NOW MORE THAN EVER, THE WORLD NEEDS MORE INVESTIGATORS!

Technology has transformed the way people find and share information. While digital technologies have raised several challenges, they have also empowered journalists, activists, artists, technologists and others in the civil society to collaborate in uncovering hidden information and bringing evidence to light. Tactical Tech’s Exposing the Invisible project has produced a series of resources and workshops that provide you with knowledge, good practices and tools to enhance your investigative skills.

DISCOVER “EXPOSING THE INVISIBLE: THE KIT!”

“Exposing the Invisible: The Kit” makes for a great companion for your investigative journey. It is a collaborative, self-learning resource that makes investigative techniques and tools used by experienced investigators accessible to everyone. The Kit is available in multiple languages. Get started at: kit.exposingtheinvisible.org
Explore our resources to mix and match your own investigative workshops!

1. Stay safe

SAFETY FIRST! BASICS OF PREVENTIVE DIGITAL SAFETY
Fundamental digital safety awareness and tips for citizen investigators, journalists, researchers and others working with information as evidence, including principles and criteria of assessing digital safety risks.

AN INVESTIGATOR’S INTRODUCTION TO RISK MANAGEMENT
The mindset, methods and tools to help manage individual and collective risks before, during and after the investigation.

2. Master the methods

HOW THE INTERNET WORKS
Navigating the internet infrastructure and how information travels across it, with a look at possible digital safety risk points.

WEB ARCHIVING AND RETRIEVING ARCHIVED INFORMATION ONLINE
Methods, tools and tips to find and retrieve historical and “lost” information from websites.

ADVANCED ONLINE SEARCH AND DORKING
Advanced internet search methods, tips and tools, under the umbrella of a technique known as “dorking”.

EVALUATING EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION SOURCES
Methods and good practices of evaluating the trustworthiness of information and information sources to build solid evidence for any investigation.

3. Mind the human element

IDENTIFYING AND REACHING OUT TO SOURCES SAFELY
Identify and reach out to sources and interviewees in a safe manner; assess and mitigate potential risks for the investigator and their sources.

CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS
Techniques, skills and best practices to safely interview and maintain contact with human sources providing evidence during investigations.

MANAGING SOURCES
Manage contacts for investigations and develop, interact and maintain safe and effective collaboration with human sources.
**Interviews Requiring Special Approaches**
Techniques and tips to help plan and conduct interviews in unfamiliar / foreign / hostile environments, and with adversarial and vulnerable sources.

**How to Track Disinformation Networks**
Methodology and tools for discovering, tracking and mapping online networks of disinformation and manipulation campaigns.

**Investigating Climate Change Adaptation**
Mindset, methods and resources to investigate climate change adaptation, including societies’ exposure to climate impacts, vulnerabilities and coping capacities.

**Investigating the Unfamiliar**
Methods, good practices and tips to plan, structure and conduct research on unfamiliar topics while navigating new investigation scenarios and contexts.

**Communicating Investigations**
Turn evidence into investigative storytelling, from defining communication goals, identifying audiences, designing a plan to utilizing various communication formats and channels.

**Crowdsourcing Information for Investigations**
Online crowdsourcing methods, cases and tools to help collect information for investigations or other types of research in the public interest.

**Exposing the Invisible Workshops: A Facilitator’s Guide**
General guidelines and tips for facilitators and trainers who wish to conduct Exposing the Invisible workshops. You will find suggested activities and tools as well as recommendations on how to start, run and conclude a workshop.

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Exposing the Invisible Workshops

Access all the methods and tools you need to host your own workshops on investigation techniques:
https://exposingtheinvisible.org/en/educate/workshops

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