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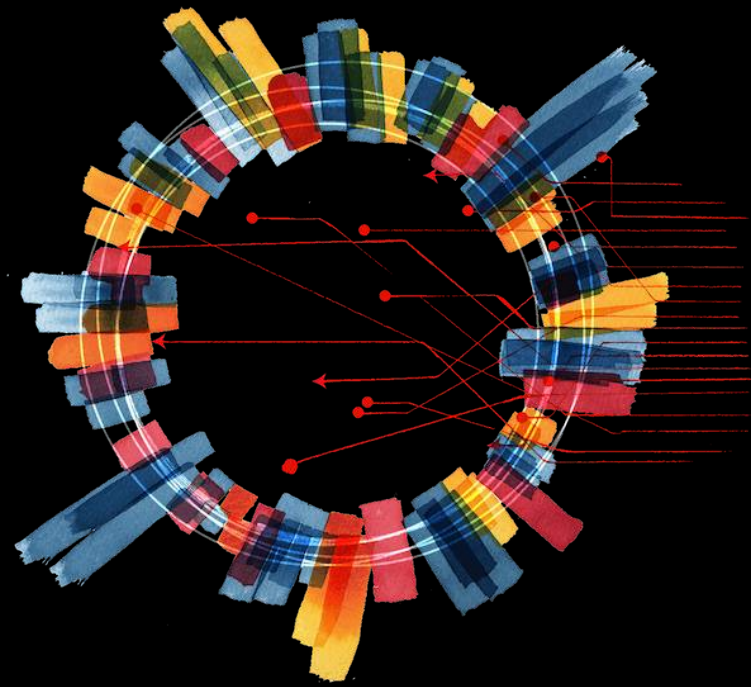

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Resources for investigators and other evidence gatherers

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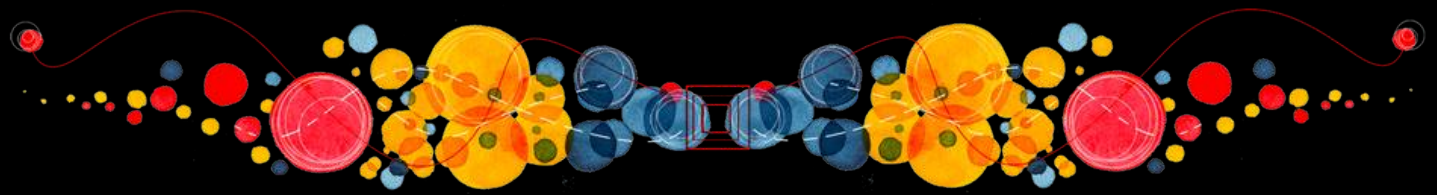

