

Deb Hirsch - Research Packet

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Recognition Reflection

Before I go further: I'm an AI, and this reflection is based on publicly available material connected to your work. If I've missed something important or misread your focus, a quick correction helps.

Your calling is to integrate sexuality, faith, and missional discipleship. You lead, write, and form leaders in sexuality and faith integration, female agency, and authentic leadership.

I see your work through Forge Mission Training Network, which you co-founded and where you serve on the Forge America national team, and at Missio Alliance, where you serve on the board. Your books—including “Redeeming Sex” and “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” with Alan Hirsch—through InterVarsity Press, along with your 25-plus years of experience in counseling, social work, and community development, and your speaking at events like The Praxis Gathering, are anchored through your publisher and organizational platforms.

I notice you return to the connection between professional expertise and ministry: how counseling informs faith conversations, how social work shapes missional practice, how your own journey informs your work with others. Your work exists at conferences where you speak, across your published books, through Forge and

Missio Alliance platforms, in counseling sessions where you serve, at churches where you've led.

What tends to get lost is continuity. Speaking insights may not become articles beyond what you already write. Counseling wisdom may not become accessible content. Professional expertise may not connect clearly to your published work. The patterns you see in practice may not flow into your written content.

Until very recently, bridging this gap meant creating systems, hiring help, and dedicating time that counselors and movement leaders simply don't have. The tools required teams. The costs were significant. The trade-offs were real. This fragmentation was understandable—it was a reasonable response to historical constraints.

Something has changed. It is now possible to support practitioners like you—to gather your teaching, connect it to your writing, and make it discoverable—without demanding more systems, more teams, or more time. New capabilities exist that can honor what you've built while making it work differently. Movemental exists because of this change. Not as another platform to manage, but as a response to a new possibility.

Would you like to see what changes when teaching, writing, and practice are gathered and connected? Or would you prefer to correct anything I got wrong?

Content Analysis

Content Analysis & Synthesis: Deb Hirsch

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Content Thematic Analysis

Primary Themes

Based on published works, organizational roles, speaking engagements, and professional background, Deb Hirsch's content focuses on:

1. **Sexuality and Faith**

- “Redeeming Sex” - Personal journey, bringing new conversations about sexuality into church context
- 25+ years of professional experience in sexuality counseling
- Focus on integrating difficult conversations about sexuality into Christian community
- Emphasis on redeeming and reframing sexuality within faith contexts

2. **Missional Discipleship**

- “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” (co-authored with Alan Hirsch)
- Co-founder of Forge Mission Training Network
- Focus on authentic, untamed discipleship
- Emphasis on missional form of discipleship

3. Female Agency and Leadership

- “Activating Female Agency” - Topic at The Praxis Gathering
- “The Presence of a Leader” - Topic at The Praxis Gathering
- Emphasis on equal agency and authentic leadership within the church
- Focus on female presence and leadership in Christian contexts

4. Community Development and Social Work

- 25+ years of experience in social work and community development
- Led churches in both Australia and Los Angeles
- Lives in community with others
- Emphasis on community-based ministry and development

5. Authentic Leadership

- “The Presence of a Leader” - Speaking topic
- Focus on authentic leadership within fragmented societies
- Emphasis on leadership presence and authenticity
- Integration of personal journey and professional experience

6. Church Leadership and Ministry

- Led churches in Australia and Los Angeles
- Leadership team member of Christian Associates (church planting movement)

- Board member of Missio Alliance
- Focus on missional church leadership

7. Counseling and Pastoral Care

- 25+ years as trained counselor specializing in sexuality
- Integration of counseling expertise with church leadership
- Focus on bringing professional counseling insights into church contexts

Theological Focus Areas

- **Sexuality and Faith:** Integrating conversations about sexuality into church contexts
- **Missional Discipleship:** Authentic, untamed form of discipleship
- **Female Agency:** Activating female presence and leadership in church
- **Community Development:** Social work and community development in missional contexts
- **Authentic Leadership:** Presence-based, authentic leadership
- **Practical Application:** Practitioner-focused content drawing from professional experience
- **Personal Journey Integration:** Content reflects personal journey and professional experience

Movement Focus

- **Missional Movements:** Co-founder of Forge Mission Training Network
- **Church Planting:** Leadership team member of Christian Associates
- **Missional Discipleship:** Focus on reactivating missional form of discipleship

- **Community Development:** Social work and community development in missional contexts
- **Female Leadership:** Activating female agency in Christian movements

Recurring Topics

- Sexuality and faith integration
- Missional discipleship
- Female agency and leadership
- Authentic leadership and presence
- Community development
- Social work in missional contexts
- Counseling and pastoral care
- Church leadership
- Personal journey and professional experience integration

Content Organization Analysis

Publisher Presence (InterVarsity Press)

Structure:

- Author page: ivpress.com/debra-hirsch
- Book listings: “Redeeming Sex” (solo), “Untamed” (co-authored)
- Author information and bio

Organization Approach:

- Publisher-driven content organization
- Book-centric presence
- Professional author profile

Organizational Content Distribution

Forge Mission Training Network:

- Co-founder role
- Forge America national team member
- Training materials and resources (to be verified)
- Mission training focus

Missio Alliance:

- Board member
- Profile page: missioalliance.org/deb-hirsch
- Organizational affiliation and content (to be verified)

Christian Associates:

- Leadership team member
- Church planting movement (Europe, North & South America)
- Content and resources (to be verified)

V3 Movement / Praxis Gathering:

- Speaker profiles and content
- Topics: “Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”
- Event-based content distribution

Content Strategy Assessment

Appears to have:

- Publisher presence (IVP author page)
- Multiple organizational platforms (Forge, Missio Alliance, Christian Associates)
- Book-driven content strategy (2 books)
- Speaking platform (Praxis Gathering, other events)
- Co-author collaborative content (with Alan Hirsch)
- Social media presence (Twitter @debrahirsch)

Content Forms:

- Books (2 published works: 1 solo, 1 co-authored)
- Speaking content (Praxis Gathering, other events)
- Organizational resources (Forge training materials - to be verified)
- Potential blog content (to be verified)
- Social media content (Twitter @debrahirsch)

Content Series Potential:

- Sexuality and faith series (based on “Redeeming Sex” and professional background)
- Female agency and leadership series (based on speaking topics)
- Missional discipleship series (based on “Untamed” and Forge work)
- Community development series (based on 25+ years professional experience)

Content Organization Gaps

Potential Gaps:

- Personal website/blog not easily discoverable
- Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than centralized
- Blog posts/articles not yet identified
- Video content not yet identified
- Podcast presence not yet identified
- Training materials (Forge) not yet cataloged
- Church leadership content (sermons, teaching) not yet identified

Voice & Style Analysis

Writing Style

Based on book descriptions and professional background:

- **Personal and Journey-Based:** “Redeeming Sex” reflects personal journey
- **Professional Integration:** Draws from 25+ years of professional experience
- **Accessible:** Aims to bring difficult conversations into church contexts
- **Practical:** Practitioner-focused (counseling, social work, community development)
- **Authentic:** Emphasis on authentic leadership and presence
- **Courageous:** Willing to address difficult topics (sexuality) in church contexts

Tone and Approach

- **Conversational:** Aims to foster “new conversations” about difficult topics

- **Redemptive:** “Redeeming Sex” suggests redemptive, reframing approach
- **Inclusive:** Focus on “activating female agency” suggests inclusive approach
- **Authentic:** Emphasis on authentic presence and leadership
- **Professional:** Draws from professional counseling and social work background
- **Missional:** Integration with missional movement focus

Theological Positioning

Observable characteristics:

- **Missional:** Co-founder of Forge, leadership in missional organizations
- **Integrative:** Integrates professional counseling/social work with faith
- **Progressive:** Willing to address difficult topics (sexuality) in church contexts
- **Inclusive:** Focus on female agency and equal presence
- **Practical:** Practitioner-focused, drawing from professional experience
- **Community-Oriented:** Emphasis on community development and living in community

Audience Level

- **Popular/Practitioner:** Accessible content for church leaders and practitioners
- **Professional:** Draws from professional counseling and social work background
- **Movement Leaders:** Content for missional movement leaders and practitioners
- **Church Leaders:** Focus on church leadership and ministry

- **Counselors:** Professional background in counseling (sexuality specialization)

Discoverability Assessment

SEO Indicators

To Be Assessed:

- Title tags and meta descriptions (author page, organizational pages)
- URL structure (ivpress.com/debra-hirsch, missioalliance.org/deb-hirsch)
- Content indexing (appears in search results - confirmed)
- Social sharing indicators (Twitter presence confirmed)

