



How to get your boss to cover your trip to the Solutions Journalism Summit

1. Go to "File/Print."
2. Pick up document from printer.
3. Put on boss's desk, with cup of coffee.
4. Return in 12 minutes.
5. Buy ticket.

Wilson Liévano, Digital Editor, The GroundTruth Project (2019 attendee): The summit was the most useful and fun conference I've attended. I came back with a ton of insights and strategies that will inform our projects and the way we structure them...to craft an event that balances deep conversations with practical applications, while providing a fun way to network and build collaborations is very rare. SJN made it look easy.

Ashley Okwuosa, Founder, Maternal Figures (2019 attendee): I left the summit feeling incredible inspired and supported by the SJN team and dozens of new friends I made over the weekend. The summit is something special.

Mick Ter Reehorst, Founder and Editor, Are We Europe? (2019 attendee): The setting, the group, and the format all complemented each other in a fabulous way. You will forget that it was 'just' 2 days; it felt like a pressure cooker of a week. It truly was, even for a European envoy, helpful, useful, energizing, inspiring and an absolute pleasure to be a part of.

Brittany Schock, Engagement and Solutions Editor, Richland Source (2019 attendee): Last weekend was truly one of the most transformative, educational, and inspirational experiences of my professional career. Not exaggerating. My inbox is already full of people to connect with moving forward.

Deb Douglas, Pulliam Visiting Professor at DePauw University (2018 & 2019 attendee): [I most appreciated] the focus on solutions to every question we interrogated. There was no way to leave without next steps on how to make this practice a reality.

Allison Frost, Senior Producer, Oregon Public Broadcasting (2017, 2018, & 2019 attendee): I have yet to really articulate the power and importance of this work for myself... you referred to it when you said about this being “very important,” and the “rigorous” definition of “hope” that David quoted before we adjourned as a group gets to it. I want to do this for myself and will share it when it happens, probably in essay form. But I gotta tell you, seeing and being with and talking with all (aaaaallllllll) these people who believe in this vision was incredibly powerful. A thousand hear hears about Chris... yes, truly remarkable. And everything about this conference, from the structure, the venue, the food— just *everything* was brilliantly conceived and radically executed. I feel like the luckiest girl alive! No. joke.

Kevin Grant, Co-Founder and ED, GroundTruth Project, VP of Report for America (2018 attendee): The format was very special. I had not been to an unconference before, and the way the entire event was guided — in a really human and welcoming way — meant that I felt comfortable and deeply engaged throughout. Of course, the setting was astonishingly beautiful and I'll always treasure my time at the resort.

Christina Asquith, Founder and Editor, The Fuller Project (2017 attendee): I'm pretty sure Fuller wins in terms of most-gotten from this incredible weekend you, David and Tina and others just created for us! ;) It couldn't have come at better moment for us at this exact growth stage of our organization.

Jay Allred, Publisher, The Richland Source: The work we do with SJN is the most meaningful and impactful work I have done in my career. It has altered the trajectory of my business, and somehow... amplified the best parts of my own humanity. And from what I can see in our young team, it has often had similar effects on them. You guys do more than create a framework for great journalism. You have built a path forward to become a better, more purpose-filled human being.

Jane Elizabeth, Managing Editor, The News & Observer (2017 attendee): I was so impressed by the structure and content of the summit, and all the great people in the room...this was awesome. And what a fantastic location! An event planner once told me that a great venue will help people remember the *content* from the conference and I really believe that.

Anita Li, Former Director of Communities, The Discourse (2018 attendee): You curated a group of incredible journalists (and humans) to attend the summit. I was blown away by everyone's kindness, intelligence, talent, curiosity and generosity. I felt totally at home with this group [...] they give me faith in the future of our industry.

Kim Walsh-Childers, Professor, University of Florida—Gainesville (2017, 2018, & 2019 attendee): I don't know that I've ever attended another conference from which I've come away feeling that I got absolutely everything I had hoped for. You all are awesome, and I can't wait for Solutions Journalism Summit 2018.

Cassie Haynes, Co-Executive Director, Resolve Philadelphia (2018 attendee): This conference was the bees knees. Chris was the most stellar facilitator I have ever experienced. Ten out of ten stars. Would recommend!

Todd Reubold, Editor, Ensia (2017 attendee): When we started out doing solutions journalism 5+ years ago, it felt like we were alone in the woods. Now it feels like we've found "our people." The whole gathering was highly productive, engaging and inspiring! Kudos to the whole team for pulling off the best journalism event I've ever attended. It seemed like every little detail was accounted for. The setting at Sundance was jaw-dropping. The meeting facilitator was absolutely top-notch. And the structure of the gathering was perfect for engaging with others while capturing new ideas and insights. Seriously, I think I learned something new from each person I spoke to.

Debbie Weingarten, Independent Journalist (2018 attendee): I came to Utah exhausted, burnt out, and honestly wondering whether I should put down my pen and find something else to do. I left with at least a dozen new story ideas, contacts, and ENERGY. This was exactly what I needed. Thank you.

Kathryn Thier, PhD Candidate, University of Maryland (2017 & 2018 attendee): Thank you again for a wonderful few days. Stepping away from the daily grind to focus on the bigger picture with lots of interesting, passionate people was deeply restorative.

Melissa Cassutt, Reporter, Jackson Hole News and Guide (2017 attendee): THANK YOU!! The summit was one of the most inspirational (and actionable) conferences that I've ever attended.