Contribution Guidelines

Let the world hear your story!

Please follow these guidelines to submit your story or to enter the DELVE Exchange Competition. Please note the aim of the story is to share experiences with other miners not to persuade investors.

What are the options?

Do you have a story about your work in ASM?

Share your knowledge or experience about a particular topic or practice. How does it work? Why is it good? How does it help? What helps it to work in your context (e.g. support from local government, low cost?).

Give an example of how this has changed the life or work of miners and mining communities. Regular prizes for the best practice stories/experiences.

Do you have a story about something you have learned from the Delve Exchange?

Where did you learn about this activity/practice? Describe this activity/practice. Why were you interested?

Have you applied this activity? How did you apply it? What do you want others to know about what have you learnt? What helps it to work in your context (e.g., support from local government, low cost)?

Give an example of how this has changed the life or work of miners and mining communities. Regular prizes for the best examples of learning.

What is one problem or challenge your mining community needs help with?

Tell us in detail about a problem or challenge your mining community is facing. What are the causes of the problem?

How will it affect your community in the long term if it is not addressed? Regular prizes for the best explained problem.
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How to share your story.

Step 1 Recording your story

Choose how you will tell your story on WhatsApp – there are three options:

**AUDIO Recording**

Practise using the record button in WhatsApp. Your recording should be no more than 5 minutes.

**VIDEO Recording**

Please film holding your phone horizontally, practise using the record button in WhatsApp.

Your recording should be no more than 5 minutes.

**WRITING** – You can type directly into WhatsApp for example:

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My name is Sandrine and I work as a small scale gold miner in Western Ghana. I’d like to tell you about my experience working since Covid 19 hit our community. When we were provided with face masks – women also became more aware of the need to protect themselves from emissions that are created when we process gold with mercury and they became more interested in safe ways to process gold safely for example using a retort. So this COVID safety training also opened up new ways for us women miners to work safely and this seemed possible. But we must note that simple masks provided as part of COVID prevention will not protect you from mercury fumes.
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Or Attach

If you have access to a document (e.g. Microsoft Word or PDF) – write up to 2 pages and attach it to WhatsApp.

Step 2 Upload your story to your WhatsApp Group.

You must include the following, ask your Coordinator to help.

1. Give your story a title and say if it is a practice story, an exchange story or a challenge story.
2. Provide a photo of the story.
3. Give your name (or a pseudonym), gender, country, Delve Exchange network, your association, and what you mine or quarry.
4. Please only post if you feel safe and comfortable in doing so.
Tips for using your phone to film

- Film horizontally.
- Keep the video to less than five minutes.
- Speak directly to the camera so that your face can be seen in full.
- Place the phone on a stable surface or tripod or get another person to film you.
- Film yourself in front of a background that represents your mining context.
- Mid morning and afternoon are the best times to film because the light is clear but not too strong.
- Make sure you are facing the light so that your face is not obscured by shadows.
- Protect your phone from the wind to get the best sound possible.

Please note

When preparing stories please to adhere to the Community Guidelines.

By posting an entry online for the competition you agree to allow the story and any associated images or videos to be published across the Delve Exchange platform and by the Delve Exchange project in public communications materials.

We respect the intellectual property of others. Members of the Delve Exchange WhatsApp group should not share content that violates the intellectual property of others.

Thank you and we look forward to your contributions.