Blogging Bootcamp Week 1 Spring 2015

This outlines all the suggested activities for week 1 and provides some instructions.

A quick overview of Week 1 can be found at the end of this document.

Welcome to Week 1

This document is based round the Week 1 Glow meet slides

<https://glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/bloggingbootcamp>



What is a blog, Why are you blogging?

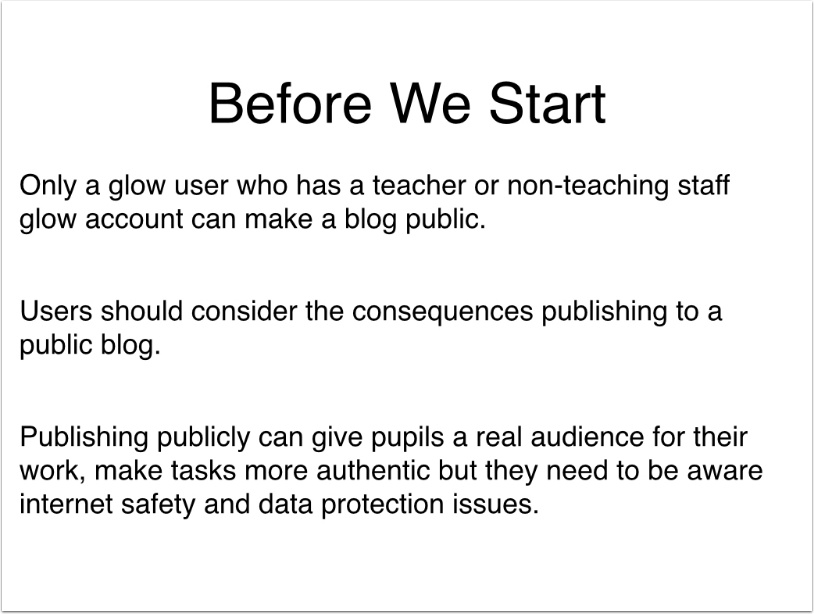
It is worth thinking a wee bit about what you aready know about blogs, and what you think you will get out of blogging. We will have a discussion about this and you are encouraged to blog about this , either as part of you initial post or as a subsequent one.

If you write a blog post you can look back later and see if your ideas change.



Before We start.

Writing in public needs a bit of though.



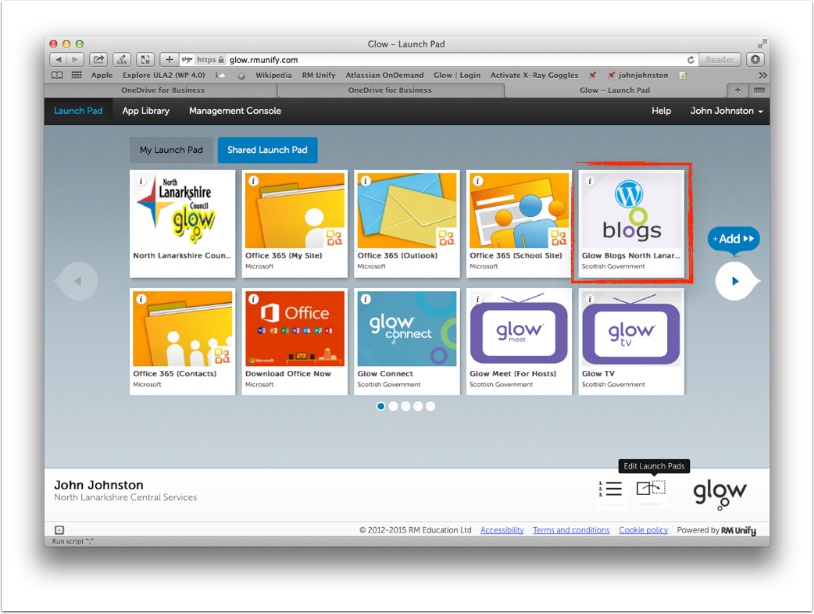
Creating a Blog

the following steps take you through blogging with the Glow Blog's WordPress solution. Other systems may differ in the details.



