Communicating the value of nature. Europarc 2014 Henry Hicks henry@futerra.co.uk

Make sustainable development so desirable it becomes normal

Our clients















































It's not enough to be right.

You have to be good communicators.

If nature were a product...





You are not normal.

But that's okay (as long as you know it).

Values Modes

Settlers

Prospectors

Pioneers



Family, home, tradition, scared of change

Success, recognition & reward, brand & fashion conscious, optimistic

The bigger picture, the environment, society, poverty, complexity

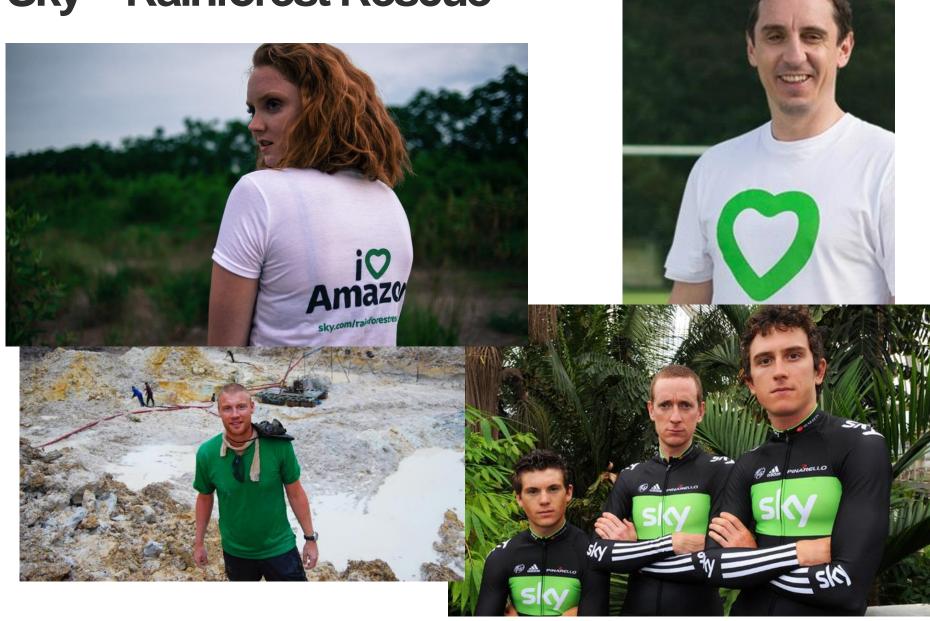
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Power tool 1 Empathy

Sky – Rainforest Rescue



Don't

Do

Think people have to act for the right (i.e. your) reasons

Understand people's needs and wants

Tell them why they are wrong

Help them meet them

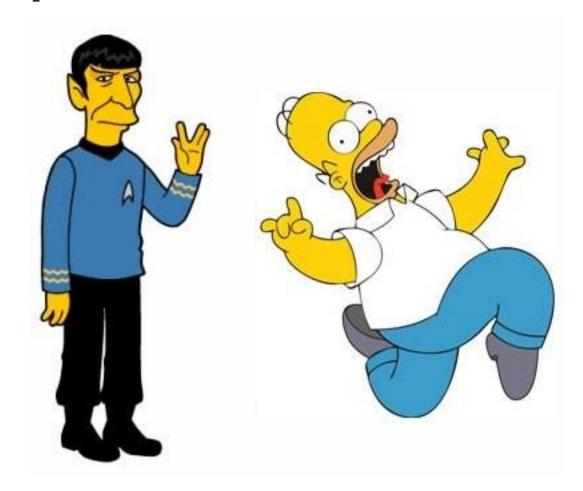
Adapt your message to your audience

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It's complex.