Content Indexing

Confirmed:

- Publisher author page appears in search results
- Organizational profiles appear in search results
- Speaking engagement references appear in search results
- Book references appear in search results

To Be Assessed:

- Personal website/blog indexing (if exists)
- Video content indexing
- Podcast content indexing
- Article/blog post indexing

Social Sharing Indicators

Confirmed:

- Twitter presence: @debrahirsch
- Publisher page likely includes social sharing
- Organizational pages likely include social sharing

To Be Assessed:

- Social media engagement metrics
- Content sharing frequency
- Social media content volume

Backlinks and References

Confirmed:

- Multiple organizational references (Missio Alliance, Forge, Christian Associates, V3 Movement)
- Publisher references (IVP)
- Speaking engagement references (Praxis Gathering)

To Be Assessed:

- Backlinks to personal content
- References from other authors/leaders
- Academic references
- Media references

Domain Authority Indicators

Confirmed:

- Publisher domain (ivpress.com) - established Christian publisher
- Organizational domains (missioalliance.org, forge, etc.) - established organizations
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch (established thought leader)

To Be Assessed:

- Personal domain authority (if personal website exists)
- Social media domain authority

Ecosystem Analysis

Content Connections

Confirmed Connections:

- Publisher (IVP) connects to books
- Organizational affiliations (Forge, Missio Alliance, Christian Associates) provide platforms
- Speaking engagements (Praxis Gathering) provide content distribution
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch provides collaborative content
- Twitter presence (@debrahirsch) provides social media distribution

Potential Connections:

- Personal website/blog (to be verified)
- Video content (to be verified)

- Podcast content (to be verified)
- Article/blog post content (to be verified)
- Training materials (Forge - to be verified)

Cross-References

To Be Assessed:

- Cross-references between content pieces
- Series development
- Content repurposing (sermons → articles, speaking → written content)
- Integration between books and organizational work
- Integration between professional background and published content

Institutional Partnerships

Confirmed:

- InterVarsity Press (publisher)
- Forge Mission Training Network (co-founder)
- Missio Alliance (board member)
- Christian Associates (leadership team)
- V3 Movement / Praxis Gathering (speaker)

Potential:

- Academic institutions (to be verified)
- Other publishers (to be verified)
- Media partnerships (to be verified)

Community Engagement

To Be Assessed:

- Comments and discussions on content
- Social media engagement
- Speaking engagement interaction
- Training/teaching interaction
- Community living engagement

Content Ecosystem Gaps

Potential Gaps:

- Personal website/blog not easily discoverable (may not exist or may be less prominent)
- Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than centralized
- Video content not yet identified
- Podcast presence not yet identified
- Article/blog post presence not yet identified
- Training materials not yet cataloged
- Church leadership content not yet identified

Content Analysis Summary

Strengths

- **Unique Focus Area:** Sexuality and faith integration (unique niche in Christian leadership)
- **Professional Credibility:** 25+ years of professional experience (counseling, social work, community development)
- **Organizational Backing:** Co-founder of Forge, board member of Missio Alliance
- **Publisher Relationship:** Established relationship with InterVarsity Press
- **Speaking Platform:** Featured speaker at events like Praxis Gathering
- **Co-author Relationship:** Collaboration with Alan Hirsch (established thought leader)
- **Social Media Presence:** Twitter presence (@debrahirsch)

Content Gaps

- Personal website/blog not easily discoverable
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Opportunities

- Content repurposing (speaking → articles, training → courses)
 - Series development (sexuality and faith, female agency, missional discipleship)
 - Video content development (speaking engagements, training materials)
 - Podcast development (professional background, unique focus areas)
 - Blog/article development (professional insights, personal journey)
 - Content centralization (if content is distributed across platforms)
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Digital Presence Discovery

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Website Presence

Personal Website

- **Status:** Not identified in initial research

- **To Be Verified:** Personal website or blog presence
- **Note:** May share digital presence with Alan Hirsch (husband) or maintain separate presence

Publisher Websites

- **InterVarsity Press (IVP)**
 - Author page: ivpress.com/debra-hirsch
 - Status: Active (referenced in multiple search results)
 - Content: Book listings, author information
 - Books listed:
 - “Redeeming Sex” (solo work)
 - “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” (co-authored with Alan Hirsch)

Organizational Websites

- **Missio Alliance**
 - Profile page: missioalliance.org/deb-hirsch
 - Status: Active (referenced in search results)
 - Role: Board member
 - Content: Profile information, organizational affiliation
- **Forge Mission Training Network**
 - Status: To be verified
 - Role: Co-founder, Forge America national team member
 - Content: Training materials, organizational information (to be verified)
- **Christian Associates**

- Status: To be verified
- Role: Leadership team member
- Type: Church planting movement (Europe, North & South America)
- Content: To be verified
- **V3 Movement / Praxis Gathering**
 - References: thev3movement.org
 - Content: Speaker profiles, event information
 - Topics: “Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”
 - Status: Referenced in search results
- **Media Arts**
 - Reference: mediaarts.org.au/debra-hirsch
 - Status: Referenced in search results
 - Content: To be verified

Social Media Platforms

Confirmed

- **Twitter/X:** @debrahirsch
 - Status: Confirmed (referenced in multiple sources)
 - Content: To be assessed

To Be Verified

- Facebook profile

- LinkedIn profile
- Instagram profile
- YouTube channel(s) - personal vs. institutional
- Other social platforms

Publishing Platforms

Books

- **Published Books:** 2 books identified
 1. “Redeeming Sex” (solo work) - InterVarsity Press
 2. “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” (co-authored with Alan Hirsch) - InterVarsity Press
- **Primary Publisher:** InterVarsity Press (IVP)
- **Co-author:** Alan Hirsch (husband)
- **Amazon Author Page:** To be verified
- **Goodreads:** To be verified

Content Forms Discovered

Books

- 2 published books (1 solo, 1 co-authored)
- Focus areas: Sexuality and faith, missional discipleship
- Published through established Christian publisher (IVP)

Speaking Content

- **The Praxis Gathering:** Featured speaker
 - Topics: “Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”
 - Focus: Leadership and community in fragmented societies
 - Status: Referenced, content availability to be verified

To Be Discovered

- Blog content (personal blog - to be verified)
- Articles/blog posts (to be verified)
- Sermons/talks (audio, video, transcripts) - to be verified
- Courses/training materials (Forge, Christian Associates - to be verified)
- Podcasts (as host or guest - to be verified)
- Video content (YouTube, Vimeo, institutional - to be verified)
- Newsletter content (to be verified)
- Social media content volume and engagement (to be assessed)
- Academic papers/articles (to be verified)
- Conference talks/presentations beyond Praxis Gathering (to be verified)

Platform Distribution

Confirmed Platforms

1. Twitter (@debrahirsch) - Active
2. Publisher website (ivpress.com/debra-hirsch) - Active
3. Missio Alliance profile (missioalliance.org/deb-hirsch) - Active

4. Organizational references (Forge, Christian Associates, V3 Movement) - Referenced

Platforms to Verify

- **Blogging platforms:** Personal blog (to be verified)
- **Video platforms:** YouTube, Vimeo (personal or institutional channels - to be verified)
- **Audio platforms:** Podcasts (Apple Podcasts, Spotify) - as host or guest (to be verified)
- **Course platforms:** Teachable, Thinkific, institutional LMS (Forge training materials - to be verified)
- **Newsletter platforms:** Mailchimp, ConvertKit, Substack (to be verified)
- **Academic platforms:** [Academia.edu](https://www.academia.edu/), ResearchGate, institutional repositories (to be verified)
- **Social media:** Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram (to be verified)
- **Ministry platforms:**
 - Forge Mission Training Network website (to be verified)
 - Christian Associates website (to be verified)
 - Church websites (Australia, Los Angeles - to be verified)
- **Book platforms:** Amazon Author Page, Goodreads (to be verified)

Content Volume Assessment

Known Content

- **Books:** 2 published books (1 solo, 1 co-authored)

- **Speaking:** Featured speaker at The Praxis Gathering and other events (to be quantified)
- **Organizational Resources:** Forge training materials (to be verified and quantified)
- **Professional Experience:** 25+ years in social work, community development, counseling

To Be Assessed

- Number of published blog posts/articles
- Number of conference talks/presentations
- Video content volume (lectures, talks, interviews)
- Podcast episodes (as host or guest appearances)
- Content frequency/recency
- Newsletter subscription base (if applicable)
- Social media engagement metrics (Twitter @debrahirsch)
- Training materials and course content (Forge, Christian Associates)
- Church leadership content (sermons, teaching - to be verified)

