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Party with a Purpose

How to Have an Effective and Inspiring RESULTS Meeting

2016 RESULTS International Conference

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How do you define an "effective" meeting?

How do you define an "inspiring" meeting?

RESULTS Kansas City

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There are three primary components of having an "effective and inspiring" RESULTS meeting

1. **Turnout**
2. **Preparation**
3. **Results**

TURNOUT

No meeting will be successful if people don't show up

Personal inviting is vital – don't rely on e-mail and social media exclusively

TURNOUT

What things have you done in your local groups to generate good turnout at your meetings?

PREPARATION

Preparation ensures that things will run smoothly (and help you be ready when they don't)

Hosting

- Are you using technology (computer, internet, Fuze)?
- Do you have the right equipment (speakers/speakerphone, internet access)?
- Have you tested things beforehand?

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Materials

- Give people something to take home (brochure, Action Sheet, next meeting flyer)
- If taking action, have some background on the issue (either as a handout or presentation)
- Have the basics like pen and paper – and food!
- Group plan?

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U.S. Poverty Actions and News

RESULTS harnesses the voices of individuals across the United States who speak up in solidarity with all people who need basic health care, education, and the means to rise out of poverty. We provide tools and top-notch training to help you become an informed advocate who is ready to take action with your members of Congress today! See the U.S. Poverty Campaigns Overview for more background on RESULTS issue work.

Urgent U.S. Poverty Actions You Can Take Now

Media Action: Build on Key Victory for Working Families in Tax Deal
Critical Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit Provisions Made Permanent **Take Action**

Build Support for Bipartisan Proposal to Expand the EITC for Childless Workers
House Speaker Paul Ryan and President Obama support Earned Income Tax Credit expansion **Take Action**

Request Face-to-Face Meetings with Members of Congress to Discuss Ending Poverty in America
Not sure how? RESULTS can train you! **Take Action**

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- Advocacy How-T (a.k.a. our Activis Toolkit)
- Online Action Al and Legislation Tracking
- Join our Action Network
- Research Memb Congress and Th Staff, including V Records and Bill Cosponsorship
- Find Media Cont
- Conference Call Recordings and Materials

US Weekly Updates

Our Domestic Weekly Update includes the most current information on our U.S. issues and urgent actions, media resources and actions, grassroots tools and resources, fundraising information, and important dates.

June 21, 2016

Weekly Update Archive

US Monthly Actions

The Monthly Action is an action you can take personally, with your group, or encourage others in your community to take.

Generate Letters on Economic Mobility and Protecting SNAP

Urge Congress to Stop Taxing Workers Into Poverty

Outreach Actions and Monthly Action Archive

US Poverty Laser Talk

Laser Talks are "elevator pitch you can practice so you know right thing to say if you get th ear of your member of Congr editor, or anyone else you are trying to talk to about our issu

Generating an Editorial on Protecting Anti-Poverty Progr

Expand the Earned Income T Credit

More Laser Talks

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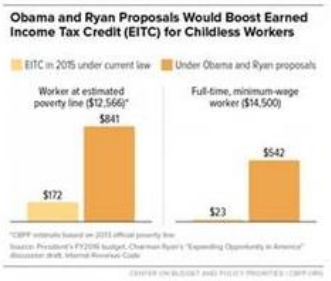
ACTION SHEET

Congress Must Support Policies that Create Economic Mobility

The most recent poverty data from the U.S. Census showed more than 46 million Americans were living in poverty in 2014, including over 15 million children. Fortunately, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) lifted 9.8 million people above the poverty line in 2014, including 5.2 million children. Congress passed a bipartisan tax package in December 2015 that saved key EITC and CTC provisions before they expired, ensuring that 16 million Americans would not fall into or deeper into poverty. Let's build on that success by expanding the EITC, as House Speaker Paul Ryan and President Obama have both proposed, and start to address wealth inequality by leveraging tax time to build savings..

