

Digital Media and Video Training for Refugee Groups

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HANDOUT for Session 3.

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This handout assumes you know the basics of file management (where files are, how to copy, move and delete them, and so on) and are used to common computer programs.

Placing your video on YouTube.

Why YouTube? There are other online video opportunities such as vimeo.com, bear these in mind. We will be using YouTube.

If you don't already have a YouTube account, go to www.youtube.com and click on "Create Account". Follow the instructions and you will be sent an email to which you will have to reply or click the link to confirm your registration. You will then soon have created your own YouTube Channel! You can log in to this channel to 'upload' video files for it.

Uploading files to YouTube

1. Sign in to YouTube using your username and password.
2. Click on "Upload".
3. Click on "File Upload".
4. Find and select the video file that you created at the end of the last session, and click "Open".
5. The file will immediately begin to Upload.
6. Type in any text you would like to use to describe the video, such as the Title, Description, Tags, and any other options you would like to choose from the list.
7. Click "Save Changes", and once the file is uploaded and processed, it will be ready to view and use on YouTube.

You can click on the drop-down menu under your username to look at and adjust your videos, your channel, and other options. Explore the possibilities.

Creating Weblog ('Blog') using Wordpress

A Blog does not have to be used like a regular commentary if you don't want to or don't have the time, it is also an easy way to have a website of your own which you can set up and edit very easily. Check this article: <http://www.submityourarticle.com/articles/George-Best-2765/blog-84538.php>

Look at some examples:

Voices of Burma Communities in Sheffield <http://vobcis.wordpress.com/>

Testimony music group <http://testimonygirls.wordpress.com/>

I Love Migrants <http://ilovemigrants.wordpress.com/>

Migrant Rights Network <http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/blog> &

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/blog/2010/09/video-migrants-how-access-primary-health-london-borough-newham>

Tamil Justice <http://tamiljustice.com/>

Friends of the Congo <http://www.friendsofthecongo.org/resource-center/coltan.html>

Somali Blog <http://mgulaid.blogspot.com/>

Link TV <http://www.linktv.org/blogs>

MicroFundo <http://calabash.typepad.com/>

1) First, sign up as a Wordpress user, which will only take a couple of minutes (yes, really!).

Go To the following website:

<http://en.wordpress.com/signup/>

Follow the instructions, and when you choose a username please choose something that can be recognised as your real name. (For example, if your name is John Smith try "jsmith" or "johnsmith", or "johnsmith254" if "johnsmith" is not available, and NOT "kangaroo", "dreamboy" or "michaelangelo" or any other wierd and wonderful name.)

At the bottom of this form, either choose the option "**Just a username, please**", OR choose the "**Gimme a Blog**" option if you want to start your own blog straight away. If you don't choose this, you can always start a blog later.

You will be sent an email with an activation link, please click on this and you will be allocated your user account.

2) Go to www.wordpress.com and sign in, then go to your blog.

3) You will find the word "Edit" under every section, and if you click on that you can then add your own text and media to that section, as well as start new sections. Blogs are simple because they tell you what you have to do, at least at the basic level. Type in your own text to introduce the video you are going to insert.

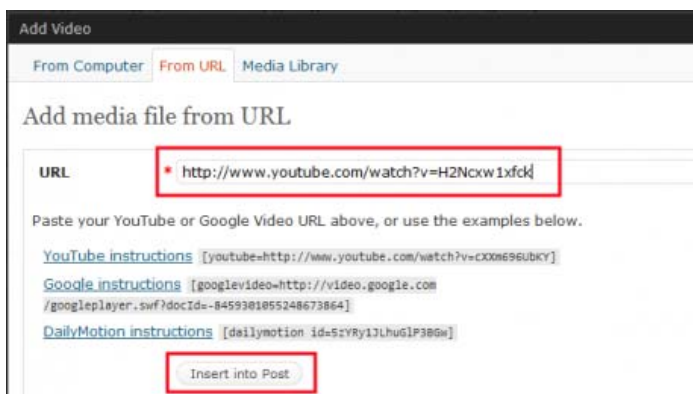
4) Visit a video page on [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com). Click the "Share" button underneath the video. Then copy the URL from the window that pops up:



5) Go back to your blog that you have just typed some text into. Click on the Add Video button on the Upload/Insert toolbar.



Select the **From URL** tab. Paste the YouTube video's URL into the **URL** field. Then click the Insert into Post button.



The YouTube video shortcode will then be inserted into your post.

6) Click on "Update", then go to your blog and the video will be there!