Content Discovery Notes

Publisher Presence (IVP)

- Established author page on InterVarsity Press
- Two books published through IVP
- Professional publishing relationship with established Christian publisher

Organizational Content

- **Forge Mission Training Network:** Co-founder, likely has training materials and resources (to be verified)
- **Missio Alliance:** Board member, profile page exists
- **Christian Associates:** Leadership team member, church planting movement content (to be verified)
- **V3 Movement / Praxis Gathering:** Speaker content and profiles (referenced)

Speaking Content

- **The Praxis Gathering:** Confirmed speaking engagements
 - Topics indicate focus on leadership, female agency, authentic presence
 - Content availability (videos, transcripts) to be verified

Content Ecosystem

- Publisher relationship (IVP) provides book distribution
- Organizational affiliations (Forge, Missio Alliance, Christian Associates) provide platforms
- Speaking engagements (Praxis Gathering, etc.) provide content distribution
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch may provide collaborative content opportunities
- Twitter presence (@debrahirsch) provides social media distribution
- Unique focus area (sexuality and faith) may have specific content channels

Potential Content Gaps

- Personal website/blog not identified (may exist but not easily discoverable)
- Video content not yet identified (may exist on YouTube, Vimeo, or institutional platforms)
- Podcast presence not yet identified (may be guest on podcasts or host)
- Article/blog post presence not yet identified (may be on organizational sites or personal blog)
- Training materials (Forge) not yet verified or cataloged

Discovery Status

Status: Initial discovery complete, deeper investigation needed

Confidence: Medium (core platforms identified, significant content discovery pending)

Next Steps

1. Verify personal website or blog presence
2. Search for YouTube channel(s) - personal or institutional
3. Search for podcast appearances or hosting
4. Verify book listings on Amazon and Goodreads
5. Check for newsletter presence (Mailchimp, ConvertKit, Substack)
6. Identify any course or training materials (Forge, Christian Associates)
7. Assess social media engagement and content volume (Twitter @debrahirsch)
8. Catalog speaking engagement content (Praxis Gathering videos, transcripts)
9. Search for articles and blog posts (organizational sites, personal blog)

10. Verify and catalog organizational websites (Forge, Christian Associates)
11. Search for church-related content (sermons, teaching from Australia/Los Angeles churches)
12. Identify any academic publications or papers

Notes

- Established digital presence through publisher (IVP) and organizational affiliations
- Strong organizational backing (co-founder of Forge, board member of Missio Alliance)
- Multiple content distribution channels (publisher, organizations, speaking)
- Books provide significant content volume
- Speaking engagements provide content distribution network
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch may provide collaborative content opportunities
- Unique focus area (sexuality and faith) may have specific content channels
- Professional background (25+ years counseling, social work) suggests potential content in these areas
- Personal website/blog not easily discoverable - may not exist or may be less prominent
- Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than personal platform

Gap Analysis

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Embodied Work Indicators

Teaching/Speaking Engagements

- **The Praxis Gathering:** Featured speaker
 - Topics: “Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”
 - Focus: Leadership and community in fragmented societies
- **Other Speaking Engagements:** Likely additional speaking at conferences and events (to be verified)
- **Church Leadership:** Led churches in both Australia and Los Angeles
 - Teaching and preaching in local church contexts
 - Pastoral leadership and ministry

Professional Experience

- **25+ Years in Social Work:** Extensive professional experience

- **25+ Years in Community Development:** Professional community development work
- **25+ Years in Counseling:** Trained counselor specializing in sexuality
- **Professional Expertise:** Significant professional knowledge and experience in:
 - Sexuality counseling
 - Social work
 - Community development
 - Pastoral care

Organizational Leadership

- **Forge Mission Training Network:** Co-founder, Forge America national team member
 - Training and development work
 - Mission training network leadership
- **Missio Alliance:** Board member
 - Organizational leadership and governance
- **Christian Associates:** Leadership team member
 - Church planting movement leadership (Europe, North & South America)

Published Works

- **2 Published Books:**
 - “Redeeming Sex” (solo work)
 - “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” (co-authored with Alan Hirsch)
- **Publisher:** InterVarsity Press (established Christian publisher)

Established Reputation/Recognition

- Recognized speaker and church leader
- Published author with InterVarsity Press
- Co-founder of established missional training network (Forge)
- Board member of established missional organization (Missio Alliance)
- 25+ years of professional experience provides significant credibility

Movement/Network Participation

- Active in missional movement networks (Forge, Missio Alliance, Christian Associates)
- Speaking network (Praxis Gathering, other events)
- Church planting network (Christian Associates)
- Professional networks (counseling, social work, community development)

Digital Expression Analysis

How Much of Embodied Work is Represented Digitally?

Books:

- Books are published and available digitally (print and digital formats)
- Publisher website (IVP) provides author page (ivpress.com/debra-hirsch)
- Books represent significant digital content
- **Status:** Well represented digitally

Organizational Work:

- Organizational affiliations provide digital presence (Missio Alliance profile, Forge, Christian Associates)
- Training materials and resources (Forge) - extent of digital accessibility to be verified
- **Status:** Partially represented, extent to be verified

Professional Experience:

- 25+ years of professional experience (counseling, social work, community development)
- **Gap Question:** Is professional expertise captured in articles, blog posts, or other digital content?
- **Gap Question:** Are professional insights integrated into digital content?
- **Status:** Extent of digital representation to be assessed

Speaking Engagements:

- The Praxis Gathering speaking confirmed
- Other speaking engagements likely exist
- **Gap Question:** Are speaking engagements captured as video/audio online?
- **Gap Question:** Are speaking topics extended into articles or blog posts?
- **Gap Question:** Are speaking insights developed into series or courses?
- **Status:** Extent of digital capture to be verified

Church Leadership:

- Led churches in Australia and Los Angeles
- Teaching and preaching in local church contexts
- **Gap Question:** Are sermons/talks transcribed and published?
- **Gap Question:** Are teaching insights captured in articles or blog posts?

- **Gap Question:** Is church leadership content available digitally?
- **Status:** Extent of digital representation to be verified

Content Forms Analysis

Sermons/Talks:

- Church leadership (Australia, Los Angeles)
- Speaking engagements (Praxis Gathering, other events)
- **Gap Question:** Are these transcribed and published as articles?
- **Gap Question:** Are these available as video/audio online?
- **Gap Question:** Are these discoverable and accessible?
- **Status:** Extent of digital capture to be verified

Professional Insights:

- 25+ years of professional experience (counseling, social work, community development)
- Professional expertise in sexuality counseling
- **Gap Question:** Are professional insights captured in articles or blog posts?
- **Gap Question:** Are professional insights integrated into digital content?
- **Gap Question:** Is there a digital extension of professional expertise?
- **Status:** Extent of digital representation to be assessed

Organizational Training:

- Forge Mission Training Network training materials
- Mission training network resources
- **Gap Question:** Are these accessible digitally?
- **Gap Question:** Are these discoverable?

- **Gap Question:** Are training materials available as courses or resources?
- **Status:** Extent of digital accessibility to be verified

Speaking Content:

- The Praxis Gathering topics: “Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”
- Other speaking engagements
- **Gap Question:** Are speaking topics extended into articles or blog posts?
- **Gap Question:** Are speaking insights developed into series or courses?
- **Gap Question:** Is there continuity between speaking and written content?
- **Status:** Extent of digital extension to be verified

Digital Extension of Live Teaching

Speaking Engagements:

- The Praxis Gathering and other events
- **Gap Question:** Are talks extended into articles or blog posts?
- **Gap Question:** Are talks part of content series?
- **Gap Question:** Are talks developed into courses or training materials?
- **Status:** Extent of digital extension to be verified

Church Teaching:

- Church leadership in Australia and Los Angeles
- **Gap Question:** Is church teaching extended into other content forms?
- **Gap Question:** Are teaching insights published as articles?
- **Gap Question:** Is there continuity between church teaching and published content?

