2 Step Campaigns and Lead Generation

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Session Objectives

- Develop your own lead generation campaign propositions and messaging
- Explore lead generation through case studies and theory:
 - Key metrics, analytics and a data-driven approach
 - Testing and optimisation
 - Channel strategy
 - Creative approaches
 - Production/execution



Workshop Plan

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Why Are You Here Today?





Our Supporters' Expectations are Changing



What's the difference?





We want somebody who displays and portrays genuine compassion, not some shallow career automaton. His arrogance and hubris was always going to be his undoing. There are far cheaper ways to mange these genuinely needy, rather than lock them up in some South Sea gulag for ever Richard | Melbourne February 24, 2014, 7:02AM G I don't understand how "being a wimp" and "giving correct information" go hand in hand. What's so wimpy about telling the truth? It's all just macho hype from Abbott, Ahh, he thinks dumb Aussie blokes are just suckers for that sort of talk. Cooorrrr, wouldn't want to be a wimp! sarajane | melbourne February 24, 2014, 7:12AM C Love it when Prime Minister Joffrey talks tuff sland Joe Citzen | Melb February 24, 2014, 7:13AM worst government ever!! This is just the start. The arrogance of this government is amazing. See one slip up by morrison and the media wants his head hahah! He really should be nicer to people Abbott is permanently in opposition mode , pathetic PM pathetic MPs. Get rid of them! Keating February 24, 2014, 7:23AM Richard - Please enlighten us what are the far cheaper options? the rate the boats are not coming there maybe the need for Manus Island will no longer exist in the future Sarah of Carnegie | February 24, 2014, 7:24AM CB | Sydney February 24, 2014, 7:37AM I think I'd like the truth no matter how ugly it is. Even the truth about why we have refugees coming here in the first place. And how about a government that takes some responsibility for their actions? That might be nice too. They could start by taking a minimum 50 percent pay cut or removing their electorate allowance, postal allowance, monthly stipend, and other entitlements that boost their personal wage by a few hundred thousand a year. John Michaels | February 24, 2014, 7:37AF Abbott reminds me of a certain ruler 2,000 years ago who washed his hands after authorising the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It's a very good thing that neither Abbott nor Morrison are Christians otherwise they would be in

366 comments CCNO.

Disgusting.





What do your supporters want?

- *The good old days*: Supporting a charity was just about donating.
- But with the advent of web 2.0 (social media, blogging etc), people expect to:
 - Be part of the story
 - Be part of the **conversation**
 - To receive value...





What do your supporters want?

... To be asked for more than just money

(Some people are happy to just give money, but others want to be more involved)

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What do your supporters want?

... And not just to give, but also to **receive value** that will improve their lives







Communications vs Engagement

Traditional "communications" One-way, <u>telling</u> people what's happening and important

- People now want and expect to:
 - Be part of a tribe
 - Be inspired
 - Express their values
 - Be recognised for their actions
- This can be powerful for us as fundraisers!

Conversation and engagement

Interactive, participatory story-making





VS

What Does This Mean For Fundraising?



A healthy donor acquisition program

<u>Always-on</u> acquisition <u>at scale</u>



Digital Acquisition Models

- Direct to donation
 - Difficult to make work reliably, at scale, outside of disaster response or sponsorship
- Peer-to-peer events
 - Can deliver at scale, but is time and energy intensive
 - *Participants* are highly committed, but *donors* usually don't convert
- Crowdfunding (or tied fundraising)
 - Can be great, but requires the right product
- 2 step campaign acquisition (lead generation)
 - Can deliver <u>always on</u> acquisition <u>at scale</u>
 - Covers a wide range of propositions and types of action
 - Can deliver great community growth (or lead acquisition)
 which equals future fundraising potential

And the reason is: The <u>engagement</u>



What is a 2 Step Campaign?



Range of actions possible, eg activism, survey, poll, value exchange (resource download) and so on

Build relationship

- Supporter-centric narrative of impact and change
- Prompt secondary action if possible

2. Donor conversion



Non-Financial Engagement as the "Way In"

- Richer engagement = higher donor conversion rates
 - = stronger donor relationship (with beneficiaries and you)
 - = greater loyalty; lower donor attrition
- Greater **community growth** (engaged email list, Facebook fanbase etc)
 - greater immediate <u>and future</u> donor conversion AND delivery on other organisational objectives



Community growth





Direct to Donation campaign scenario

- 1,000 donors acquired
- = 1,000 leads for future development

2 step campaign scenario

1,000 donors acquired, 10,000 more phone leads acquired, 20,000 more email leads acquired

= 10s of 000s of leads for future development

... Future fundraising, events, mobilisation, surveying, awareness raising etc



Supporters Become Donors

- Late 2018 study on Bush Heritage's rolling, 2.5 year-old 2 step program
- Examining post-campaign conversion of leads (6/8 weeks from lead acquisition)

Key findings:

- Donor conversion of leads has a looong tail
- Within 2.5 years, RG conversion of new leads increased by at least 58% on top of the initial calling campaign
 - 1,009 of a total 2,762 RGs came after initial conversion attempts
- Even more pronounced for cash donor conversion





Community Helps Achieve Objectives

- The best 2 step campaigns:
 - Build your **<u>community</u>**, who are ...
 - Long-term, dedicated and engaged, and ...
 - Help you deliver on objectives from across the organisation.





