Engagement through digital communications

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What is social media?

- Term given to online sites and tools which allow users to interact with each other by sharing information and opinions.
- It is about building communities of networks, encouraging participation and engagement.



Channels

- Websites
- Blogs and micro-blogs like Twitter
- Podcasts and vlogs
- Wikis like Wikipedia
- Social networks like Facebook
- Content sharing websites like Flickr and YouTube
- Online networks and message boards

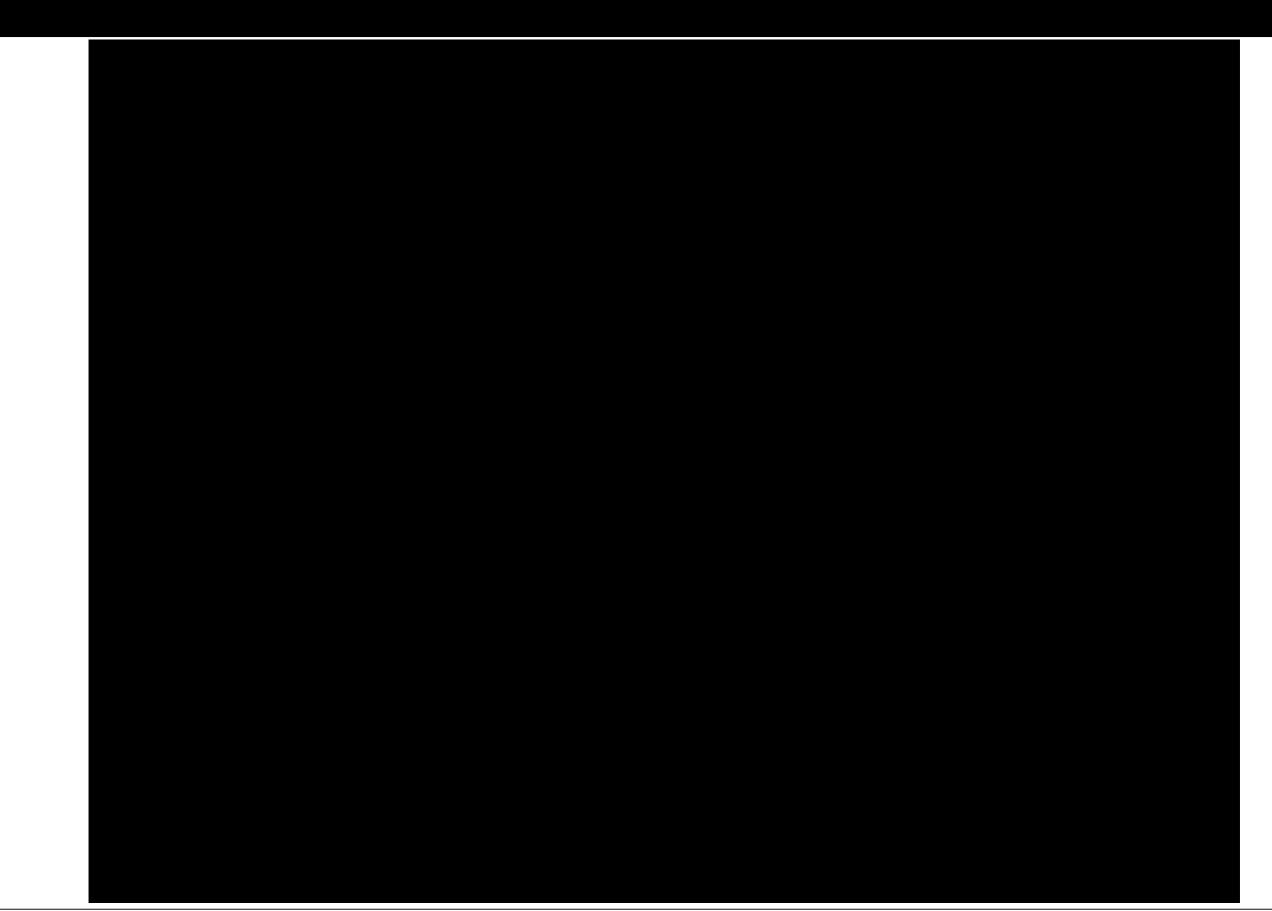






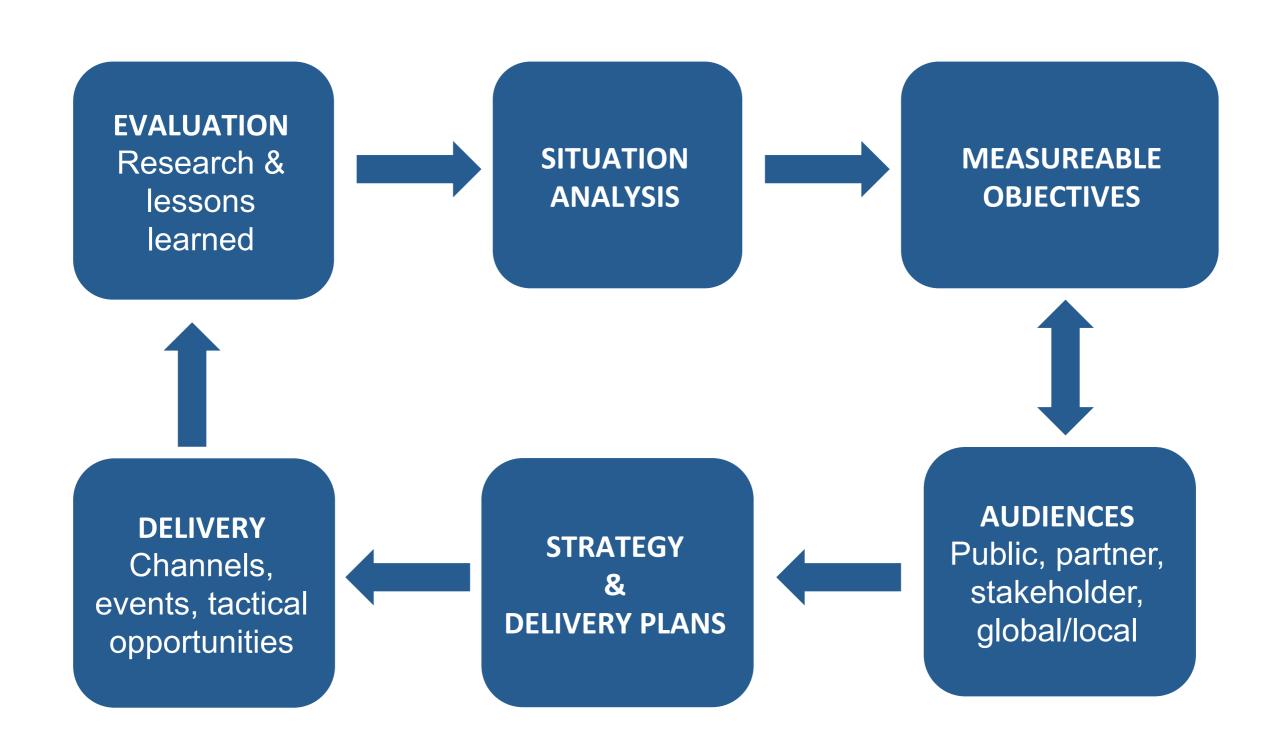


How important is social media?



Think strategically

It's only a communication channel



Strategic communications toolkits

- What is the problem?
- What should the communication activity achieve?
- Who should be talked to?
- What should be said?
- How should the message be communicated?
- How is success to be judged?

or

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How will we get there, and with whom?
- How will we know we got there?

People change ladder



Social media can be used to provide information and raise awareness, engage people, change opinions and change behaviour

Risk management

If someone has an issue with your organisation they are probably going to find a way of voicing this.