Use these talking points to write a letter to your members of Congress urging them to expand economic mobility by expanding the EITC for low-income workers without children:

1. **Introduce yourself** as someone who cares about economic mobility in America and as a RESULTS volunteer.
2. Share your concern that **there is one group of workers that the tax code actually taxes into or deeper into poverty: low-wage workers without children**.
3. Mention that **House Speaker Ryan and President Obama have proposed to remedy this by expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** for low-wage workers.
4. In addition, urge policymakers to **prioritize policies to reduce wealth inequality and the racial wealth gap**, including proposals to use tax time as a moment to build emergency savings and economic mobility.
5. Ask your members of Congress to speak to key leaders, particularly House (Speaker Paul Ryan, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady and Ranking Member Sander Levin) or Senate (Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch and Ranking Member Ron Wyden) leaders, and tell them to **expand the EITC for childless workers and build on tax time to address wealth inequality**.



Note: To find contact information for members of Congress, visit our Elected Officials page at: http://capwiz.com/results/dbq/officials/. For other advocacy tips, check out our Activist Toolkit at http://www.results.org/skills_center/activist_toolkit/

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PREPARATION

What things have you done in your local groups to prepare for your meetings that you've found effective?

Results

Not the organization but the outcome of your meeting. Did you get something(s) done?

New People

- Are you making them feel welcome?
- Ask them to take on a task or role to make them feel included

Results

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Making Decisions

- Is there consensus in the group in your agenda and actions?
- Are you sharing tasks and responsibilities?
    - You don’t want the lion’s share of the work on the shoulders of one or two people