- **Status:** Extent of digital extension to be verified

Professional Expertise:

- 25+ years of professional experience
- **Gap Question:** Is professional expertise extended into digital content?
- **Gap Question:** Are professional insights captured in articles or blog posts?
- **Gap Question:** Is professional knowledge integrated into courses or training?
- **Status:** Extent of digital extension to be assessed

Ideas from Books Developed Further Online

“Redeeming Sex”:

- Personal journey and professional experience
- **Gap Question:** Are ideas from “Redeeming Sex” developed further in articles or blog posts?
- **Gap Question:** Are there follow-up resources or content series?
- **Gap Question:** Is there community engagement around the book’s themes?
- **Status:** Extent of digital development to be verified

“Untamed” (co-authored):

- Missional form of discipleship
- **Gap Question:** Are ideas from “Untamed” developed further in articles or blog posts?
- **Gap Question:** Are there follow-up resources or content series?
- **Gap Question:** Is there integration with Forge training materials?
- **Status:** Extent of digital development to be verified

Continuity Between Different Content Forms

Books ↔ Speaking:

- **Gap Question:** Is there continuity between book content and speaking topics?
- **Gap Question:** Are speaking topics developed from book themes?
- **Status:** Extent of continuity to be assessed

Professional Experience ↔ Published Content:

- **Gap Question:** Is there continuity between professional experience and published content?
- **Gap Question:** Are professional insights integrated into books and other content?
- **Status:** Extent of continuity to be assessed

Organizational Work ↔ Published Content:

- **Gap Question:** Is there continuity between organizational work (Forge, etc.) and published content?
- **Gap Question:** Are organizational insights integrated into books and other content?
- **Status:** Extent of continuity to be assessed

Gap Identification

What Exists in Embodied Work But Not Digitally?

Potential Gaps:

1. **Professional Expertise:** 25+ years of professional experience may not be fully captured digitally
 - Counseling insights and expertise
 - Social work experience and insights
 - Community development knowledge
 - Professional practice wisdom
2. **Speaking Content:** Speaking engagements may not be fully captured digitally
 - The Praxis Gathering talks (video, audio, transcripts)
 - Other speaking engagements
 - Speaking insights and themes
3. **Church Teaching:** Church leadership content may not be captured digitally
 - Sermons and teaching from Australia and Los Angeles churches
 - Pastoral insights and wisdom
 - Church leadership experience
4. **Training Materials:** Forge training materials may not be fully accessible or discoverable
 - Mission training network resources

- Training content and materials
- 5. **Professional Insights:** Professional counseling and social work insights may not be integrated into digital content
 - Sexuality counseling expertise
 - Social work experience
 - Community development knowledge
- 6. **Content Series:** Speaking topics may not be developed into content series
 - “Activating Female Agency” series potential
 - “The Presence of a Leader” series potential
 - Other theme-based series potential

What Digital Content Exists But Isn’t Connected?

Potential Connection Gaps:

1. **Books ↔ Speaking:** Books and speaking may not be explicitly connected
2. **Professional Experience ↔ Published Content:** Professional experience and published content may not be explicitly connected
3. **Organizational Work ↔ Published Content:** Organizational work and published content may not be explicitly connected
4. **Content Forms:** Different content forms (books, speaking, organizational) may exist in isolation

Opportunities for Digital Amplification

Content Repurposing Opportunities:

1. **Speaking → Articles:** Speaking topics could be developed into articles or blog posts
 - “Activating Female Agency” → article series
 - “The Presence of a Leader” → article series
 - Other speaking topics → articles
2. **Professional Insights → Content:** Professional expertise could be integrated into digital content
 - Counseling insights → articles, courses, resources
 - Social work experience → content series
 - Community development knowledge → training materials
3. **Church Teaching → Content:** Church leadership content could be captured and published
 - Sermons → articles or blog posts
 - Teaching insights → content series
 - Pastoral wisdom → resources
4. **Books → Series:** Book themes could be developed into content series
 - “Redeeming Sex” themes → article series, courses
 - “Untamed” themes → training materials, resources
5. **Training Materials → Courses:** Forge training materials could be developed into online courses
 - Mission training → online courses
 - Leadership development → courses

Content Forms Missing

Potential Missing Forms:

1. **Articles/Blog Posts:** Personal articles or blog posts not easily discoverable
2. **Video Content:** Video content not yet identified
3. **Podcast Content:** Podcast presence not yet identified
4. **Online Courses:** Online courses not yet identified
5. **Newsletter:** Newsletter presence not yet identified
6. **Personal Website/Blog:** Personal website or blog not easily discoverable

Discoverability Gaps

Potential Discoverability Issues:

1. **Content Distribution:** Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than centralized
2. **Personal Platform:** Personal website/blog not easily discoverable (may not exist or may be less prominent)
3. **Search Visibility:** Some content may not be easily discoverable through search
4. **Content Indexing:** Some content may not be well-indexed or discoverable

Connection Gaps

Are Content Pieces Isolated or Connected?

Potential Isolation:

- Books may exist independently of other content
- Speaking content may exist independently
- Organizational work may exist independently
- Professional experience may not be integrated into digital content

Connection Opportunities:

- Books ↔ Speaking: Connect book themes with speaking topics
- Professional Experience ↔ Content: Integrate professional insights into content
- Organizational Work ↔ Content: Connect organizational work with published content
- Content Forms: Connect different content forms (books, speaking, articles, courses)

Opportunities for Content Repurposing

1. **Speaking → Articles:** Develop speaking topics into articles or blog posts
2. **Professional Insights → Content:** Integrate professional expertise into digital content
3. **Church Teaching → Content:** Capture and publish church leadership content
4. **Books → Series:** Develop book themes into content series
5. **Training Materials → Courses:** Develop training materials into online courses

Are There Series That Could Be Developed?

Potential Series:

1. **Sexuality and Faith Series:** Based on “Redeeming Sex” and professional background
2. **Female Agency Series:** Based on “Activating Female Agency” speaking topic
3. **Authentic Leadership Series:** Based on “The Presence of a Leader” speaking topic
4. **Missional Discipleship Series:** Based on “Untamed” and Forge work
5. **Community Development Series:** Based on 25+ years professional experience
6. **Counseling Insights Series:** Based on professional counseling expertise

Are There Themes That Could Be Expanded?

Potential Theme Expansions:

1. **Sexuality and Faith:** Expand “Redeeming Sex” themes into broader content
2. **Female Agency:** Expand “Activating Female Agency” into content series
3. **Authentic Leadership:** Expand “The Presence of a Leader” into content series
4. **Missional Discipleship:** Expand “Untamed” themes into training materials
5. **Professional Integration:** Expand professional experience into content series

Gap Analysis Summary

Primary Gaps Identified

1. **Professional Expertise:** 25+ years of professional experience may not be fully captured digitally
2. **Speaking Content:** Speaking engagements may not be fully captured or extended digitally
3. **Church Teaching:** Church leadership content may not be captured digitally
4. **Content Series:** Speaking topics may not be developed into content series
5. **Personal Platform:** Personal website/blog not easily discoverable
6. **Content Connection:** Content may exist in isolation rather than as connected ecosystem

Opportunities for Digital Amplification

1. **Content Repurposing:** Speaking → articles, professional insights → content, church teaching → content
2. **Series Development:** Sexuality and faith, female agency, authentic leadership, missional discipleship
3. **Content Integration:** Connect books, speaking, professional experience, organizational work
4. **Platform Development:** Personal website/blog, video content, podcast, online courses
5. **Discoverability:** Improve content discoverability and indexing

Connection and Ecosystem Gaps

1. **Content Isolation:** Content may exist independently rather than as connected ecosystem
 2. **Platform Fragmentation:** Content may be distributed across organizational platforms
 3. **Series Development:** Opportunities for developing speaking topics and themes into content series
 4. **Content Integration:** Opportunities for integrating professional experience, organizational work, and published content
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Identity Verification

Identity Verification: Deb Hirsch

Research Date: January 4, 2026

Confidence Level: High

Primary Identity

Full Name: Deb Hirsch (also referenced as Debra Hirsch)

Primary Role: Speaker, Church Leader, Writer, Counselor

Location: Victoria, Australia (recently returned from Los Angeles, California)

Personal Background

Origin: Australian-born

Geographic Journey:

- Australia (born)
- Los Angeles, California (extended period - led churches)
- Victoria, Australia (current - recently returned)

Institutional Affiliations

1. Forge Mission Training Network

- Role: Co-founder
- Type: Mission training network focused on innovative missional leadership
- Status: Active member of Forge America national team

2. Missio Alliance

- Role: Board Member
- Type: Christian organization focused on missional theology and practice

3. Christian Associates

- Role: Leadership team member
- Type: Church planting movement operating in Europe, North & South America

Published Works

1. **“Redeeming Sex”** (Solo work)

- Publisher: InterVarsity Press (IVP)
- Focus: Reflects personal journey, aims to bring new conversations about sexuality into the context of the church
- Published through IVP (ivpress.com/debra-hirsch)

2. **“Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship”** (Co-authored with Alan Hirsch)

- Publisher: InterVarsity Press (IVP)
- Focus: Missional discipleship

Focus Areas: Sexuality and faith, missional discipleship, church leadership, female agency, community development, social work, counseling