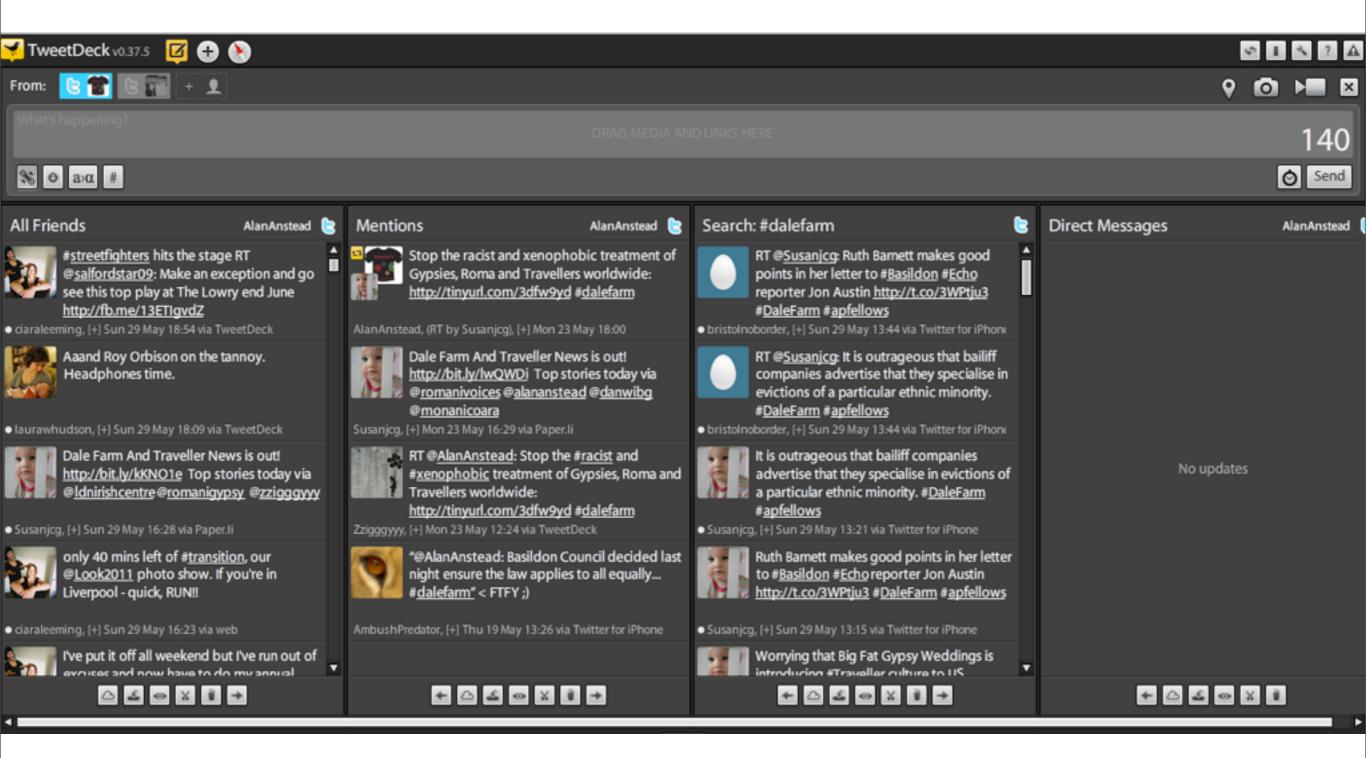
Better to have the possibility to engage with them on social media than read one-way communication in a letter to a newspaper or a negative article by a journalist.