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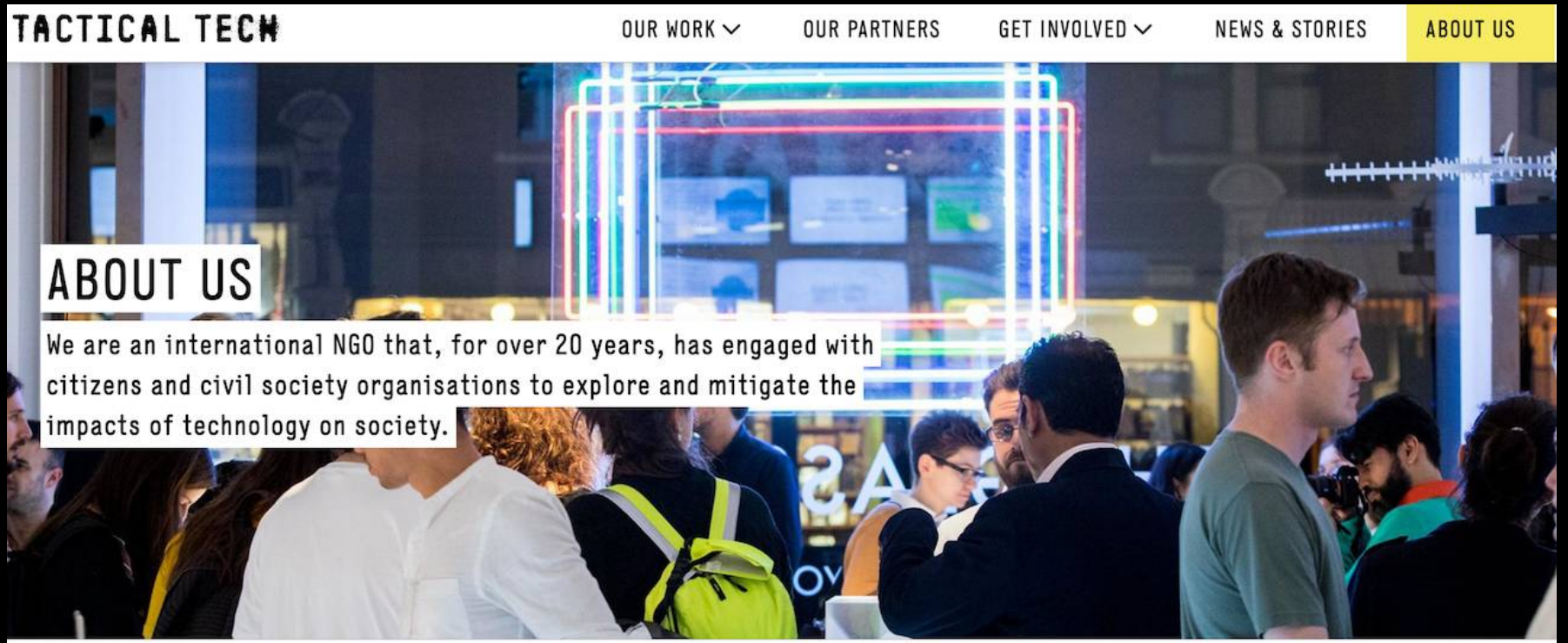