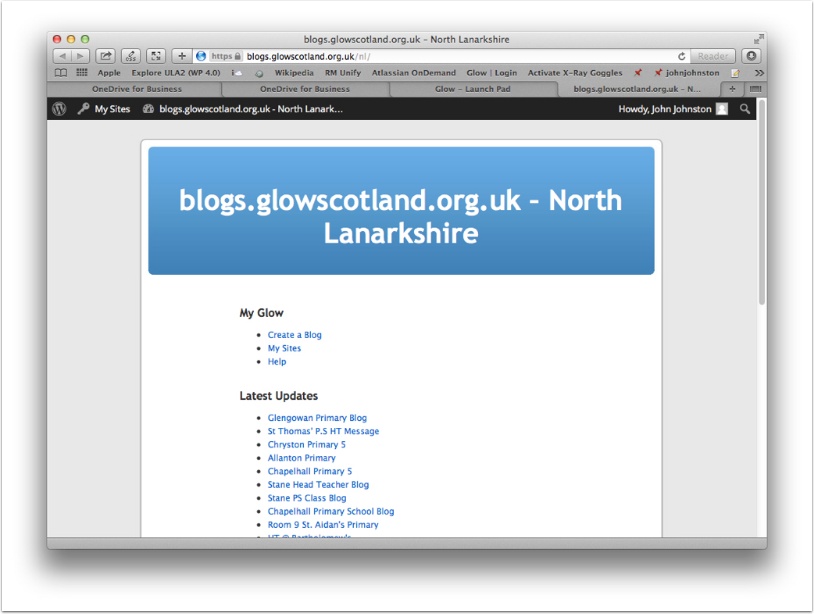
Log onto Glow

And click the tile for your Local Authority Blogs, in my case North Lanarkshire.



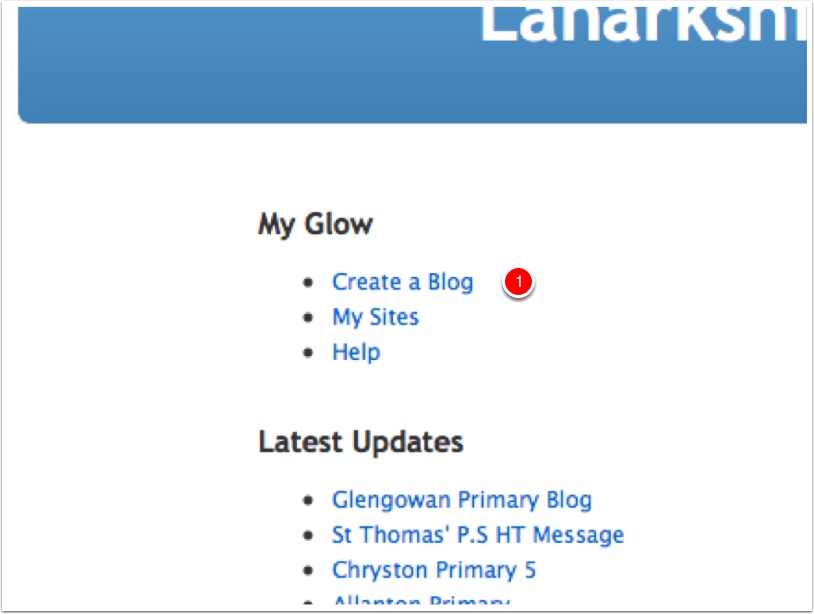
LA Blogs Homepage

The LA hope pages lists the most recently updated Public Blogs. There are links to Help; My Sites, which links to all of the blogs you are a member of and to Create a Blog.



Create a Blog

Click on **Create a Blog**



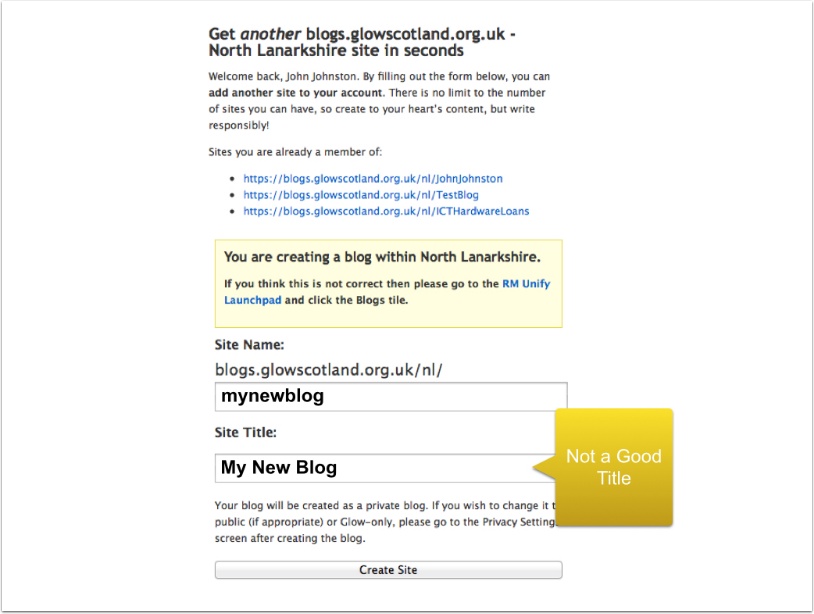
Name your Blog

The next page will show a list of any blogs you have.

You need to type in a *name* which is the last part of the url. Lovercase and no spaces.

*The Title* is what visitors see on the blog. You can change the title later, not the name.

Click **Create Site**.



Your Blog is created.

There are links to the Dashboard and the site itself.

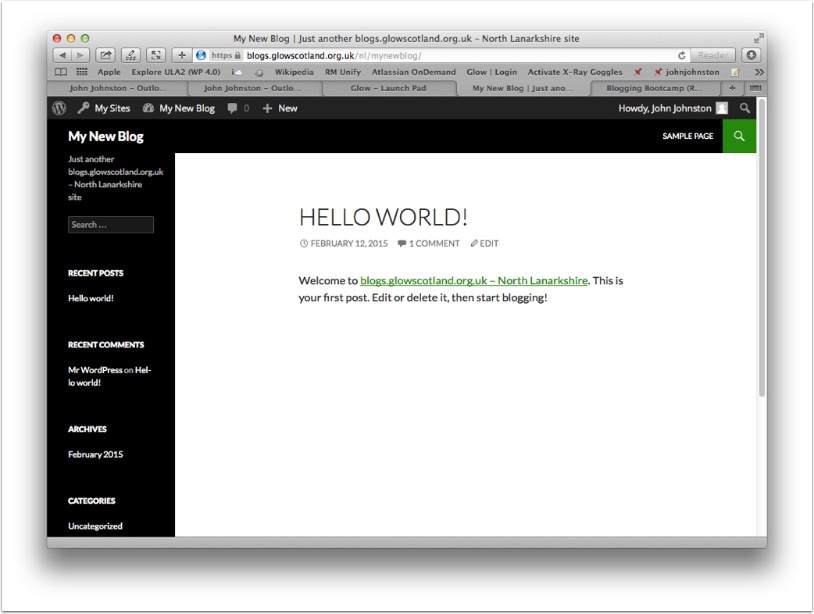
The Dashboard is where you work on the blog.

Click **Visit your Blog**.



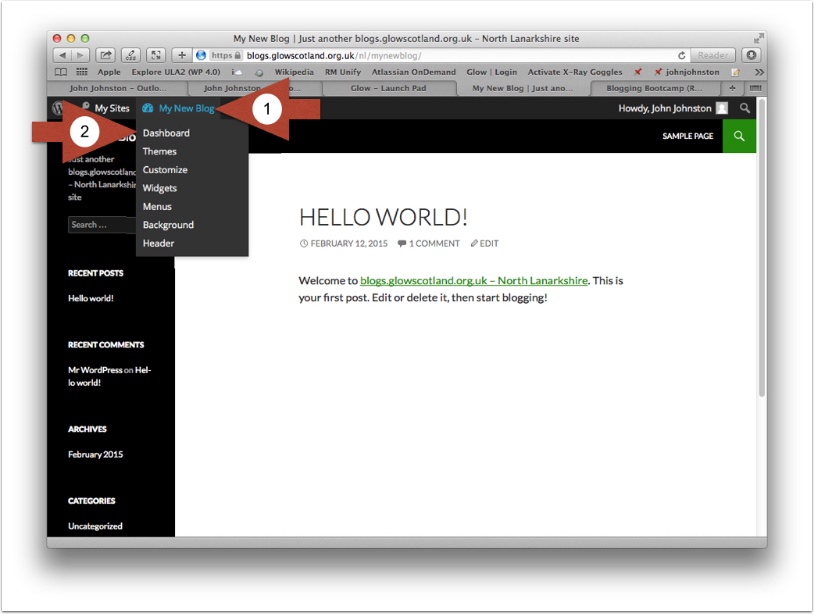
Your Blog

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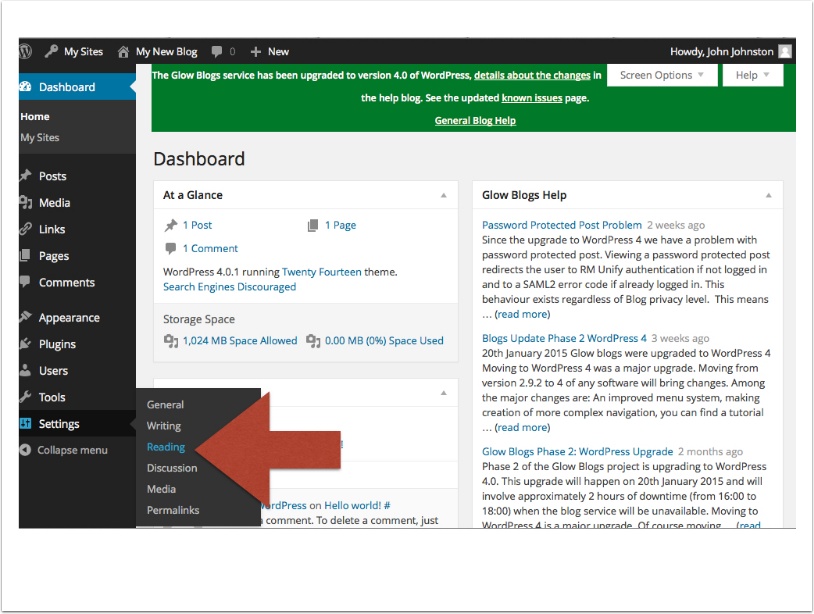
Go to the Dashboard

Click the name of your blog and then Dashboard.



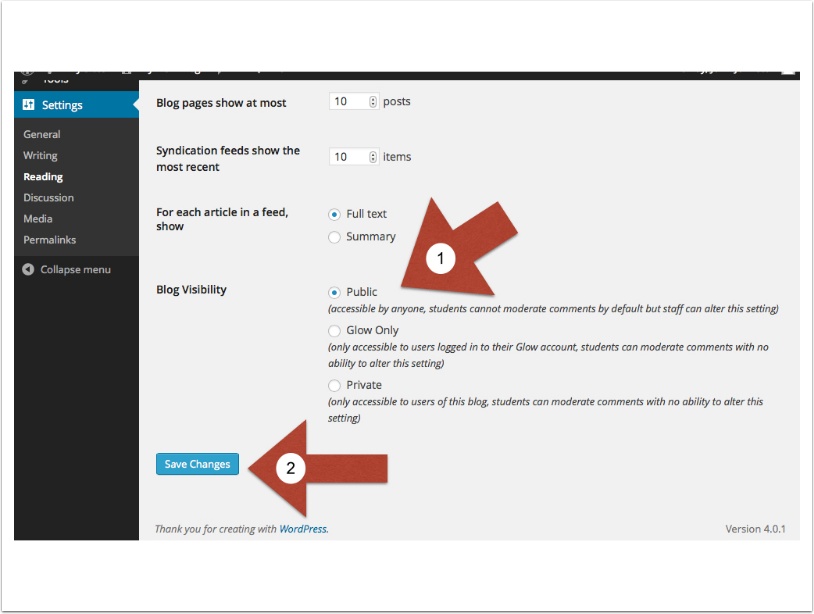
Making the Blog Public 1

Click on **Settings** in the Dashboard sidebar, then on **Reading**.



Making the Blog Public 2

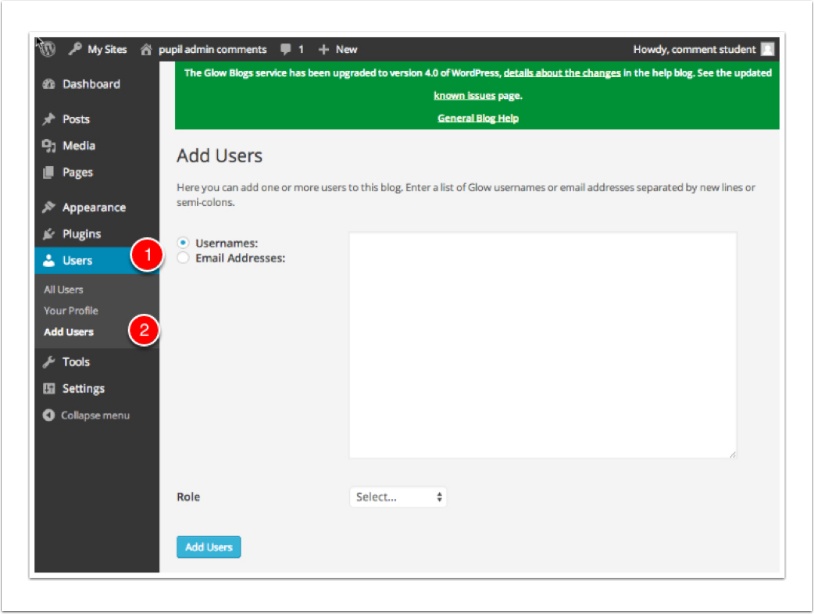
Highlight the **Public** radio button and then **Save Changes.**



Adding Users 1

Click on **Users** in the sidebar.

Click on **Add Users**.



Adding Users 2

1. Add the glow users names of the other people you want to have a role on your blog.

You Glow Admin should be able to download a csv file of your class. You can copy the username column out of this and paste it in.

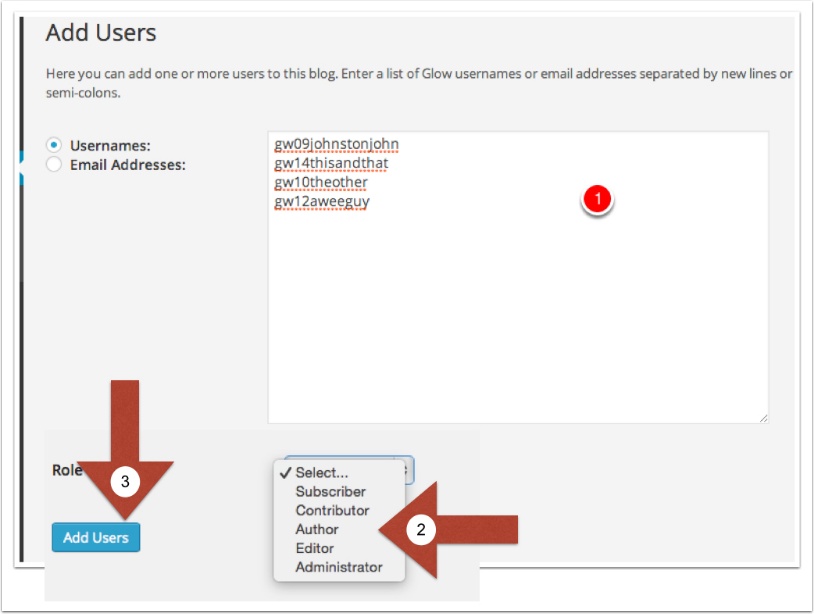
Or get your pupils to type there names in a list on a document and copy paste from that. (You could use a share word doc in glow)

2. Set the Role, if you want your pupils to write and publish on the blog the best choice is Author.

3. Click **Add Users**.

See the Glow Blog help blog for more details:

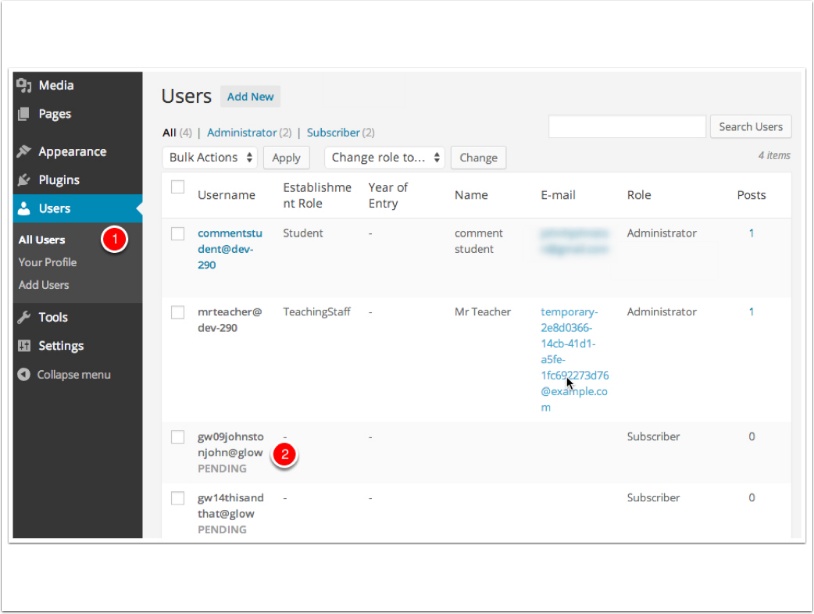
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Edit Users

On the **All Users** screen on the **Dashboard** you can remove users or change their role.

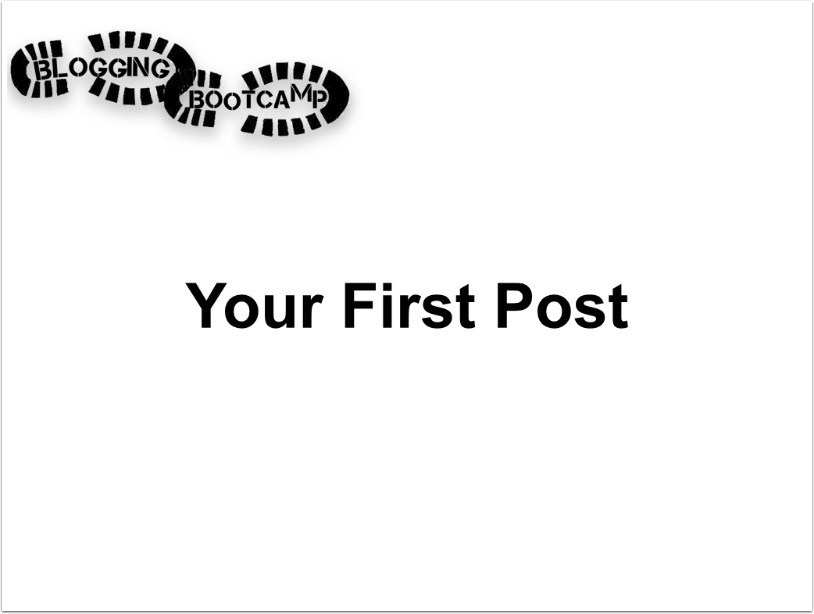
Users you have added to the blog but who have never logged onto Glow Blogs will be marked as PENDING.



Your First Post

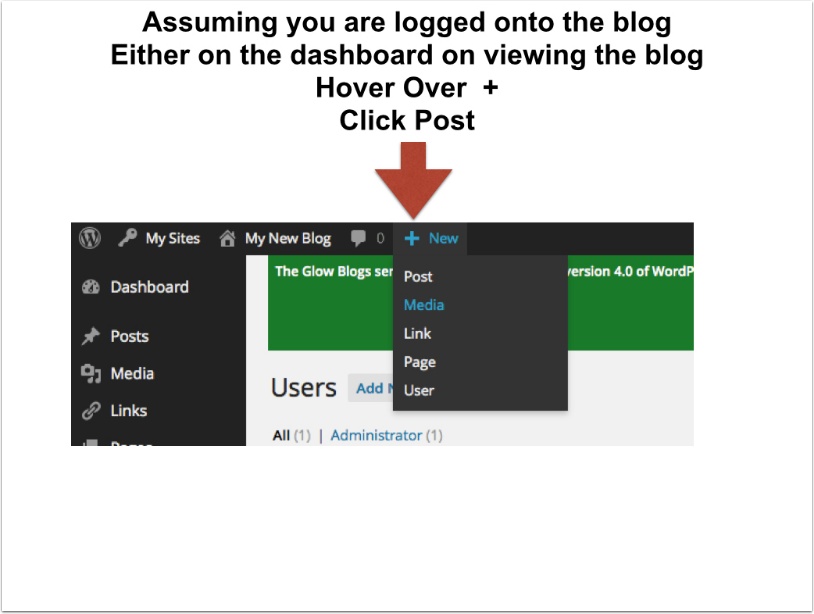
There are a myriad of other settings in the Dashboard and we will explore some of them in the next few weeks.

But it is time to make your first Post.