Risk management issues

- Have a strategy and plan for communications, including social media
- Avoid 'tokenism' use of social media
- Monitor what people are saying about you
- Have employee rules on using social media
- Establish blogging protocols
- Moderate discussion on your sites
- Ignore or react to negative (and positive) discussion
- Decide what to do with those anonymous, inaccurate comments



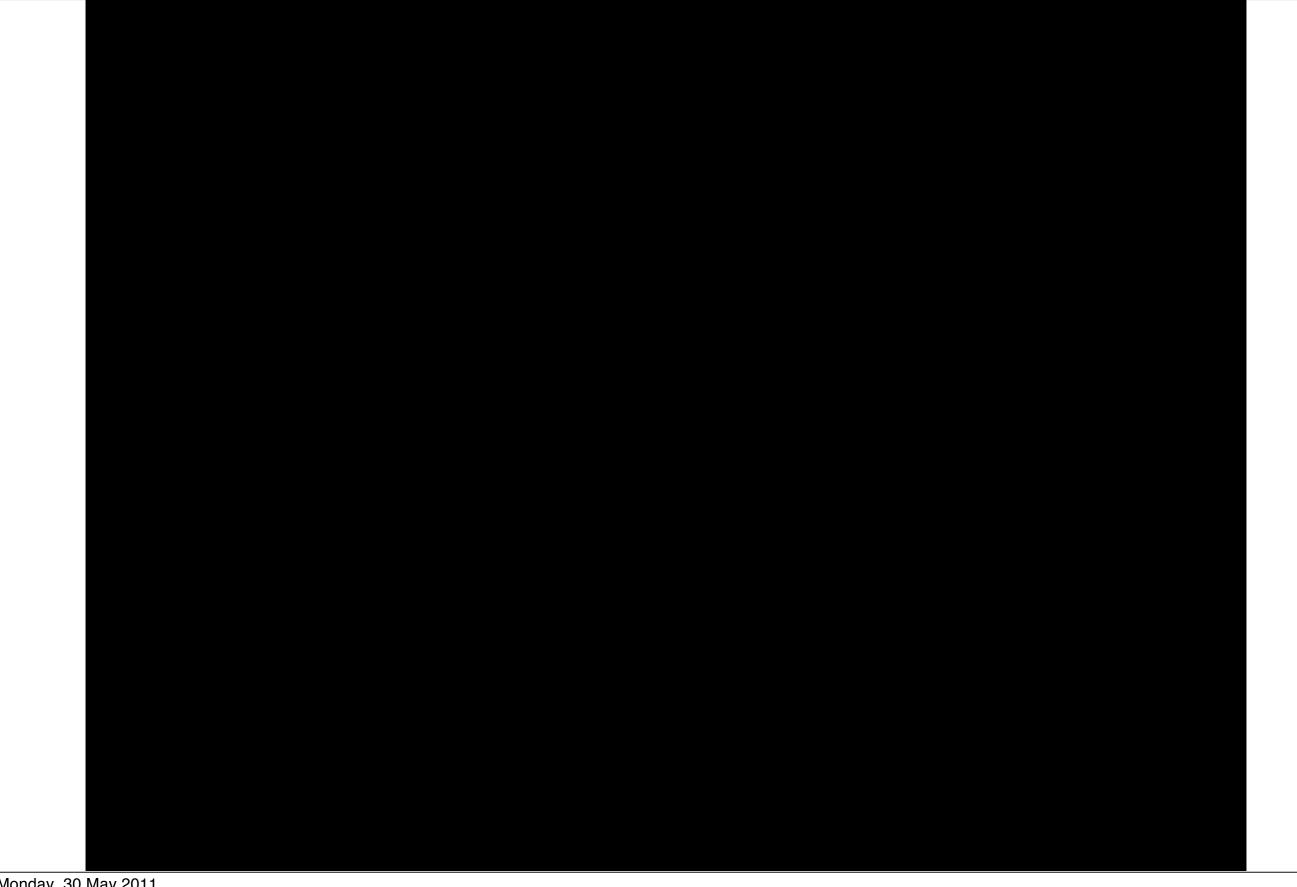
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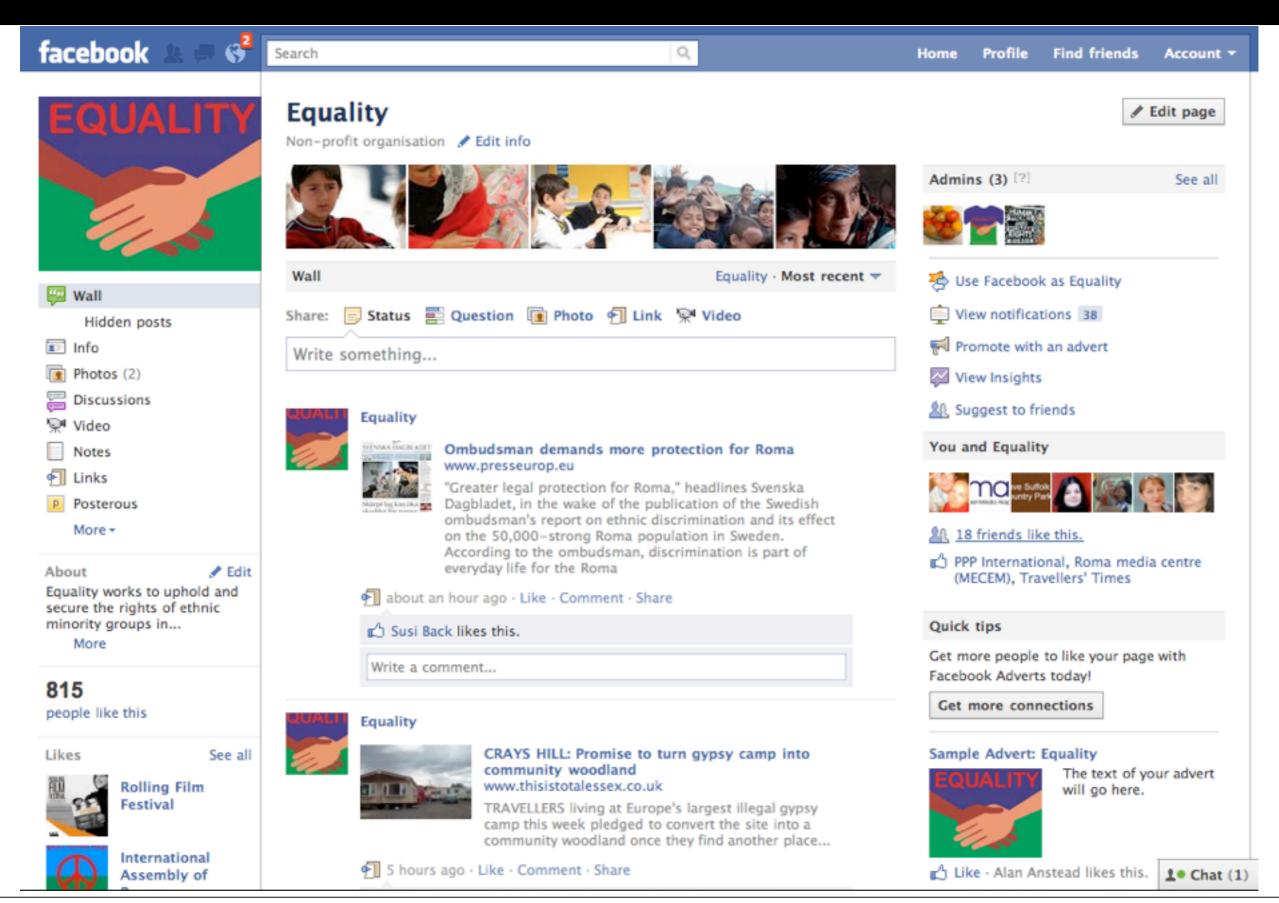
