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4-H Tech Changemakers - October Technology Newsletter

#### Hello, Changemakers!

Welcome to the second Changemakers technology newsletter. Here you'll find answers to some of the questions we're getting and\u8239 ?other\u8239 ?things we think you might find useful!\u8239 ?

Reminder: this month's webinar about technology is on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30pm EST/3:30pm PST.

Two Changemaker groups scheduled meetings with us and we'd like to see at least two more scheduled this month! Join the club by emailing <u>jdepasquale@fourhcouncil.edu</u> to set up a call with us at Tech Impact.

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### **Internet Security**

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month so let's kick things off by talking about internet safety. Last month's newsletter featured digital literacy resources for people to learn more about their devices, and the security around those devices. Anyone using the internet today needs basic cybersecurity skills. The internet can be a very impersonal place, and it can be hard to communicate that to folks who want to trust the emails and friend requests they get – even if they're not from real people.

I want to spotlight the Department of Homeland Security's **Be Cyber Smart** campaign. With short, humorous videos and written content they're promoting awareness about the issue. Learn more here: <u>https://www.dhs.gov/be-cyber-smart</u>.



Tech Impact's very own security guru gave me a list of security resources that included a few online course. This interactive one stood out: <u>https://www.cybrary.it/course/end-user-security-awareness-1-hour/</u>. If you want more courses or reading materials on security just reach out!

# Storytelling

The Knight Lab at Northwestern University consistently produces great tools for data journalism. The latest of these is Storyline JS, which gives graphs interactive text boxes for viewers to explore. Using only Google Sheets, you can easily show the meaning behind numbers. Go here to get started: <u>https://storyline.knightlab.com/#make</u>.

Youth and young adults around the world are making change in their communities, and reading this article reminded me of the Changemaking work you all are doing. Rather than focus on the idea, the article highlights the people behind the tools and technology. Take a look: <u>https://stories.undp.org/champions-of-change</u>.

# **Online Communities**

Product Hunt is an online community where people and companies can launch things they've created, from apps to books to games to tools. Of course, like many in 2018 they've hopped on the podcast train. I highly recommend the episode *The Dark Side of the Web with Anil Dash and Allison Esposito*. Both guests have successfully built online communities in the last few years at an amazing scale. And guess what? Allison's members-only community is still "just" a Facebook Group! Hear her talk about what makes that work here: <a href="https://www.producthunt.com/radio">https://www.producthunt.com/radio</a> .

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Again, we're here to help you with whatever technology solutions you pick. Just email Jennifer\u8239 ? (jdepasquale@fourhcouncil.edu ) and we'll find a good time to talk. \u8239 ? Thanks for reading and stay tuned for next month!

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