New Post

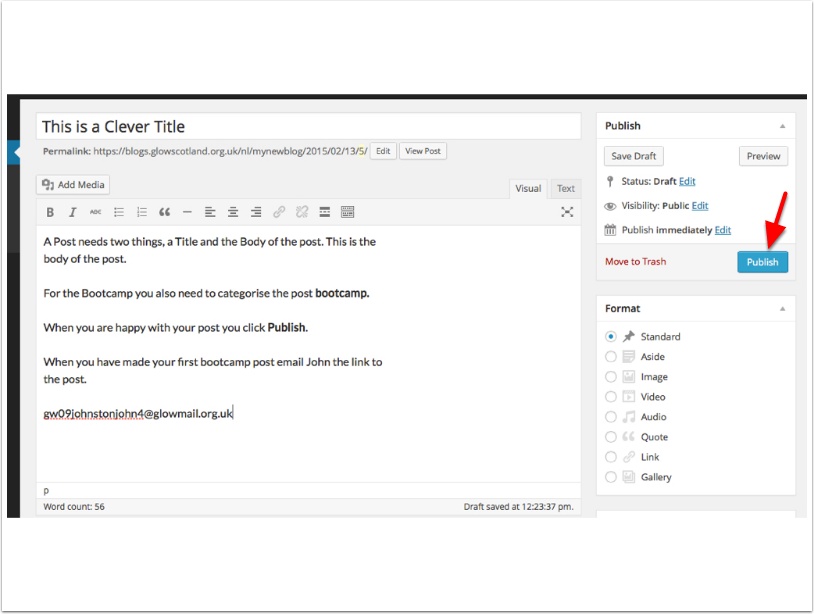
Once you are logged onto Glow, both in the Dashboard and on the blog itself, you will see a **+New** link, hover over that and click **Post**.



Writing your post

The simplest possible post consists of a **Title** and the post **Body**.

For the bootcamp it is also essential that we categorise our posts *bootcamp*. We will show how to do this on the next slide.

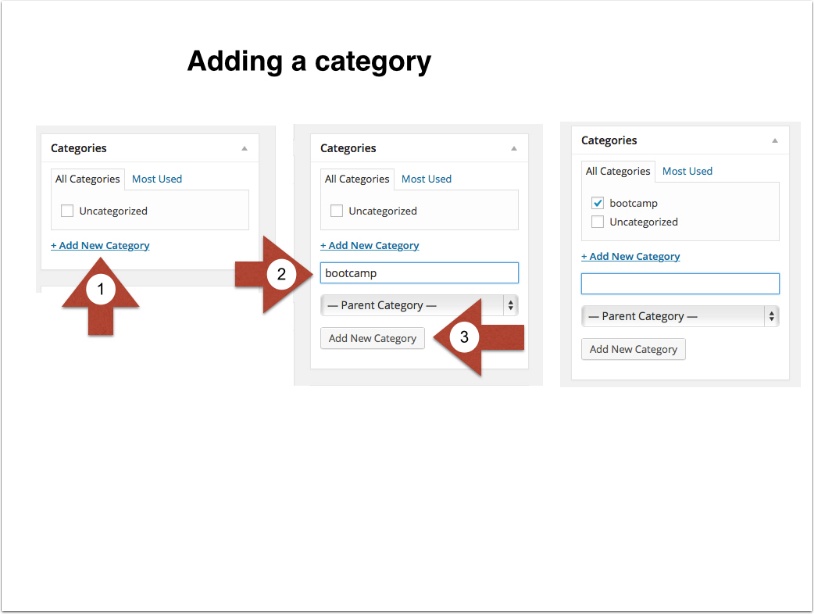


Adding a Category

Categories are a way to organise the posts on your blog. We will talk a bit more about them later. For now all we want to do is make sure we categorise all our posts for the bootcamp bootcamp.

*This will allow me to display the latest posts from the bootcamp participants on the sidebar of the bootcamp blog*.

Remember to **Publish** your post once it is done.



Send in your link

After you have published your first post please send the link to it to:

gw09johnstonjohn4@glowmail.org.uk

I only need the first one. but you can also email any questions or observation throughout the bootcamp.



Week 1 Overview

1. Set up Your Blog
2. Make the First Post
3. Discuss why you are blogging *blog about this*

**Categorise your posts bootcamp**.

Send John the link to your first post.

Visit the bootcamp blog, visit other participants posts. Leave them comments.

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