Common Types of Non-Financial Action

Petition (activism/advocacy)

- Call on a target (political, corporate etc) to take a specific action
- Can be critical *or supportive/positive* of the target

Survey/Questionnaire/Quiz

- Tell us your knowledge of/experience with XYZ
- Stated goal or outcome can vary, eg:
 - Quiz: Challenge yourself/your friends, find out how much you know
 - Survey: Help us find out people's attitudes towards XYZ so we can improve our programs
- Tone can vary from serious to fun to comical

Poll

• Answer a single question on a resonant issue

Behavioural pledge

• Commit to adhere to certain behaviour

Value exchange

- Get something of value to you in exchange for your details
- Eg a resource or back-end premium

Hand-raiser

• State your support for a certain value statement

Send a message

• Send a message to a beneficiary or 'hero' figure, eg fieldworker

Game

• Play a compelling game that builds your engagement with cause

Share your story/photo/design (competition)

- Share your beautiful story or photo about something
- Can be run as a competition

... And there are many more!





- 1. Create three lead gen campaign ideas for your organisation
 - Each idea should include:
 - a) Action type
 - le survey, poll, petition, hand-raiser etc
 - b) Proposition
 - "Take X action to achieve Y outcome"

(usually but not always "for Z beneficiary")

2. Share with your neighbours



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What Determines 2 Step Campaign SUCCESS?



Community Helps Achieve Objectives

- What are your key objectives?
- Is it just fundraising, or are you trying to achieve other things?





How Do We Measure 2 Step Success?



... and don't forget secondary conversion!



How Do We Measure 2 Step Success?

Example 2 step campaign results

Audience	Cost per lead	Phone conversion rate	Cost per CG *
Audience 1	€1.34	8.2%	€102.38
Audience 2	€4.45	14.0%	€94.14
Audience 3	€2.37	10.6%	€94.15
Audience 4	€3.70	13.1%	€91.80

 * Excluding staff and/or agency costs
 Assumes phone contact rate of 65% and standard phone calls and costs per hour





Velocity of Return

If it's headed in the right direction, you should probably keep it going!



... and don't forget secondary conversion!



What Type of Cause Works Best?

- The success of 2 step campaigns is <u>not</u> determined by a **brand or type of mission**.
- These have worked well for:
 - Conservative medical research orgs
 - Animal welfare activism orgs
 - Conservation orgs
 - Humanitarian and human rights orgs
 - New, unknown brands
 - Well-established brands



What Type of Action Works Best?

- The success of 2 step campaigns is <u>not</u> determined by a single action type.
- We've made it work with:
 - Petitions
 - Pledges
 - Polls
 - Surveys and quizzes
 - Offers (value exchange)
 - And more



So What *Does* Determine 2 Step Success?

The success of 2 step campaigns <u>is</u> determined by strength of:

- 1. Strategy and supporter journey
- 2. Proposition
- 3. Execution
- 4. Responsiveness
- 5. Community
- 6. Diversity



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1. Strategy and Supporter Journey

What Makes for a Successful 2 Step Campaign?



Cost-per-lead: A Key Campaign Determinant

- Cost-per-lead can make or break a 2 step campaign
- **Example**: Campaign advertising spend = \$4,000

Scenario	Cost per lead	Lead volume	Implications		
Scenario 1	\$1.75	2,286	 Phone room busy Great start to cost-per- RG 	So how do we optimise CPL to maximise probability of success?	
Scenario 2	\$6.80	588	 Surplus calling capacity Very hard to claw cost- per-RG back to acceptable (unless phone conv' rate is super-high) 		



Lead Gen Proposition Testing

- 1. Test 3 propositions using a light/"minimal viable product" approach
- 2. Gather data on response (CPL), engagement, sentiment etc
- 3. Invest in rolling out the most successful proposition
 - And keep any other acceptable ones in the back pocket for later

The lead gen proposition:

"Take X action to achieve Y outcome" (usually but not always "for Z beneficiary")



Your Supporter Journey

- What will your supporter journey be like?
 - Lots of choice for execution
 - Do you want a big splash campaign?
 - Do you want a lighter, more agile approach?