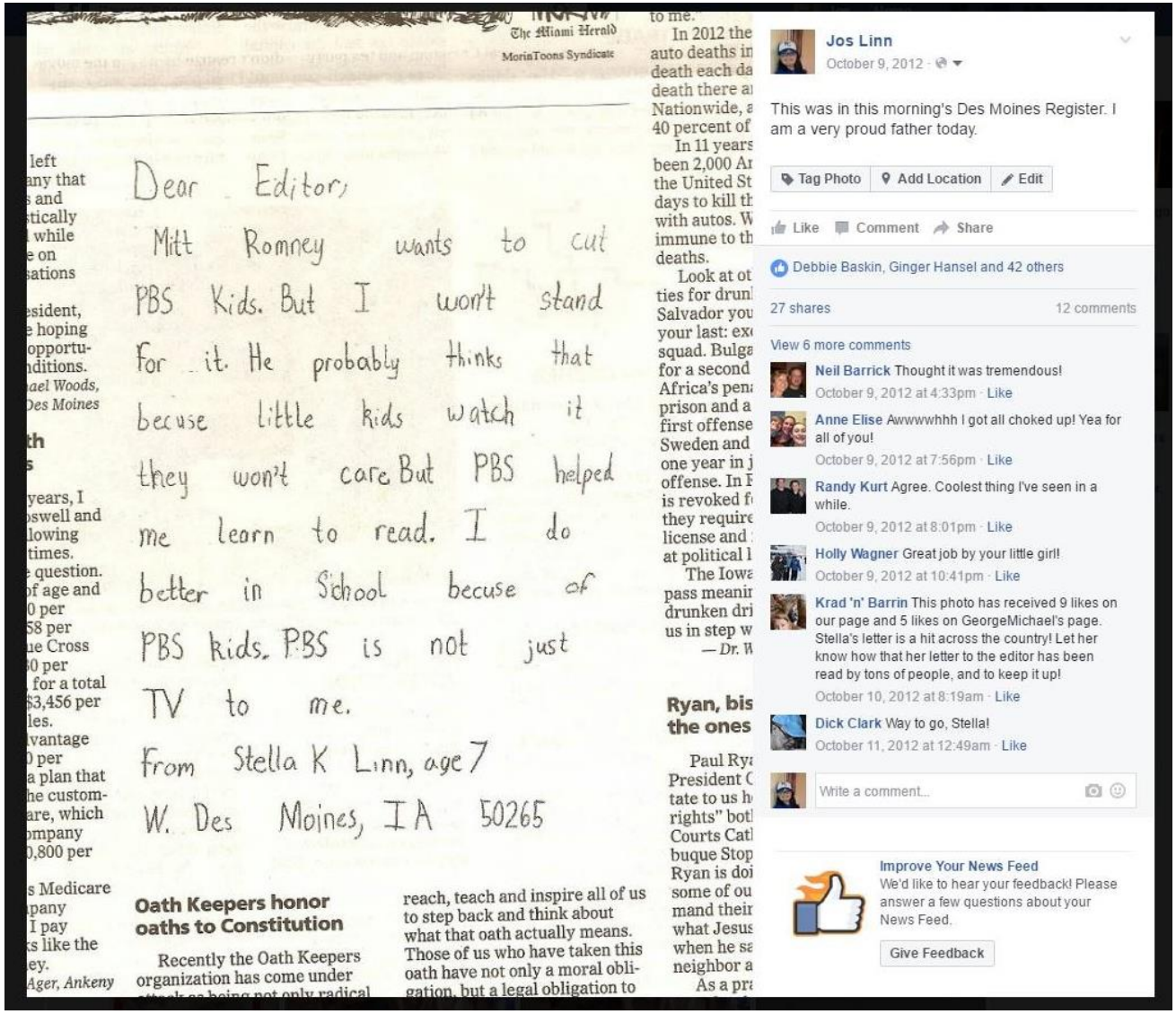
Results

Not the organization but the outcome of your meeting. Did you get something(s) done?

Celebrating Success

- Are you taking time to celebrate your group's accomplishments?
- Successes should be celebrated not just during the meeting but when they happen

Celebrating Success



The Miami Herald
MorinToons Syndicate

Dear Editor,

Mitt Romney wants to cut PBS Kids. But I won't stand for it. He probably thinks that becuse little kids watch it they won't care. But PBS helped me learn to read. I do better in School becuse of PBS kids. PBS is not just TV to me.

From Stella K Linn, age 7
W. Des Moines, IA 50265

Oath Keepers honor oaths to Constitution

Recently the Oath Keepers organization has come under

reach, teach and inspire all of us to step back and think about what that oath actually means. Those of us who have taken this oath have not only a moral obligation, but a legal obligation to

Jos Linn
October 9, 2012

This was in this morning's Des Moines Register. I am a very proud father today.

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TAKING ACTION

Taking action is a key component of any meeting

- It allows you to put the rubber to the road – make a difference on the issues people care about
- It demonstrates that you're not just a group that talks about things – you get things done
- It gets new people into action from the beginning and shows then that you are not wasting their time

TAKING ACTION

Expand your understanding of "action"

- It doesn't just mean writing letters
- Acquiring knowledge (learning a laser talk, getting deep on an issue) is also part of taking action

Taking Action also means planning ahead

- Don't leave any meeting without "homework" (if any) for people spelled out AND the date and time of your next meeting

HAVE FUN!!!

While your meetings will be talking about serious issues, the meetings don't all have to be serious too

Include fun components in your meetings, like socializing and food

You can even plan "non-RESULTS outings" from time-to-time to promote group bonding

RESULTS Des Moines Judy Zobel performing at a local storytelling event

Break into Small Groups

Share ideas and write down 1-2 things you've learned today that you plan to incorporate into your meetings back home

We'll come back an share some of them in a few minutes

What questions do you have?

RESULTS Resources

Advocacy Resources

- RESULTS website: www.results.org
- RESULTS Activist Toolkit: http://www.results.org/skills_center/activist_toolkit/
- RESULTS Group Leader Training: http://www.results.org/skills_center/group_leader_training/

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"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu