website of DHS? 2) Who is the president of South Africa? 3) What was Denzel Washington's first movie? 4) Who did the song "Low Rider"? 5) What percent of NYPD stops are of Latino people? 6) What is a Community Land Trust? 7) Find text, video, and audio versions of Martin Luther King's most famous speech on the Vietnam war.

C. An online encyclopedia ... <http://wikipedia.org>

Checkout: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayard_Rustin

Is there a book of his writings?

D. The news ... <http://news.google.com>

Practice: 1) What are the top stories today? 2) Is the NYPD in the news today? 3) You heard the cops killed someone in Brooklyn – how many news stories can you find about it?

Checkout: <http://www.nydailynews.com>

How do you submit a letter to the editor for the Daily News?

Others to know: ny1, nytimes, nypost, independent, democracynow, cnn, aljazeera, theroot

E. Organization's websites

Checkout: fierceny.org, picturethehomeless.org, nyc.gov/html/dhs, council.nyc.gov

Get a sense of how each is set-up – what information and content is there?, and where/how do you find it.

1) What is FIERCE's phone number? 2) What are PTH's past campaigns? 3) How many children are in the NYC shelter system now? 4) Who is the City Council member for this area, and what committees are they on? What's their voting record like on key issues?

F. Finding photos ... images.google, flickr, google

G. Finding videos ... video.google, youtube, google

H. What are some things we are researching, collectively in our campaigns, or individually for our own interest? Let's discuss where and how we might find information.