Higher investment More immersive UX Less flexible



Low Investment

- Facebook lead form
- Phone conversion
- Thank you email





Low-Medium Investment

- Facebook lead form
- Phone conversion
- Donation microsite
- Advertising retargeting to donation site




Medium Investment

- Facebook lead form
- Phone conversion
- Donation microsite
- Advertising retargeting to donation site
- Post-step 1 action email journey





Medium-High Investment

- Step 1 action microsite
- Phone conversion
- Donation microsite
- Advertising retargeting to donation site
- Post-step 1 action email journey
- Warm audience email journey





High Investment

- Above-the-line advertising for Step 1
- Inbound SMS response for Step 1
- Step 1 action microsite
- Phone conversion
- Donation microsite
- Advertising retargeting to donation site
- Post-step 1 action email journey
- Warm audience email journey





Understand Motivators and Channels





2. Proposition

What Makes for a Successful 2 Step Campaign?



The Proposition

"Take X action to achieve Y outcome"

(usually but not always "for Z beneficiary")







REFINE ONE CAMPAIGN IDEA

1. Choose one of your campaign propositions and refine

- If you have time, add a level of consumer-facing messaging.
- Eg what would the first paragraph/s on your campaign landing page say?

2. Share with your table

EXERCISE 2

- Suggest and discuss possible refinements
- 3. Each table shares one or two with the room





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3. Execution

What Makes for a Successful 2 Step Campaign?



Creative Execution

Important creative factors for execution are the same as for the proposition





Good Online Content

Rules for good online content

- Supporter- and beneficiary-orientation: You are the conduit; the supporter is creating the change
- Show supporter impact (theory of change)
- Beneficiary stories and quotes
- Descriptive
- Empathy-building
- Images of beneficiaries that allow the supporter to connect (eg framed on a face, eyes to camera)
- Human language kill long words that program people love
- Always align with a relevant, related action
 - Always ask "If someone's interested in this, what do we want them to do"?



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Content Planning and Management







Different messaging angles that can be used in content and advertising driving to the singular campaign proposition.







- 1. Develop 3+ ways in for your chosen proposition
- 2. Share with your group
 - Suggest and discuss possible refinements
- 3. Each group shares three ways in with the room

"Ways in": Messaging angles that can be used in content and advertising driving to the singular campaign proposition.



Content Matrix

Proposition > "Ways in" > Content matrix > Content schedule

Example: Online campaign about female ranger program in Zimbabwe

FB Standard ads								
Way in	Post/	Format (unless test is a format test)	Test question/hypothesis	Test version				
wayin	Ad #	Format (unless test is a format test)	Test question/hypothesis	А	В			
	1	Link - Petrona's story	Link in text served to less people due to fb algorithm	no link	link			
Individual workers	2	Link - Primrose's story	Does copy on image affect click through rate	copy on image	no copy on image			
	3	Link - Dimbal's story	Click through rate of button	learn more	donate now			
	4	Carousel/Slideshow - Why the women do their job	Which ad type performs better	Carousel	Slideshow			
Fomineim	5	Link - Stand with her	Does copy on image affect click through rate	copy on image	no copy on image			
Feminsim	6	Link - The job is not for a woman	Audience connection with group vs individual image of women	group of women	individual			
Animals	7	Carousel - Protecting animals	Click through rate of button	learn more	sign up			



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Fb Advertising: Campaign Structure





Facebook Optimisation



Ad variables:

- Placement
 - Facebook
 - Newsfeed
 - Right column
 - Messenger
 - Instagram
 - Feed
 - Story
 - Format

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- Link ad
- Carousel
- Video slideshow
- Video
- Canvas
- Creative elements and tests



Audience variables:

- Demographics
- Psychographics
- Lookalikes
- Custom audience
 - Website engagement
- Fb engagement
- List upload

Balancing AI and Intervention

- Facebook AI is doing more and more of this work
 - Campaign optimisation compulsory
 - Broad audience definition, leave optimisation to Facebook vs Granular definition
- We always need to check in daily, monitoring and tweaking where necessary
- Keep an eye on:
 - Audience fatigue
 - Concerning trends (eg CPL increases)
 - Opportunities (eg CPL decreases)

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Optimising Whole Campaign Results

ROI is determined by (a) cost per lead and (b) phone conversion rate together.

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Cost per lead Phone conversion rate So how do we optimise (1) cost per lead and (2) phone conversion rate together?



Lead Gen Audience Optimisation by Phone Conversion Rate

How do we optimise (1) cost per lead and (2) phone conversion rate together?

- 1. Pass audience identifier for each lead through to phone room
- 2. Tally conversion results for each audience dynamically
- 3. Feed this back to Facebook audience targeting

The most expensive leads may get you the lowest cost per RG!

You *must* constantly measure and adjust.



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Data Processes are VITAL



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The Advantages of Responsiveness



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Community

- Around your organisation AND/OR
- Around your cause



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Your Vision: A Diverse, Strong Acquisition Stream

- A robust acquisition stream that provides a reliable, weekly flow of donors
- Portfolio of lead acquisition actions
- Actions can be rested when fatigued; We can stop old actions and start new ones as appropriate



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Thank you.

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