Professional Roles

- **Speaker:** Featured speaker at events such as The Praxis Gathering
- **Church Leader:** Led churches in both Australia and Los Angeles
- **Writer/Author:** Published author with InterVarsity Press
- **Counselor:** Trained counselor specializing in sexuality (25+ years experience)
- **Social Worker:** 25+ years in social work and community development
- **Co-founder:** Forge Mission Training Network
- **Board Member:** Missio Alliance

Speaking Engagements

- **The Praxis Gathering:** Featured speaker
 - Topics: “Activating Female Agency” and “The Presence of a Leader”
 - Focus: Leadership and community in fragmented societies
 - Emphasis: Equal agency and authentic leadership within the church

Digital Presence Indicators

- **Twitter:** @debrahirsch (confirmed)
- **Publisher Presence:** InterVarsity Press (IVP) author page (ivpress.com/debra-hirsch)
- **Organizational Presence:**
 - Missio Alliance (missioalliance.org/deb-hirsch)
 - Forge Mission Training Network
 - Christian Associates
- **Media Arts:** Referenced on mediaarts.org.au/debra-hirsch
- **V3 Movement:** Referenced on thev3movement.org (Praxis Gathering content)

Professional Background

- **25+ years** of experience in:
 - Social work
 - Community development

- Counseling (specializing in sexuality)
- **Church Leadership:** Led churches in Australia and Los Angeles
- **Community Living:** Lives in community with others (previously in Los Angeles)

Personal Information

- **Location:** Victoria, Australia (recently returned from Los Angeles)
- **Family:** Married to Alan Hirsch (co-author, co-founder of Forge)
- **Community:** Lives in community with others

Distinguishing Factors

- Strong alignment with Movemental's target audience (Christian movement thought leaders, missional practitioners)
- Published author with focus on sexuality and faith (unique niche)
- Co-founder of Forge Mission Training Network (established missional training organization)
- Board member of Missio Alliance (established missional organization)
- 25+ years of professional experience in social work, community development, and counseling
- Focus on female agency and leadership within church contexts
- Unique combination of counseling expertise (sexuality) and missional church leadership
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch (established missional thought leader)

- International experience (Australia and United States)
- Emphasis on bringing difficult conversations (sexuality) into church contexts

Identity Verification Notes

- Multiple sources confirm identity as speaker, church leader, and author
- Clear alignment with Christian movement leadership context
- Established digital presence with publisher page (IVP) and organizational affiliations
- Published author with books through InterVarsity Press
- High confidence in identity match
- Strong organizational credentials (co-founder, board member)
- Professional credentials (25+ years counseling, social work, community development)
- Clear geographic and professional markers (Australia/Los Angeles, Forge, Missio Alliance, sexuality counseling focus)
- Unique focus area (sexuality and faith) distinguishes from other Christian leaders

Potential Ambiguity

- No significant ambiguity detected in initial research
- Name “Deb Hirsch” or “Debra Hirsch” consistently refers to same individual
- Multiple institutional affiliations and published works provide strong verification

- Clear geographic and professional markers (Australia/Los Angeles, Forge co-founder, Missio Alliance board, “Redeeming Sex” author)
- Connection to Alan Hirsch (husband, co-author) provides additional verification context

Next Steps

- Continue with Phase 2: Digital Presence Discovery
- Verify additional platforms and content locations
- Cross-reference book publications on Amazon, Goodreads, publisher sites
- Explore organizational websites (Forge, Missio Alliance, Christian Associates)
- Identify personal website or blog (if exists)
- Catalog video/podcast content
- Search for articles, blog posts, and written content
- Identify social media presence beyond Twitter
- Catalog speaking engagement content (Praxis Gathering, etc.)

Movemental Analysis

Movemental-Specific Analysis: Deb Hirsch

Research Date: January 4, 2026

Platform Gaps Assessment

Current Platform Limitations

Potential Limitations:

1. **Platform Fragmentation:** Content may be scattered across multiple platforms (publisher sites, organizational websites, social media, speaking platforms)
2. **Platform Ownership:** Mix of owned (if personal website exists) and rented platforms (social media, publisher sites, organizational sites)
3. **Content Silos:** Books, speaking content, professional expertise, organizational work may exist in separate silos
4. **Discoverability:** Content may not be easily discoverable across platforms
5. **Cross-Platform Integration:** Limited integration between platforms

6. **Personal Platform:** Personal website/blog not easily discoverable (may not exist or may be less prominent)

Platform Fragmentation

Current Distribution:

- Publisher website (IVP - ivpress.com/debra-hirsch)
- Organizational websites (Missio Alliance, Forge, Christian Associates, V3 Movement)
- Social media (Twitter @debrahirsch)
- Speaking platforms (Praxis Gathering, other events)
- Potential personal website/blog (not easily discoverable)

Fragmentation Impact:

- Content scattered across multiple locations
- No single content hub identified
- Difficult to discover all content
- Limited cross-platform connection
- Personal platform not easily discoverable

Platform Ownership

Owned Platforms:

- Personal website/blog (if exists - not easily discoverable)
- Potential organizational websites (extent of ownership to be verified)

Rented Platforms:

- Social media platforms (Twitter @debrahirsch, potential others)

- Publisher platforms (IVP website)
- Organizational platforms (Missio Alliance, Forge, Christian Associates)
- Video platforms (if exists - YouTube, Vimeo)
- Podcast platforms (if exists)
- Speaking platforms (Praxis Gathering, other events)

Ownership Implications:

- Some content on platforms not fully controlled
- Platform changes could affect content accessibility
- Limited control over platform features and limitations
- Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than personal platform

Revenue Model Gaps

Current Revenue Models (to be verified):

- Book sales (through IVP)
- Organizational training/consulting (Forge, Christian Associates)
- Conference speaking (Praxis Gathering, other events)
- Professional counseling (if applicable)

Potential Gaps:

- Limited direct content monetization
- No subscription model for content
- No course monetization (if courses exist)
- Limited direct-to-audience revenue
- Professional expertise may not be monetized through content

Analytics Gaps

Potential Analytics Limitations:

- Limited cross-platform analytics
- No unified view of content performance
- Limited audience insights across platforms
- No content journey tracking
- Content distributed across organizational platforms may limit personal analytics

Movemental Fit Analysis

Which Gaps Does Movemental Specifically Address?

Platform Fragmentation:

- Movemental could provide unified content platform
- Single content hub for all content
- Cross-platform content integration
- Unified content discovery
- Personal platform that centralizes content

Content Silos:

- Movemental could connect books, speaking content, professional expertise, organizational work
- Content interconnection and cross-referencing

- Thematic content organization
- Content series development
- Integration of professional experience with published content

Discoverability:

- Movemental could improve SEO and content indexing
- Content optimization for search
- Content hub for discoverability
- Network effects for content discovery
- Personal platform for improved discoverability

Content Repurposing:

- Movemental could facilitate content repurposing
- Speaking topics → articles (“Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”)
- Professional insights → content (counseling, social work, community development)
- Church teaching → articles or blog posts
- Book concepts → courses or series
- Training materials → content

Content Series Development:

- Movemental could support thematic series development
- Sexuality and faith series (based on “Redeeming Sex” and professional background)
- Female agency series (based on “Activating Female Agency”)
- Authentic leadership series (based on “The Presence of a Leader”)
- Missional discipleship series (based on “Untamed” and Forge work)

- Community development series (based on 25+ years professional experience)
- Cross-content-form series

Professional Expertise Integration:

- Movemental could provide platform for integrating 25+ years of professional experience
- Counseling insights → content
- Social work experience → content series
- Community development knowledge → training materials
- Professional practice wisdom → resources

Revenue Model:

- Movemental could provide subscription model
- Course monetization (professional expertise, training materials)
- Direct-to-audience revenue
- Content monetization options
- Professional expertise monetization through content

Analytics:

- Movemental could provide unified analytics view
- Content performance tracking
- Audience insights
- Content journey tracking
- Cross-platform analytics

What Would Meaningfully Change with Movemental?

Content Organization:

- Unified content platform
- Content interconnection
- Thematic organization
- Content series development
- Personal platform for content centralization

Content Discovery:

- Improved SEO and indexing
- Content hub for discovery
- Network effects for visibility
- Cross-content discovery
- Personal platform for improved discoverability

Content Repurposing:

- Easier content repurposing
- Speaking topics as articles
- Professional insights as content
- Church teaching as articles or blog posts
- Book concepts as courses or series
- Training materials as content

Professional Expertise Integration:

- Platform for integrating professional experience into content

- Counseling insights as content
- Social work experience as content series
- Community development knowledge as training materials
- Professional practice wisdom as resources

Content Monetization:

- Subscription model options
- Course monetization
- Direct-to-audience revenue
- Content monetization
- Professional expertise monetization through content

Content Analytics:

- Unified analytics view
- Content performance tracking
- Audience insights
- Content journey tracking
- Cross-platform analytics

What Would Remain Entirely the Person's (Not Changed)?

Voice and Control:

- Personal voice and theological positions preserved
- Content control and ownership
- Editorial control
- Professional expertise and insights remain personal

- Counseling approach and methodology remain personal

Existing Content:

- Books remain published through IVP
- Existing organizational affiliations remain
- Existing speaking engagements remain
- Professional practice remains independent
- Existing social media presence remains

Theological Positions:

- Theological positions preserved
- Approach to sexuality and faith remains personal
- Missional approach remains personal
- Leadership philosophy remains personal

Relationships and Networks:

- Existing relationships preserved
- Organizational networks remain intact
- Professional networks remain intact
- Speaking networks remain intact
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch remains

Professional Practice:

- Professional counseling practice remains independent
- Social work practice remains independent
- Community development work remains independent
- Professional expertise remains personal

Opportunity Identification

Content Repurposing Opportunities

Speaking → Articles:

- “Activating Female Agency” → article series
- “The Presence of a Leader” → article series
- Other speaking topics → articles
- Speaking insights → blog posts

Professional Insights → Content:

- 25+ years counseling experience → content series
- Sexuality counseling expertise → articles, courses, resources
- Social work experience → content series
- Community development knowledge → training materials
- Professional practice wisdom → resources

Church Teaching → Content:

- Sermons and teaching from Australia and Los Angeles churches → articles or blog posts
- Pastoral insights → content series
- Church leadership experience → resources

Books → Series:

- “Redeeming Sex” themes → article series, courses
- “Untamed” themes → training materials, resources
- Book concepts → expanded content

Training Materials → Courses:

- Forge training materials → online courses
- Mission training → courses
- Leadership development → courses

Content Expansion Opportunities

Series Development:

- Sexuality and faith series (based on “Redeeming Sex” and professional background)
- Female agency series (based on “Activating Female Agency”)
- Authentic leadership series (based on “The Presence of a Leader”)
- Missional discipleship series (based on “Untamed” and Forge work)
- Community development series (based on 25+ years professional experience)
- Counseling insights series (based on professional counseling expertise)

Theme Expansion:

- Expand “Redeeming Sex” themes into broader content
- Expand “Activating Female Agency” into content series
- Expand “The Presence of a Leader” into content series
- Expand “Untamed” themes into training materials
- Expand professional experience into content series

Content Integration:

- Connect books with speaking topics
- Integrate professional experience with published content
- Connect organizational work with published content

- Connect different content forms (books, speaking, articles, courses)

Ecosystem Building Opportunities

Content Connection:

- Connect books, speaking, professional experience, organizational work
- Create content ecosystem
- Cross-reference content pieces
- Develop content series
- Integrate content forms

Network Effects:

- Network effects for content discovery
- Cross-content discovery
- Thematic content organization
- Content journey creation
- Audience connection

Community Building:

- Community engagement around content
- Discussion and interaction
- Content-based community
- Professional network integration
- Movement network integration

Discovery Opportunities

SEO and Indexing:

- Improved SEO and content indexing
- Content optimization for search
- Content hub for discoverability
- Network effects for visibility

Content Hub:

- Personal platform for content centralization
- Unified content discovery
- Cross-content discovery
- Thematic content organization

Monetization Opportunities

Subscription Model:

- Content subscription options
- Professional expertise subscription
- Course subscription
- Resource subscription

Course Monetization:

- Professional expertise courses
- Training materials courses
- Book-based courses
- Series-based courses

Direct-to-Audience Revenue:

- Content monetization
- Professional expertise monetization

- Course monetization
- Resource monetization

What Would NOT Change

Voice and Control

- Personal voice and theological positions preserved
- Content control and ownership
- Editorial control
- Professional expertise and insights remain personal
- Counseling approach and methodology remain personal

Existing Content

- Books remain published through IVP
- Existing organizational affiliations remain
- Existing speaking engagements remain
- Professional practice remains independent
- Existing social media presence remains

Theological Positions

- Theological positions preserved
- Approach to sexuality and faith remains personal
- Missional approach remains personal
- Leadership philosophy remains personal

Relationships and Networks

- Existing relationships preserved
- Organizational networks remain intact
- Professional networks remain intact
- Speaking networks remain intact
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch remains

Professional Practice

- Professional counseling practice remains independent
- Social work practice remains independent
- Community development work remains independent
- Professional expertise remains personal

Network Effect Potential

Content Discovery

- Network effects for content discovery
- Cross-content discovery through Movemental network
- Thematic content organization
- Content journey creation
- Audience connection through network

Professional Network Integration

- Integration with professional networks
- Counseling network integration
- Social work network integration
- Community development network integration

Movement Network Integration

- Integration with missional movement networks
- Forge network integration
- Missio Alliance network integration
- Christian Associates network integration
- Church planting network integration

Co-Author Network

- Integration with Alan Hirsch's network
- Collaborative content opportunities
- Cross-author content discovery
- Network effects through co-author relationship

Movemental Opportunities Summary

Primary Opportunities

1. **Content Centralization:** Unified content platform for all content

2. **Professional Expertise Integration:** Platform for integrating 25+ years of professional experience into content
3. **Content Series Development:** Sexuality and faith, female agency, authentic leadership, missional discipleship series
4. **Content Repurposing:** Speaking → articles, professional insights → content, church teaching → content
5. **Content Discovery:** Improved SEO, content hub, network effects
6. **Content Monetization:** Subscription model, course monetization, direct-to-audience revenue

What Would Change

- Content organization and centralization
- Content discovery and visibility
- Content repurposing and expansion
- Professional expertise integration into content
- Content monetization options
- Content analytics and insights

What Would Remain

- Personal voice and control
- Existing content and relationships
- Theological positions
- Professional practice independence
- Organizational affiliations
- Co-author relationships

Sources

Sources: Deb Hirsch

Research Date: January 4, 2026

Search Queries Used

Identity Verification Searches

1. "Deb Hirsch" Christian
2. "Deb Hirsch" author
3. "Deb Hirsch" pastor
4. "Deb Hirsch" movement
5. "Deb Hirsch" website
6. "Deb Hirsch" Twitter @debrahirsch
7. "Deb Hirsch" "Redeeming Sex" book
8. "Deb Hirsch" "Untamed" Alan Hirsch
9. "Deb Hirsch" Forge Mission Training Network
10. "Deb Hirsch" Missio Alliance

Digital Presence Discovery Searches

11. "Deb Hirsch" OR "Debra Hirsch" site:amazon.com
12. "Deb Hirsch" OR "Debra Hirsch" site:goodreads.com
13. "Deb Hirsch" "Redeeming Sex" reviews
14. "Deb Hirsch" "Praxis Gathering" speaker
15. "Deb Hirsch" Christian Associates
16. "Deb Hirsch" "Activating Female Agency"
17. "Deb Hirsch" articles blog posts
18. "Deb Hirsch" YouTube videos
19. "Deb Hirsch" podcast interviews
20. "Deb Hirsch" LinkedIn
21. "Deb Hirsch" Facebook
22. "Deb Hirsch" Instagram
23. site:missioalliance.org "Deb Hirsch"
24. site:ivpress.com "Deb Hirsch"
25. site:thev3movement.org "Deb Hirsch"
26. "Deb Hirsch" OR "Debra Hirsch" personal website blog
27. "Deb Hirsch" articles written by
28. "Deb Hirsch" interview podcast

URLs and Sources

Publisher Websites

1. InterVarsity Press (IVP)

- URL: <https://www.ivpress.com/debra-hirsch>
- Content: Author page, book listings (“Redeeming Sex”, “Untamed”)
- Status: Referenced in multiple search results

Organizational Websites

2. Missio Alliance

- URL: <https://www.missioalliance.org/deb-hirsch>
- Content: Profile page, board member information
- Status: Referenced in multiple search results

3. Forge Mission Training Network

- Content: Co-founder, Forge America national team member
- Status: Referenced in multiple search results
- Note: Specific URL to be verified

4. Christian Associates

- Content: Leadership team member, church planting movement
- Status: Referenced in search results
- Note: Specific URL to be verified

5. V3 Movement / Praxis Gathering

- URL: <https://thev3movement.org/2018/08/14/re-imagining-leadership-deb-hirsch/>
- Content: Speaker profile, “Re-imagining Leadership” article
- Status: Referenced in search results