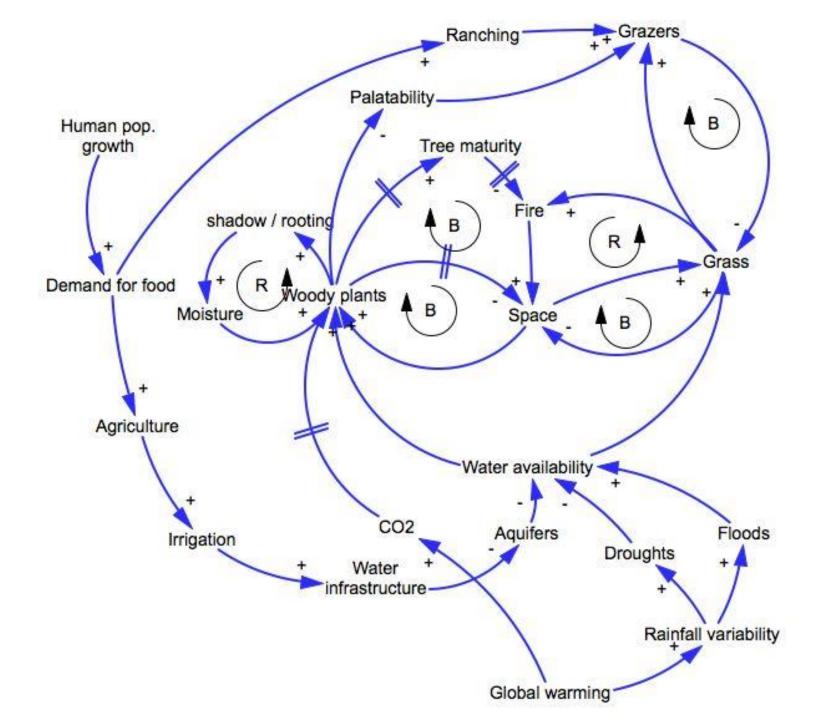
But it shouldn't be complicated.

Are you Spock or Homer?



Rational Cost/Benefit decisions

Emotional Instincts & Habits



Power tool 2 Simplicity



Don't

Do

Try and explain everything that you think matters

Find a simple, positive human truth

Appeal to rationality

Appeal to emotions

Only talk about the features

Show the benefits

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Nature is under threat

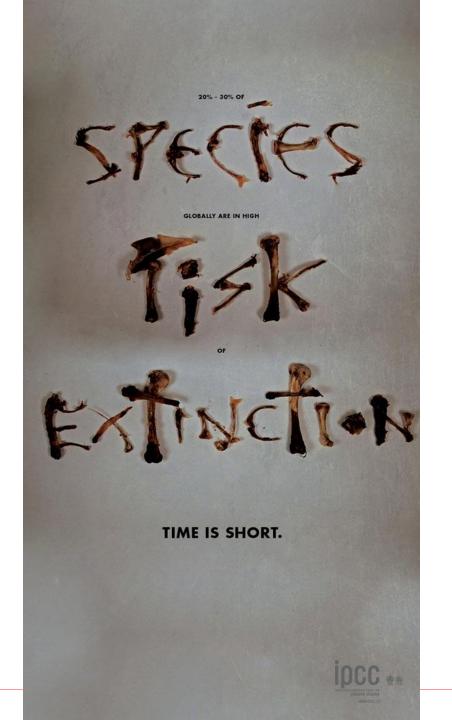
But the extinction message is dead

Sausage vs sizzle





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Power tool 3 Love

WWF - We are all connected



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Don't

Do

Use threat / extinction messages

Use love

Show nature as entirely separate

Put people at the heart





less loss

Kill the extinction message. Loss generates apathy, not action.



more love

Celebrate our love of nature. It is the most powerful driver of public behaviour.



balance need

Use the Need message wisely. It's often not right for public consumption, but it's the cornerstone of policy and business decisions.

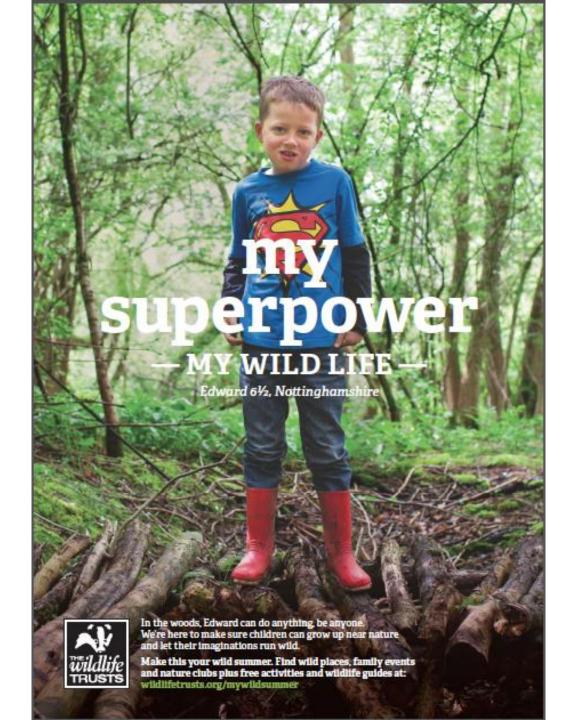


add action

Always partner Love and Need messages with Action. Once your audience is inspired, they will want to know what to do.



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Remember

Stories beat statistics
Love beats loss
Simplicity beats complexity
Emotion beats intellect

Lead with personal benefits

Support with features

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