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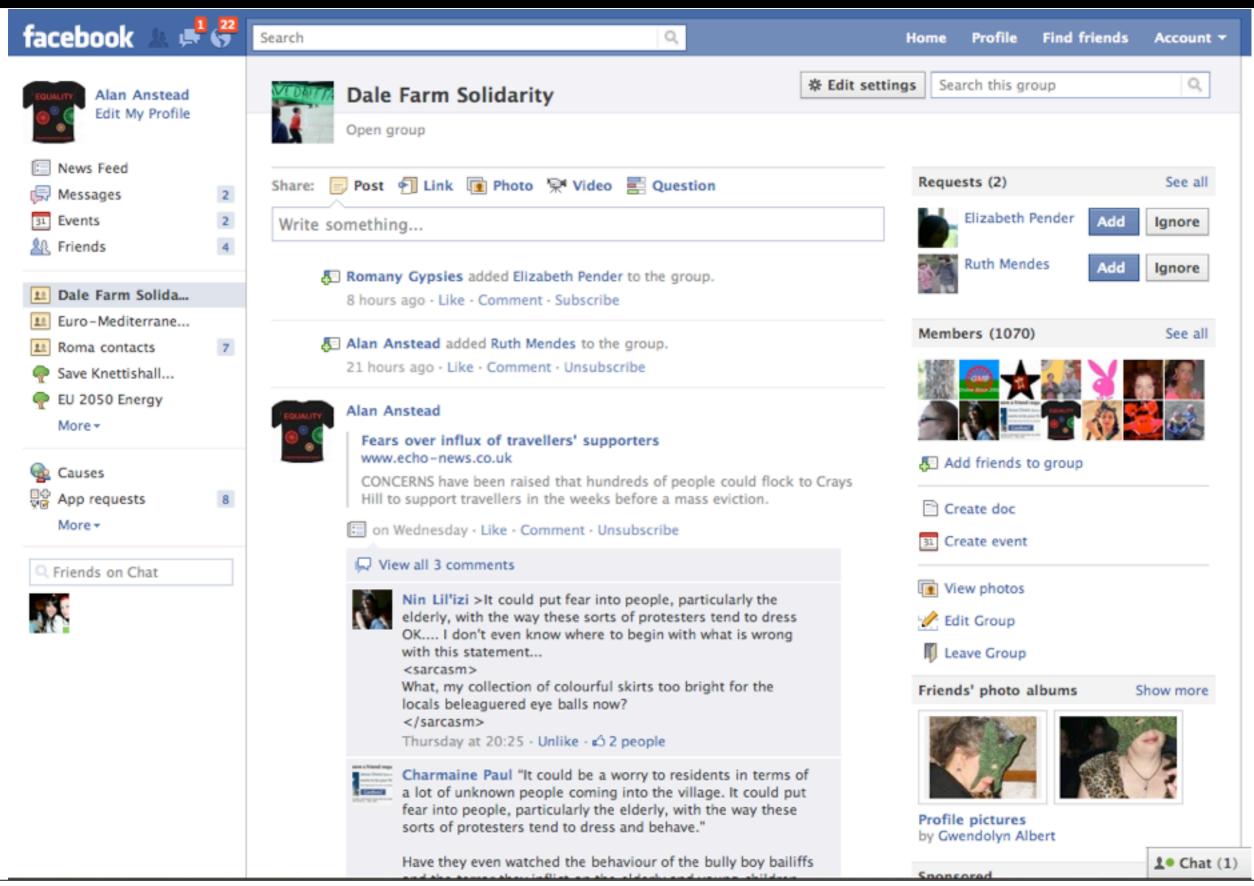
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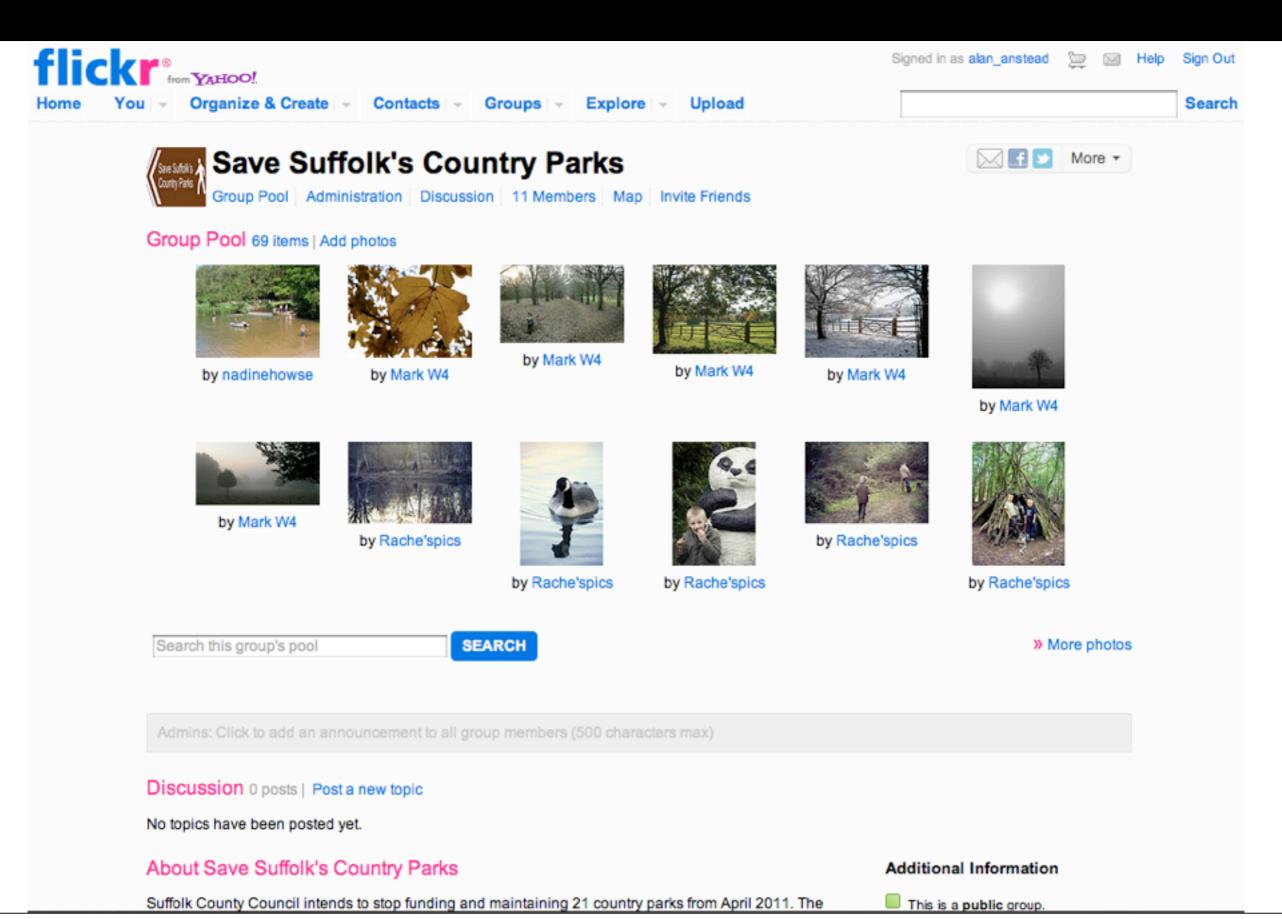
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Thirty years ago on April 11 we saw the riots, or uprisings, in Brixton. Thankfully those now seem to be distant days and the chances of another summer marked by racialised violence appear to be remote (though not many predicted the riots of 1985, 2001 or 2005).

What the riots made clear was that ignoring discrimination and social exclusion is not a recipe for building harmonious communities. We pride ourselves on the progress made since 1981, in terms of legislation and political representation, but is that progress as great as we would like?

After all, much has changed in the past 30 years, right?

- In 1981, black youth unemployment was estimated at a shocking 55 per cent. Last year we saw unemployment among black 16-24 year olds reach 48 per cent.
- In 1981, there was an 18 point gap in achievement of 5 or more higher level CSEs or O-levels between white students and black Caribbean (West Indian) students. Last year there was an 18 point gap between the achievement of black Caribbean boys and white boys.
- In the mid 1980s, black Caribbean men made up 8 per cent of the prison population. Last year that figure had nearly doubled to 15 per cent of the prison population.

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