ENGAGING WORKSHOPS
& MASTERCLASSES

PLAYFUL TOOL-KITS
& GUIDES

INTERACTIVE EXHIBITIONS
& INTERVENTIONS

INNOVATIVE LEARNING
PLATFORMS

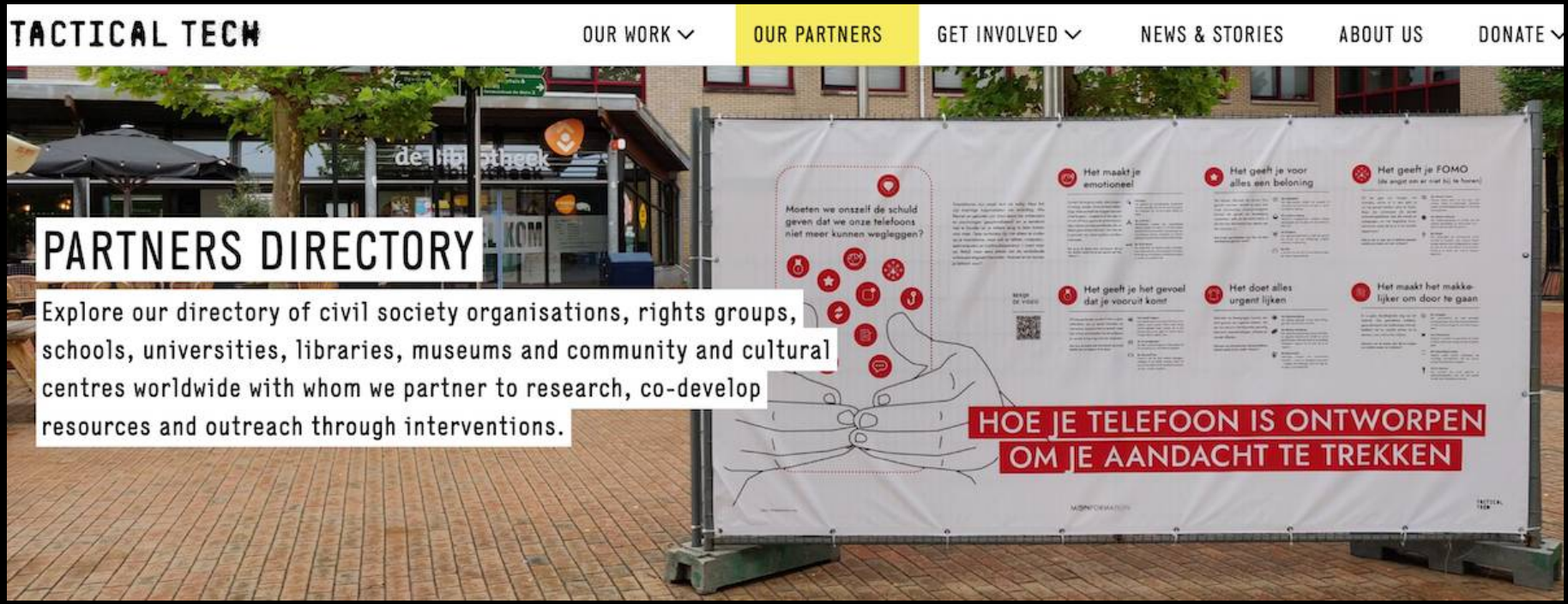
https://tacticaltech.org/timeline/

TIMELINE: A TRAVEL THROUGH OUR COLLABORATIVE AND CREATIVE JOURNEY

When Tactical Tech was founded two decades ago, there was a lot of optimism surrounding digital technologies but not much focus on their potential for civil society and the risks that could arise. Many people talked about technology as an equalising and empowering force, but there was little action to make it a reality. Tactical Tech wanted to

Since its creation, Tactical Tech has co-developed hundreds of interventions and resources in collaboration with local partners and collaborators worldwide. These resources have directly reached millions of people: activists, human rights advocates, researchers, journalists, educators, librarians, young people...and the list continu

We work collaboratively to develop & localise resources



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Investigation & creative design to inform and inspire change

TECHNOLOGIES OF HOPE & FEAR

Quarantine bracelets, pandemic drones, predictive cleaning, bio-patches and syndromic surveillance: the pandemic has shown how much faith we put in data, digital tools and the intelligence the companies who produce them claim will solve our problems.

https://techpandemic.theglassroom.org/#

GAFAM EMPIRE

GAFAM Empire is a project developed in collaboration with DensityDesign Lab that looks at the known acquisitions conducted by five big tech companies: Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple, and Microsoft, which sectors they expanded to, what types of know-how they absorbed, and in fact who they actually are besides who we

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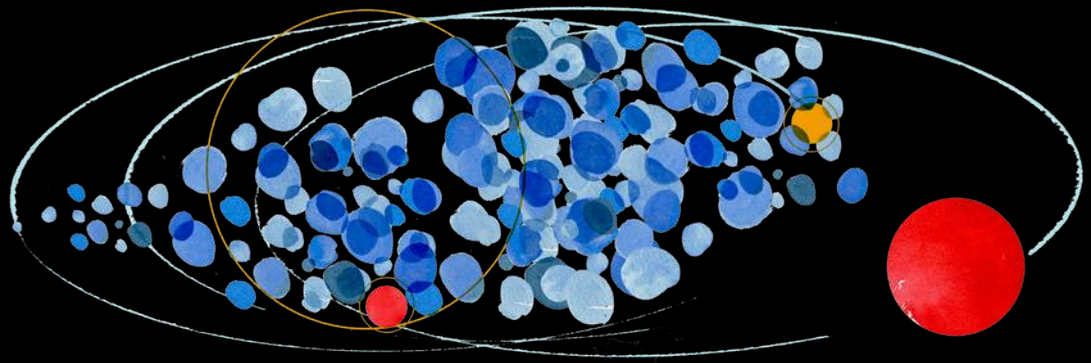
Projects



