

# **Content Development Tools**

There are so many free and paid tools out there. Here are some free ones that you may want to begin experimenting with.

Use these quick links to access what you're looking for.

- Email newsletter tools
- Content creation tools for videos, motions graphics and slideshows
- Content creation tools for blogs
- Content creation tools for infographics
- Webinar hosting tools
- Content creation tools for social media
- Image creation tools
- **Animation tools**
- Screen capture tools

#### **Email newsletter tools**

<u>rasa.io</u> provides completely custom newsletters for each of your subscribers.

MailChimp allows you to cross promote your association across email, social media, landing pages and more from just one site.

BEE allows you to drag and drop entire rows or individual content elements, images directly from your desktop and to clone and rearrange your content quickly.

GetResponse helps you connect directly with your audience anywhere using personalized email marketing and webinars by offering prebuilt email templates to send your emails.

<u>Sender</u> provides subscription forms, web-push notifications and mobile responsive email templates.

## Content creation tools for videos, motions graphics and slideshows

Magisto provides several video templates based on industry, need and platform.

<u>LinkedIn SlideShare</u> is a service for professional content including presentations, infographics, documents and videos that are uploadable privately or publicly in PowerPoint, Word, PDF, or OpenDocument format.

Vidyard provides a way to create, host and share videos.

Animaker allows you to create multiple animated video types including explainer, whiteboard and infographic videos.

iMovie is a free content creation tool for iOS or MacOS users for creating and sharing videos.

Soapbox is a Chrome extension that includes a split-screen view, allowing you to record your webcam and your screen at the same time.

## Content creation tools for blogs

WordPress is a free program that you can use to create a website to grow your association's online presence.

BuzzSumo allows you to monitor topics to discover content ideas.

# **Content creation tools for infographics**

Easelly allows you to take plain text data and transform it into infographics.

<u>Visme</u> provides templates and graphics to make presentations and infographics online with capabilities to publish online or download to share.

Infogram provides images, icons, templates and interactive charts and maps for infographic development.

ThingLink allows you to make your images, videos, and 360 content interactive with text, links, images, videos and calls to action.

## Webinar hosting tools

BigMarker provides video development and sharing capabilities including automated webinars and training sessions.

GoToWebinar mobile app allows for participation no matter where you are, you can ask questions and participate in polls.

Zoom is a video and audio conferencing platform that allows for live meetings and webinars which can be recorded.

## Content creation tools for social media

Qzzr is a simple online quiz tool that allows you to create and share custom quizzes so you can learn more about your audiences.

<u>Piktochart</u> can be used to create beautiful infographics, flyers, posters, presentations and reports.

<u>Pixabay</u> provides free images and videos to download and use for anything. Free for commercial use and no attribution required.

## **Image creation tools**

Adobe Spark is a creation software that lets you combine text, images and video content for online sharing.

Canva provides a variety of free photos and templates for varying uses like social media, infographics, newsletters, logos, flyers and brochures.

Photo Collage provides a blank canvas where you can add your photos and position them to where you want them to be. You can also add text to the canvas.

#### **Animation tools**

Boomerang is a video app that is available as a standalone app and within the Instagram app. It allows you to take short stop motion videos to share wherever you like.

<u>Powtoon</u> allows you to create video content by using presentation-styled animation with avatars.

Google Photos has a built-in feature that works with the photos you upload to automatically create short movies and animations.

## Screen capture tools

Snip & Sketch allows you to quickly grab screenshots, photos and other images with your pen, touch or mouse and save, paste or share the screen captures with other apps.

<u>CloudApp</u> can be used for creating screenshots, screen recordings and animated GIFs.

Awesome Screenshot is a browser extension for Chrome, Firefox and Safari that lets you capture web pages and add explanations that you can store, organize and share. You can record yourself and the screen, connect with other tools, annotate and share.

