



Showroom



Constructive approach



Handout

Constructive Journalism – Institutions, dedicated media outlets and formats

The institutions listed below advocate for the adoption of constructive journalism and its principles in newsrooms and academia. The media outlets featured below either take a generally constructive approach in their storytelling or have launched specific constructive projects and sections.

Institutions promoting constructive journalism

Europe/North America

The Constructive Institute (CI) is a Danish research center dedicated to promoting the principles of Constructive Journalism among journalists, scholars and in newsrooms through scholarships, fellowships and events. Founded in 2017 by Danish journalist Ulrik Haagerup, the institute is located at Aarhus University. (constructiveinstitute.org)

The Solutions Journalism Network (SJN) is a non-partisan organization which promotes the principles and practice of solutions journalism through training and fellowship aimed at reporters, news organizations and media lecturers/scholars. SJN has partnered with newsrooms around the world on projects. It was founded in 2013 by journalists David Bornstein and Tina Rosenberg. (www.solutionsjournalism.org)

The Poynter Institute provides news services, training and fact-checking to the public and to journalists around the world. Through webinars, workshops and seminars, Poynter Institute offers training to journalists on a wide range of topics related to journalism and media practices. (www.poynter.org)

Reporters d’Espoirs is a French NGO founded in 2004 that works with journalists and the media to refine, experiment and develop solutions journalism in France, Europe and the world. The organization offers annual prizes for solutions-based stories, conducts impact analyses, offers training and has a program on digital innovation called #mediatech4good. (reportersdespoirs.org)

Bonn Institute: Organization founded in 2022 promoting a constructive approach to

journalism. The institute works with media companies and research institutes to analyze the impacts of a constructive approach and shares conclusions in the form of publications, events and professional training. (www.bonn-institute.org/en)

Middle East

Egab helps young local journalists publish solutions stories in regional and international media outlets. (www.egab.co)

Africa

StopBlabla is one of the foremost solutions journalism digital platforms in Africa for the promotion and production of useful, constructive information and initiatives. Through its initiatives such as #SoJoAfro and the Africa Tour of Solutions, StopBlabla looks at how Africans are developing ideas to address the challenges confronting the continent. (www.stopblabla.com)

Solutions Now Africa is a solutions journalism newsroom established in early 2022 by the Media Challenge Initiative (MCI) in Uganda. Dedicated reporters produce immersive stories on innovations, models and systems that are working around Africa. By searching for alternative solutions they also challenge negative narratives about the continent. (solutionsnow.africa)

Africa No Filter (ANF) is a donor collaborative organization that supports the development of nuanced and contemporary stories that shift stereotypical and harmful narratives within and about Africa. They carry out research and offer grants to journalists and storytellers in Africa. (africanofilter.org)

Everyday Africa is a collective of photographers working to broaden the perception of Africa. With the World Press Photo Foundation, they have set up The African Photojournalism Database (APJD), a directory of emerging and professional African visual journalists reporting on cultural, economic, environmental, political and social issues, sports, nature and stories of everyday life. The database currently lists over 500 photographers. (www.everydayafrica.org)

Mobile Journalism Africa is a Kenya-based platform for young storytellers who want to change the narratives about their continent by filming with mobile devices. The platform's motto: "Our stories are best told by us". (www.mobilejournalism.co.ke)

Media featuring constructive journalism

World's Best News is an independent Danish news organization which uses constructive journalism techniques to produce stories that address some of the biggest problems facing the world. They have a critical but progressive and solution-focused approach to constructive journalism by giving attention to people who take action and inspire hope. (worldsbestnews.org)

Reasons to be Cheerful is a non-profit editorial project founded by artist and musician David Byrne. The magazine offers stories about smart, proven, replicable solutions to the world's most pressing problems, rooted in evidence. Reasons to be Cheerful aims to inspire

people to be curious about how the world can be better, and to become part of that change. (reasonstobecheerful.world)

De Correspondent is a Dutch membership-based news site based in Amsterdam that launched in 2013 after a crowdfunding campaign. Instead of covering the daily news cycle, the publication focuses on in-depth coverage and providing a fuller context through the work of correspondents, or “guides”, who each focus on specific topics. Some of their articles are translated into English. (decorrespondent.nl)

Perspective Daily is a German member-supported online publication founded in 2015 that features a constructive approach. The founders aim to have articles based on solid science and have stated that the goal is to empower readers to take action by showing them possible solutions. (perspective-daily.de)