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DATA DETOX KIT

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Digital Enquirer Kit

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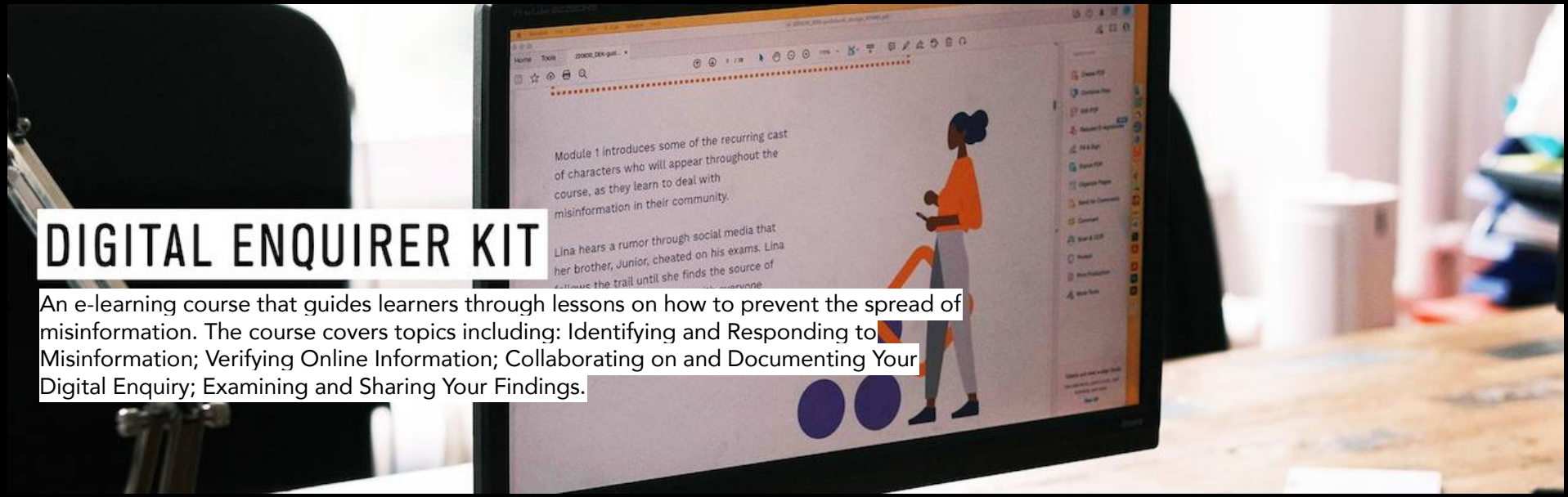
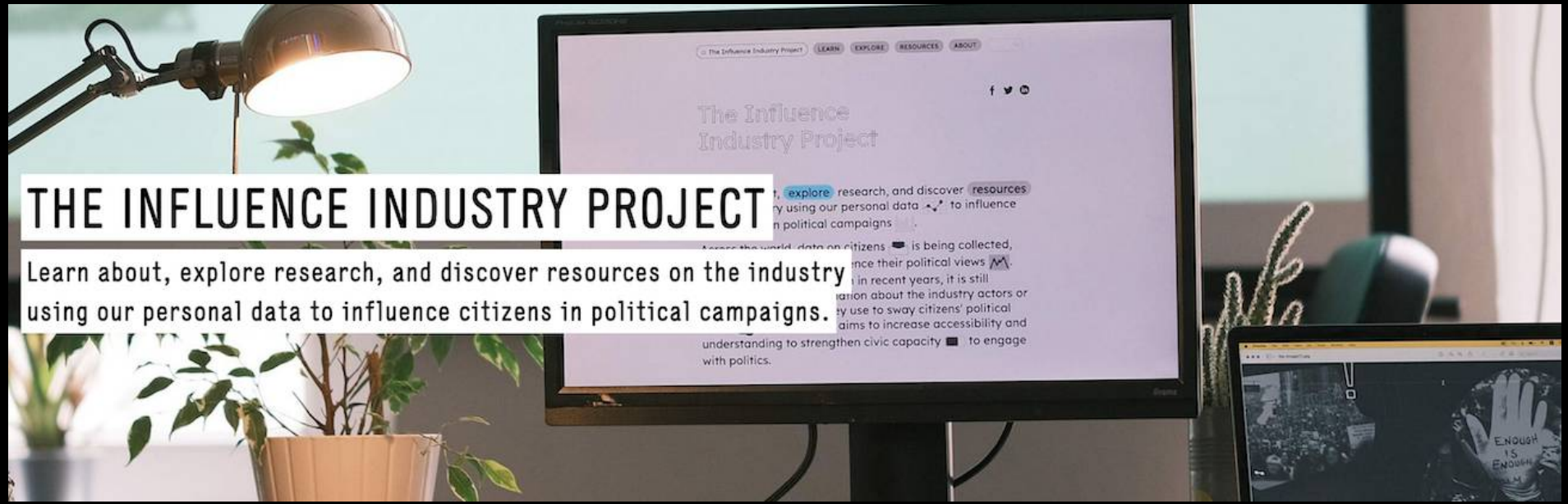


DIGITAL ENQUIRER KIT

An e-learning course that guides learners through lessons on how to prevent the spread of misinformation. The course covers topics including: Identifying and Responding to Misinformation; Verifying Online Information; Collaborating on and Documenting Your Digital Enquiry; Examining and Sharing Your Findings.

The Influence Industry Project

https://influenceindustry.org/



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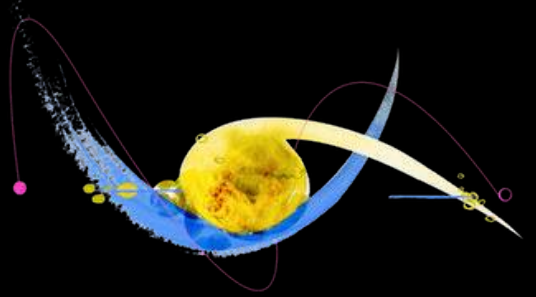

- Investigation as a form of evidence-driven civic engagement, community initiated
- Collaborative development and testing of resources
- Accessible free materials, CC licence
- Demystifying investigation techniques, OSINT

Investigation institutes, workshops, discussions

Guides, articles, films, podcast

Training curricula (10+ languages)

Partnerships with local organisations in Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe

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Money and Politics | Verification

Deepak Adhikari - We are in a business of thinking

Veteran Nepalese journalist Deepak Adhikari takes us through his life journey from

Investigating Visual Media | Conflict and Power | Verification | Video | Image

The Archive as Activism: Lessons from Mnemonic and the Syrian Archive

Mnemonic, the non-profit that runs Syrian Archive, Yemeni Archive and Sudanese Archive

Basma Mostafa - If we just keep telling the truth

Basma Mostafa, an Egyptian Investigative journalist in Exile, takes us through her journey

Finding and Retrieving Lost Websites

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THE KIT

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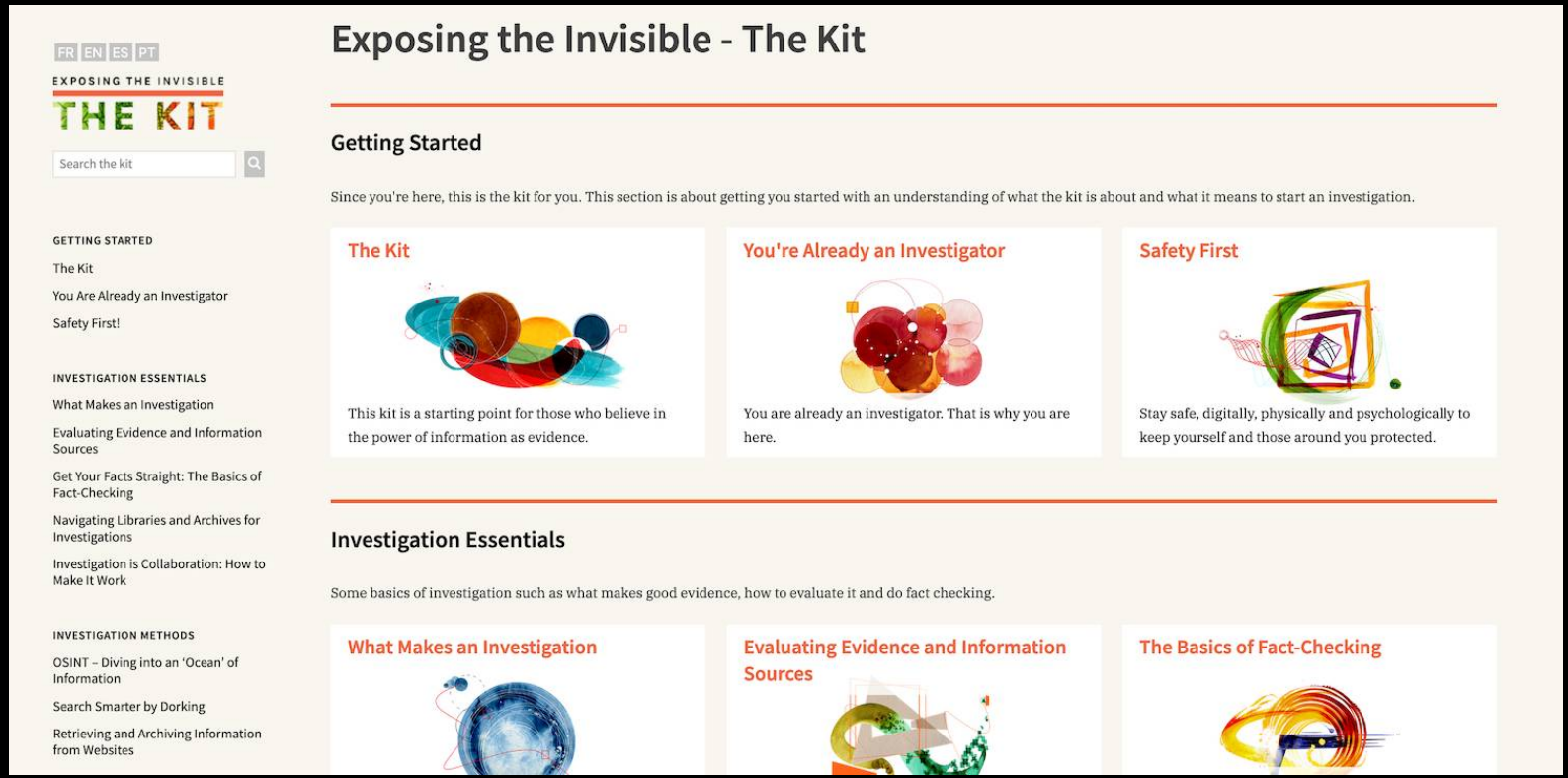

A collaborative, self-learning resource that makes investigative skills, techniques, ethics and safeguards applied by experienced investigators more accessible to others who want to start their own investigations to address issues affecting their communities.

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Mapping Disinformation

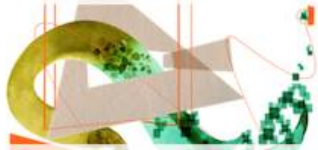
How to Track Disinformation Networks

Workshops Guides

Navigating Libraries and Archives

Explore libraries and archives that offer precious resources for your investigation.

Evaluating Evidence and Information Sources

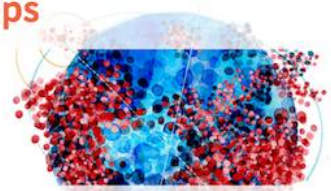


You've identified and collected information to serve as evidence in your investigation. What next?

Collaborative Investigations Evaluating Evidence Searching

Investigating the Unfamiliar

Thinking Critically About Maps



How to critically read and use maps for investigation, resistance and more.

Geolocation Methods: A step by step guide

How to geolocate photos and videos, moving from basic to more advanced techniques and skills.

Retrieving and Archiving Information From Websites

Explore ways to find and retrieve historical and 'lost' information online.

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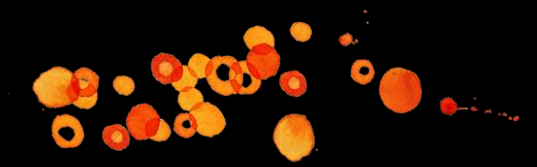
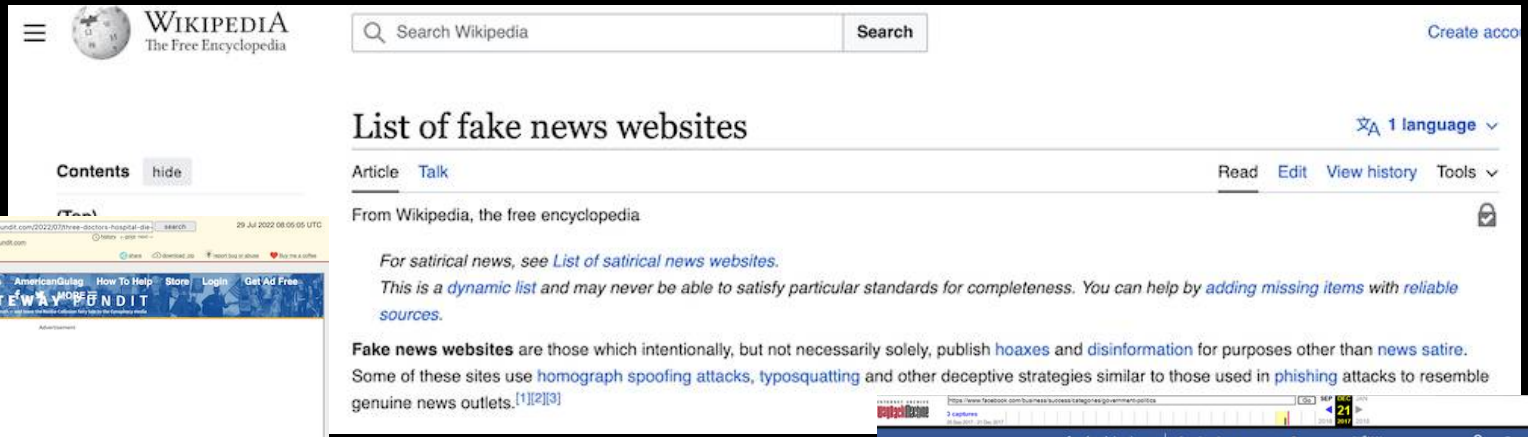


