

HOW TO TELL YOUR PROFESSIONAL STORY

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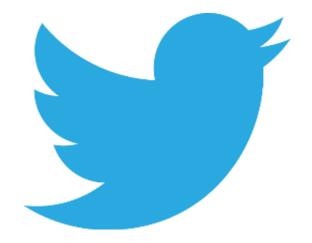
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let me tell you a story...

Poll 1: what is your current situation?

- a. I am returning to work after time out
- b. I am considering a career change
- c. Neither of the above, I'm just interested in story telling at work



taking stock of your professional expertise

- Dig out your career plan and dust it off
- Redo your SWOT analysis
- Work out what has changed in the time you've been away
- Identify any gaps in your knowledge
- Refine your plan and discuss it with your boss
- Ask about the opportunities that are in the pipeline



what is your brand?

"Your brand is what people say about you when you are not in the room."

Jeff Bezos



what is your brand?

- A simple message that employers, colleagues, clients, customers and other stakeholders will remember
- When they have a need, they will think of you

From 'Brand You' John Purkiss and David Royston-Lee

position your brand

- \checkmark Be clear about your strengths
- \checkmark Develop an area of expertise
- ✓ Build your reputation
- ✓ Take the initiative
- ✓ Exceed expectations
- ✓ Be aware
- ✓ Be a great colleague



recruit brand ambassadors

- Identify the people in your network who can help you
- Be specific about what they can do for you
- Give them key messages to use





develop your professional story

- What sets you apart in your career?
- What is the consistent theme?
- How can you communicate your added value?



Poll 2: which of these statements most resonates with you?

- a. I hate feeling that I'm blowing my own trumpet
- b. I feel comfortable articulating my strengths
- c. I find it hard to connect with new people



develop your professional story

- "I use my expertise at work to...
- My expertise adds value by...
- This helps colleagues or customers to...
- The result is..."

Caroline Dowd-Higgins



top storytelling tips

- Introductions are boring dive straight in!
- Share a personal story
- Show your listeners a mental movie
- Show, don't tell
- Be very specific about the details
- Include the Spark, the Change and the Takeaway



• End on a high

From Akash Karia TED Talks Storytelling



story telling

"Make me care"

Andrew Stanton Pixar



live your story

- Be clear about the point you want to get across
- Come up with a story that illustrates it
- Be personal and authentic
- Create an experience, involve your listener
- Make them care!



...and the story had a happy ending!

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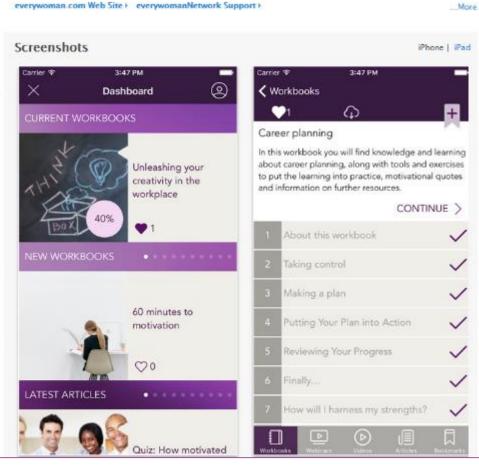
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