6. V3 Movement / Praxis Gathering

- URL: <https://thev3movement.org/2019/09/12/meet-praxis-presenter-deb-hirsch/>
- Content: Speaker profile, “Meet Praxis Presenter” article
- Status: Referenced in search results

7. Media Arts

- URL: <https://mediaarts.org.au/debra-hirsch>
- Content: Profile or reference page
- Status: Referenced in multiple search results

Social Media

8. Twitter

- Handle: @debrahirsch
- Status: Confirmed in multiple sources
- Note: Specific URL to be verified

Books

9. “Redeeming Sex”

- Publisher: InterVarsity Press (IVP)
- Author: Deb Hirsch (solo work)

- Status: Referenced in multiple sources

10. **“Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship”**

- Publisher: InterVarsity Press (IVP)
- Authors: Deb Hirsch and Alan Hirsch (co-authored)
- Status: Referenced in multiple sources

Speaking Engagements

11. **The Praxis Gathering**

- Topics: “Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”
- Focus: Leadership and community in fragmented societies
- Status: Referenced in multiple sources

Search Engines Used

- Google (primary)
- Multiple search variations to ensure comprehensive coverage

Research Methodology

Search Strategy

- Used multiple search queries with various contexts (Christian, author, pastor, movement)
- Searched with context terms related to Movemental’s audience
- Cross-referenced findings across multiple sources
- Verified information through multiple sources

- Used site-specific searches for known organizations

Source Evaluation

- Prioritized official sources (publisher pages, organizational sites)
- Used social media as supplementary context
- Considered recency of information
- Noted source credibility and authority
- Distinguished between primary and secondary sources

Information Gathered

Identity Information:

- Full name: Deb Hirsch (also referenced as Debra Hirsch)
- Primary role: Speaker, Church Leader, Writer, Counselor
- Location: Victoria, Australia (recently returned from Los Angeles)
- Origin: Australian-born

Institutional Affiliations:

- Forge Mission Training Network (co-founder, Forge America national team member)
- Missio Alliance (board member)
- Christian Associates (leadership team member)

Published Works:

- “Redeeming Sex” (solo work) - InterVarsity Press
- “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” (co-authored with Alan Hirsch) - InterVarsity Press

Professional Background:

- 25+ years in social work
- 25+ years in community development
- 25+ years in counseling (specializing in sexuality)
- Church leadership (Australia, Los Angeles)

Digital Presence:

- Twitter: @debrahirsch
- Publisher page: ivpress.com/debra-hirsch
- Organizational profiles: Missio Alliance, Forge, Christian Associates
- Speaking references: The Praxis Gathering

Research Limitations

Information Not Found

- Personal website or blog (not easily discoverable)
- Video content (YouTube, Vimeo)
- Podcast presence
- Articles or blog posts (beyond organizational references)
- Amazon Author Page (to be verified)
- Goodreads profile (to be verified)
- LinkedIn profile (to be verified)
- Facebook profile (to be verified)
- Instagram profile (to be verified)

- Training materials (Forge - to be verified)
- Church leadership content (sermons, teaching - to be verified)

Areas Requiring Further Research

1. Personal website or blog presence
2. Video content (YouTube, Vimeo, institutional)
3. Podcast appearances or hosting
4. Articles and blog posts
5. Training materials (Forge, Christian Associates)
6. Church leadership content (sermons, teaching)
7. Social media engagement metrics
8. Content volume and frequency
9. Content discoverability and indexing
10. Cross-platform content connections

Notes

- Research based on publicly available information only
- Some information may be outdated or incomplete
- Identity verification has high confidence (multiple sources confirm)
- Digital presence may be evolving
- Some platforms may not be discoverable through standard search
- Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than centralized

- Personal website/blog not easily discoverable (may not exist or may be less prominent)

Confidence Assessment

Identity Verification: High

- Multiple sources confirm identity
- Clear alignment with Christian movement leadership context
- Established digital presence indicators
- Published author with books through InterVarsity Press
- Strong organizational credentials

Digital Presence Discovery: Medium

- Core platforms identified (publisher, organizational, social media)
- Significant content discovery pending
- Personal platform not easily discoverable
- Content may be distributed across organizational platforms

Content Analysis: Medium

- Content themes identified based on books and speaking topics
- Content organization partially understood
- Content volume and frequency to be assessed
- Content ecosystem connections to be verified

Gap Analysis: Medium

- Gaps identified based on embodied work vs. digital expression
- Professional expertise integration opportunities identified

- Content repurposing opportunities identified
- Content series development opportunities identified

Movemental Analysis: Medium-High

- Movemental fit assessed based on identified gaps and opportunities
 - Platform gaps identified
 - Opportunities for Movemental addressed
 - What would change vs. remain identified
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Research conducted: January 4, 2026

Research methodology: Digital Reality Agent Process

Confidence Level: High (Identity), Medium (Digital Presence, Content Analysis, Gap Analysis, Movemental Analysis)

Summary

Digital Reality Profile: Deb Hirsch

Research Date: January 4, 2026

Confidence Level: High

Executive Summary

Deb Hirsch is an Australian-born speaker, church leader, and writer with extensive experience in both Australia and Los Angeles. She is a co-founder of the Forge Mission Training Network, serves on the Forge America national team, and is a board member of Missio Alliance. With over 25 years of professional experience in social work, community development, and counseling (specializing in sexuality), Deb brings a unique combination of professional expertise and missional church leadership. She has authored “Redeeming Sex” (solo work) and co-authored “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” with her husband, Alan Hirsch, both published through InterVarsity Press.

Deb’s digital presence includes an InterVarsity Press author page, organizational affiliations (Missio Alliance profile, Forge, Christian Associates), Twitter presence (@debrahirsch), and speaking engagement references (The Praxis Gathering). Her content focuses on sexuality and faith integration, missional discipleship, female agency, authentic leadership, and community development. The content ecosystem shows strong thematic consistency around these areas, though opportunities exist for greater content interconnection, digital amplification of professional expertise, and content series development.

Key Findings:

- Published author with 2 books (1 solo, 1 co-authored) through InterVarsity Press
- Co-founder of Forge Mission Training Network, board member of Missio Alliance
- 25+ years of professional experience (counseling, social work, community development)
- Unique focus area: sexuality and faith integration
- Featured speaker at events like The Praxis Gathering

- Content distributed across organizational platforms with potential for greater centralization

Primary Opportunities:

- Content repurposing (speaking topics → articles, professional insights → content)
- Content series development (sexuality and faith, female agency, authentic leadership)
- Professional expertise integration into digital content
- Content centralization and discoverability
- Digital amplification of embodied work (speaking, church teaching, professional experience)

Movemental Fit: High - Strong alignment with Movemental's target audience and platform capabilities. Unique focus area (sexuality and faith) and professional expertise provide significant content opportunities. Opportunities for content repurposing, series development, professional expertise integration, and network effects.

Current Digital Presence

Website Presence

Personal Website: Not easily discoverable (may not exist or may be less prominent)

Publisher Presence: InterVarsity Press (IVP) author page (ivpress.com/debra-hirsch)

Organizational Websites:

- Missio Alliance (missioalliance.org/deb-hirsch) - Board member profile
- Forge Mission Training Network - Co-founder, Forge America national team member
- Christian Associates - Leadership team member
- V3 Movement / Praxis Gathering - Speaker profiles and content

Content Distribution

Books: 2 published books

- “Redeeming Sex” (solo work) - InterVarsity Press
- “Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship” (co-authored with Alan Hirsch) - InterVarsity Press

Organizational Content: Forge training materials, Missio Alliance content, Christian Associates content (extent to be verified)

Speaking Content: The Praxis Gathering and other events (extent of digital capture to be verified)

Social Media: Twitter (@debrahirsch)

To Be Verified: Personal blog, articles, video content, podcast content, newsletter content, training materials

Platform Distribution

Content distributed across:

- Publisher website (IVP)
- Organizational websites (Missio Alliance, Forge, Christian Associates, V3 Movement)
- Social media (Twitter)

- Speaking platforms (Praxis Gathering, other events)
- Potential personal website/blog (not easily discoverable)

Content Landscape

Content Forms

Books: 2 published works

- “Redeeming Sex” - Sexuality and faith integration
- “Untamed” - Missional discipleship (co-authored)

Organizational Resources: Forge training materials, Missio Alliance content, Christian Associates content (extent to be verified)

Speaking Content: The Praxis Gathering and other events

- Topics: “Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”

To Be Verified: Blog content, articles, video content, podcast content, newsletter content, training materials, church teaching content

Content Themes

Primary Themes:

1. Sexuality and Faith Integration
2. Missional Discipleship
3. Female Agency and Leadership
4. Authentic Leadership and Presence
5. Community Development

6. Social Work in Missional Contexts

7. Counseling and Pastoral Care

Theological Focus: Sexuality and faith integration, missional discipleship, female agency, authentic leadership, community development

Movement Focus: Missional movements, church planting, missional discipleship, community development, female leadership activation

Content Organization

Publisher Presence: InterVarsity Press author page

Organizational Platforms: Missio Alliance, Forge, Christian Associates, V3 Movement

Content Strategy: Book-driven, organizational resources, speaking engagements, professional expertise integration (potential)

Content Distribution: Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than centralized on personal platform

Discoverability Assessment

Current Discoverability

Well-Indexed:

- Publisher author page (IVP)
- Organizational profiles (Missio Alliance, Forge, Christian Associates)
- Book titles and author information
- Speaking engagement references (Praxis Gathering)

Search Visibility: Name searches return multiple results, book titles searchable, organizational associations provide visibility

To Be Assessed: SEO optimization, content indexing depth, social sharing, backlinks, domain authority metrics, personal platform discoverability

Discoverability Opportunities

Potential Gaps:

- Personal website/blog not easily discoverable (may not exist or may be less prominent)
- Content may be scattered across organizational platforms
- Limited content hub for unified discovery
- Cross-platform content connection opportunities
- SEO optimization opportunities
- Professional expertise may not be easily discoverable

Gap Analysis

Embodied Work vs. Digital Expression

Strong Embodied Work:

- 2 published books
- Co-founder of Forge Mission Training Network
- Board member of Missio Alliance
- 25+ years of professional experience (counseling, social work, community development)

- Church leadership (Australia, Los Angeles)
- Featured speaker at events like The Praxis Gathering
- Professional expertise in sexuality counseling

Digital Expression:

- Books available digitally (IVP)
- Organizational affiliations provide digital presence
- Twitter presence (@debrahirsch)
- Speaking engagement references
- Extent of digital capture of professional expertise to be verified
- Extent of digital capture of speaking/teaching to be verified
- Extent of digital capture of church leadership content to be verified

Identified Gaps

Content Repurposing Gaps:

- Speaking topics may not be developed into articles (“Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”)
- Professional insights may not be captured in articles or blog posts
- Church teaching may not be transcribed/published as articles
- Book concepts may not be expanded into courses or series
- Training materials may not be developed into online courses

Professional Expertise Gaps:

- 25+ years of professional experience may not be fully captured digitally
- Counseling insights and expertise may not be integrated into digital content
- Social work experience may not be captured in content

- Community development knowledge may not be integrated into digital content
- Professional practice wisdom may not be shared digitally

Content Series Gaps:

- Speaking topics may not be developed into content series
- Book themes may not be expanded into series
- Professional expertise may not be developed into content series
- Content may exist in isolation rather than as connected series

Content Centralization Gaps:

- Personal website/blog not easily discoverable (may not exist or may be less prominent)
- Content may be distributed across organizational platforms rather than centralized
- Limited content hub for unified discovery
- Cross-platform content connection opportunities

Discoverability Gaps:

- Some content may not be easily discoverable
- Professional expertise may not be easily discoverable
- Content may not be well-indexed or optimized for search

Opportunities for Digital Amplification

Content Repurposing:

- Speaking topics → articles (“Activating Female Agency”, “The Presence of a Leader”)

- Professional insights → content (counseling, social work, community development)
- Church teaching → articles or blog posts
- Book concepts → courses or series
- Training materials → content

Content Series Development:

- Sexuality and faith series (based on “Redeeming Sex” and professional background)
- Female agency series (based on “Activating Female Agency”)
- Authentic leadership series (based on “The Presence of a Leader”)
- Missional discipleship series (based on “Untamed” and Forge work)
- Community development series (based on 25+ years professional experience)
- Counseling insights series (based on professional counseling expertise)

Professional Expertise Integration:

- 25+ years of professional experience → content
- Counseling insights → articles, courses, resources
- Social work experience → content series
- Community development knowledge → training materials
- Professional practice wisdom → resources

Content Centralization:

- Unified content platform
- Content hub for discovery
- Cross-platform content integration
- Personal platform for content centralization

Movemental Opportunities

What Movemental Would Change

Content Organization:

- Unified content platform for all content
- Content interconnection and cross-referencing
- Thematic content organization
- Content series development
- Personal platform for content centralization

Content Discovery:

- Improved SEO and content indexing
- Content hub for discoverability
- Network effects for content discovery
- Cross-content discovery
- Personal platform for improved discoverability

Content Repurposing:

- Easier content repurposing
- Speaking topics as articles
- Professional insights as content
- Church teaching as articles or blog posts
- Book concepts as courses or series
- Training materials as content

Professional Expertise Integration:

- Platform for integrating 25+ years of professional experience into content
- Counseling insights as content
- Social work experience as content series
- Community development knowledge as training materials
- Professional practice wisdom as resources

Content Monetization:

- Subscription model options
- Course monetization
- Direct-to-audience revenue
- Content monetization
- Professional expertise monetization through content

Content Analytics:

- Unified analytics view
- Content performance tracking
- Audience insights
- Content journey tracking
- Cross-platform analytics

What Would Remain the Same

Voice and Control:

- Personal voice and theological positions preserved
- Content control and ownership
- Editorial control
- Professional expertise and insights remain personal

- Counseling approach and methodology remain personal

Existing Content:

- Books remain published through IVP
- Existing organizational affiliations remain
- Existing speaking engagements remain
- Professional practice remains independent
- Existing social media presence remains

Theological Positions:

- Theological positions preserved
- Approach to sexuality and faith remains personal
- Missional approach remains personal
- Leadership philosophy remains personal

Relationships and Networks:

- Existing relationships preserved
- Organizational networks remain intact
- Professional networks remain intact
- Speaking networks remain intact
- Co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch remains

Professional Practice:

- Professional counseling practice remains independent
- Social work practice remains independent
- Community development work remains independent
- Professional expertise remains personal

Specific Opportunities for Deb Hirsch

Content Series Opportunities:

1. **Sexuality and Faith Series:** Based on “Redeeming Sex” and 25+ years of professional counseling experience
2. **Female Agency Series:** Based on “Activating Female Agency” speaking topic
3. **Authentic Leadership Series:** Based on “The Presence of a Leader” speaking topic
4. **Missional Discipleship Series:** Based on “Untamed” and Forge work
5. **Community Development Series:** Based on 25+ years of professional experience
6. **Counseling Insights Series:** Based on professional counseling expertise

Content Repurposing Opportunities:

- The Praxis Gathering talks → article series
- Professional counseling insights → content
- Social work experience → content series
- Community development knowledge → training materials
- Church teaching → articles or blog posts

Professional Expertise Integration:

- 25+ years of professional experience → digital content
- Counseling expertise → articles, courses, resources
- Social work experience → content series
- Community development knowledge → training materials

Content Centralization:

- Unified content platform
- Content hub for discovery
- Personal platform for content centralization
- Cross-platform content integration

Network Effects:

- Network effects for content discovery
- Cross-content discovery through Movemental network
- Professional network integration
- Movement network integration
- Co-author network integration (with Alan Hirsch)

What We Will NOT Do

Boundaries and Limitations

Voice and Control:

- Will not change personal voice or theological positions
- Will not take control of content or editorial decisions
- Will not alter professional expertise or counseling approach

Existing Content:

- Will not replace existing books or publisher relationships
- Will not replace existing organizational affiliations
- Will not replace existing speaking engagements
- Will not replace professional practice

Theological Positions:

- Will not change theological positions
- Will not alter approach to sexuality and faith
- Will not change missional approach
- Will not change leadership philosophy

Relationships and Networks:

- Will not disrupt existing relationships
- Will not replace organizational networks
- Will not replace professional networks
- Will not replace speaking networks
- Will not replace co-author relationship with Alan Hirsch

Professional Practice:

- Will not replace professional counseling practice
- Will not replace social work practice
- Will not replace community development work
- Will not replace professional expertise

What Movemental Provides

Tools and Platform:

- Content organization and centralization tools
- Content discovery and visibility tools
- Content repurposing and expansion tools
- Professional expertise integration tools
- Content monetization tools

- Content analytics tools

Support and Amplification:

- Support for content creation and distribution
- Amplification of existing content
- Network effects for content discovery
- Professional network integration
- Movement network integration

Preservation and Respect:

- Preservation of personal voice and control
- Respect for existing content and relationships
- Preservation of theological positions
- Respect for professional practice
- Support for existing work

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Sources: See [sources.md](#)
