

**BUILDING BETTER BUSINESSES** 



**In Just 10 Easy Steps** 







### So What is Marketing?

There are many definitions...

We will focus on this one...

'Creating the opportunity to sell'

#### THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE:

### KNOW YOUR MARKET!



And what makes them buy



#### Understand the decision making process

'The Customer..'

This is where the magic happens

Your message has to meet MOST or ALL of your customer's needs.



Seeks information

See's your advertisement

**Evaluates options** 

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Satisfies the need

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#### Understand why we buy – 'For the Payoff'

- ✓ How it will make us feel
- √ How easy we can get it
- √ How much it suits ours needs
- √ Its perceived value

It's all about the Payoff!!

#### Understand what is important to your customer



### Time





What is the pay-off?



#### Is your message motivating your customer to...

- ✓ Make a further enquiry (go to your website)
- ✓ Take advantage of an ending offer (save money)
- ✓ Get it now before its too late (save effort)

Ask yourself these questions whenever you send a message out about your business.

Again – what is the pay-off for the customer?

#### Marketing has Emotional Triggers

- <u>Fear</u> 'Buy this product and be safe'
- Belonging 'Don't be left behind'
- Guilt 'You can help a child for just £3'
- Trust 'No Gimmicks or hidden costs'
- <u>Time</u> 'Clean your home in half the time'
- Value 'If you find a better deal, we'll refund the difference'

Don't be afraid to use any of these.



#### **Revisit your USP's (Unique Selling Points)**

**Dust off those USP's** 

What are your customers saying?

Have you got any new ones?

What are your competitors offering?

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#### **Revisit your Market Research**

Do you engage with them?

What are they telling you?

Have they changed much? If so, how and why?

Do you know who your target market is?

Has this information been updated?

Have you looked into emerging markets?



#### **Exploit Holidays & Events**









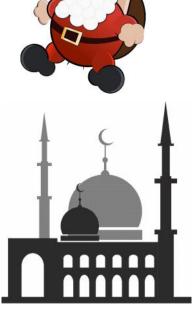












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#### Follow up with an offer

#### For Example...

#### Thank you for your custom....

- > Take 20% off your next purchase (valid for 30 days)
- > Introduce a friends and get 30% off your next order



#### **Show off your caring credentials**

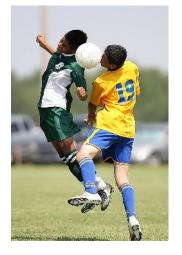
This is a good way to spread the word about your business (particularly on social media)

#### For Example

- > Give a % of sales towards a worthy cause (1 month will do)
- Donate a prize (make sure you get good publicity for it)



Save A Dog



Save Our Youth Football Team



Save The Planet



Save The Bees



#### Promote, promote and promote some more



# Thank you!