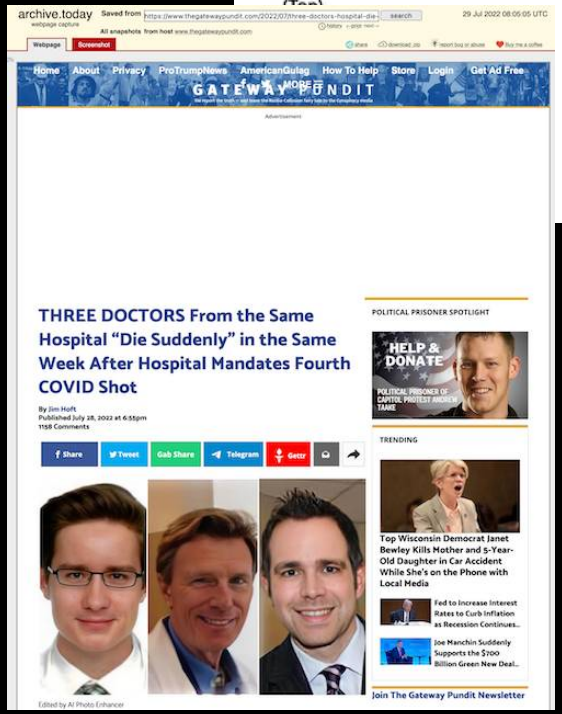
Archiving → accountability, verification, participation, safety ...

- Vital in any **investigations** (journalistic and others): clues from the past, ephemeral proof from the present
- A **mindset**, not just a tool: part of basic investigation 'hygiene'
- Awareness raising: what did we miss? Does it make a difference now?
- Collaborative: everyone can add, others can benefit
- Risks: bias, content taken for granted, gaps, backlash…

Cases

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fake_news_websites





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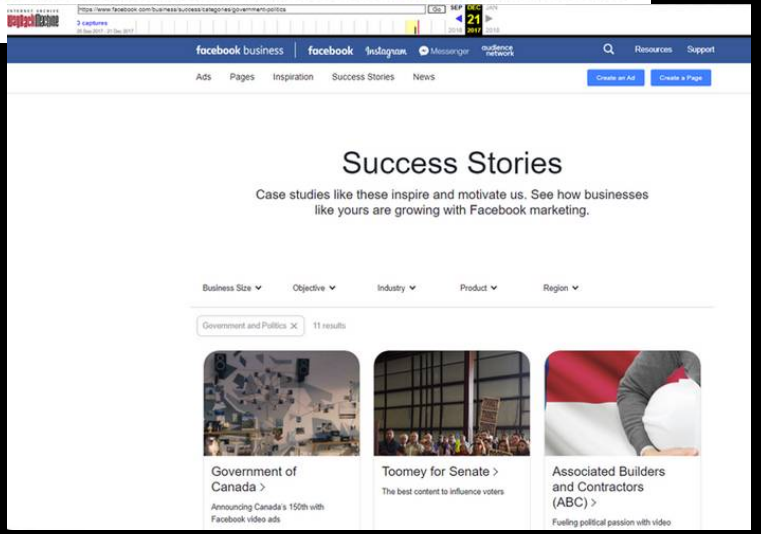

https://archive.ph/eI025

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