Sparknews is a social enterprise that looks to spread the word about positive solutions to the important problems facing the globe. Founded in 2012, Sparknews tries to give positive initiatives a boost by helping them increase their visibility and connections. Its initiative, Impact Journalism Day, partners with daily newspapers around the world to publish supplements that feature solutions to concrete problems. (www.sparknews.com/en)

The Christian Science Monitor is a news organization offering global news with a constructive approach. Despite the name, the outlet does not have a religious orientation and instead aims to report stories that point out a path to progress or illuminate ways of thinking that motivate people to act the way they do. The goal is to shed light on possibilities for how to move forward. (www.csmonitor.com)

The Optimist Daily is a US-based, reader-funded daily publication (newsletter, website, daily podcast) that offers a daily dose of “intelligent optimism” from around the world. Topics: Environment, Science, Business, Politics, Education, Health, Lifestyle. (www.optimistdaily.com)

Grist is a nonprofit, independent media organization that looks at solutions related to justice and the climate. Its Fix Solutions Lab explores ideas and innovations that will shape the climate conversation. The organization seeks to bring together and elevate change-makers through storytelling, events, and network-building. (grist.org)

The Better India is a Bangalore-based news platform focused on positive stories. Its stated goal is to enable large-scale impact, through empowering and uplifting articles. (www.thebetterindia.com)

Some other media outlets with a constructive focus in Europe are:

Zetland (Denmark) www.zetland.dk/aboutzetland

Correctiv (Germany) correctiv.org

Krautreporter (Germany) krautreporter.de/mitglied-werden

The Tortoise (UK) www.tortoisemedia.com

Inkline (UK) the-inkline.com

Media with dedicated formats for constructive journalism

BBC: [People fixing the world](#) highlights responses to the world's problems while [Crossing Divides](#) brings together people with conflicting opinions, across divisions of race, class, faith, politics and generation. [Future Planet](#) features stories on sustainability and [My Perfect Country](#) explores ideas for policies that work.

People fixing the world: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04d42vf>

Crossing Divides: <https://www.bbc.com/news/topics/czpqp1q456vt>

Future Planet: <https://www.bbc.com/future/future-planet>

My Perfect Country: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03gsc50>

The New York Times: For 11 years, [Fixes](#) looked at solutions for social problems and why they worked.

Fixes: <https://www.nytimes.com/column/fixes>

The Economist: [Briefing](#) discusses problems and how to go about them.

Briefing: <https://www.economist.com/briefing>

ABC News (Australia): [The Bright Side](#) offers a collection of stories every two weeks that aim to inspire, engage and create hope. The newsletter highlights important constructive stories covered by the outlet.

The Bright Side: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/backstory/2021-08-11/sabra-lane-the-bright-side-solutions-constructive-journalism/100364242>

Politico: [What Works](#) features innovative ideas from US cities “at a time of unprecedented urban reinvention” (topics such as income inequality, food-related issues, sanitation, etc.).

What Works: <https://www.politico.com/magazine/what-works/>

Fast Company: [Impact](#) explores “The big ideas that are changing the world”.

Impact: <https://www.fastcompany.com/impact>

The Boston Globe: This major US newspaper once ran a section called [Things that work](#) (e.g. what schools can do to prevent mass shootings). Many of the stories featured there are still online.

Things that work: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/section/things-that-work/>

The Guardian: [The Upside](#) tackles climate, healthcare, gender, science and technology, and community leadership. [Keep it in the ground](#) addresses environmental issues.

The Upside: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/series/the-upside>

Keep it in the ground: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/series/keep-it-in-the-ground>

DW: [Planet A](#) addresses climate adaptation efforts. [Flipping the Script](#) tries to make debates more constructive

Planet A: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DWPlanetA>

Flipping the Script: <https://www.dw.com/en/flipping-the-script-a-different-kind-of-climate-debate/video-58938042>

The Squirrel: A project of German-based nonprofit, The Squirrel is a news curation app focusing on constructive journalism stories from the likes of the *Guardian*, BBC, CNN, The Conversation and Euronews. The stories can also be found on its [website](#) and [newsletter](#).

Squirrel News: <https://squirrel-news.net/news/>

Squirrel Newsletter: <https://squirrel-news.net/newsletter/>

Mongabay: A nonprofit, reader-supported US-based environmental science and conservation news platform producing original reporting in six languages by a network of over 800 correspondents in some 70 countries. It offers a section called “[Conservation Solutions News](#)”.

Conservation Solutions News: <https://news.mongabay.com/list/conservation-solutions/>