FIND YOUR FREEDOM... AGAIN



SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON WHAT YOU DO BEST — RUNNING YOUR BUSINESS.

Aliro Marketing assists local businesses to increase brand awareness through social media, email marketing, blogs, and other marketing techniques that will ultimately increase sales and traffic to their businesses and websites.



ALIRO MARKETING

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA? HOW CAN ALIRO MARKETING HELP YOU?

Hello — I'm Alicia Shapiro, owner of Aliro Marketing.

I manage the social media profiles such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+ and Instagram for business owners who understand the value of social media but simply do not have the time to properly manage the profiles themselves. I allow owners to "Find Their Freedom Again" by managing the profiles so they can do what they do best—run their company.

■ WHAT IS SOCIAL MEDIA'S PURPOSE? If you're asking what Social Media can do for you, you're asking the wrong question. According to the website Simply Social:¹

"The road to social media success begins with understanding the purpose of social media and asking the right questions"

- "How do we use social sites to engage with our customers?"
- "How do we communicate our story effectively?"

The answers to these essential questions give your company a purpose for engaging online in the first place.

- Use Social Media sites to **build your brand's awareness** and show your company's identity through real human communications. Social Media also provides an open forum to collaborate and share ideas, experiences, and interests.
- Social Media is a more efficient tool for prompt **customer service**. Before conducting business with a company, most consumers want more information. Social media has become a popular research tool. 82% of consumers use social media to speak with businesses directly.² Engaging with consumers in this setting develops a relationship, provides an opportunity to answer questions, and ensures that potential leads have a positive experience with your company.
- Building a community to grow your bottom line: Recruit customers by engaging in communication. By publishing content that's relevant to your business, interested leads will interact with your content by commenting or contacting you directly. Responding to their comments online allows you to embrace interested leads and turn them into loyal followers. By "liking" your page on Facebook for example, leads will see future content that you publish over time. These "likes" are also referred to as followers, subscribers, or fans. Getting enough of them will build a community of people that wants to engage and do business with you. Soon, you may even have existing customers advocating on behalf of your business and working to recruit more business on your behalf!
- Manage your online perception. People are already on these social media sites talking about your business and industry, so you need to be a part of the conversation to be able to get the potential customers to perceive your brand the way you want them to see your brand. One way to help manage the online perception is to use customers who already love you and your business to create the perception through recommendations, endorsements, and simply telling others about your brand. If you're not on the social media sites, you're not giving your potential customers an opportunity to tell others about your expertise and authority in your industry.

■ **STATISTICS**: According to *Social Media Today*, there are 6.8 billion people on the planet; 4 billion use a mobile phone; only 3.5 billion use a toothbrush! 81% of smartphone users have performed research via smartphone.⁵ 48% then use phones to visit the businesses social media pages.⁶ 80% of social media users prefer to connect with brands through Facebook.⁷

According to *Statistic Brain*, there are over 1.1 billion active Facebook users and they follow and are connected to on average 80 business pages. 48% of 18-34 year olds check Facebook when they get up, and 28% check Facebook before they get out of bed.⁸

DESCRIPTIONS OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



• **FACEBOOK** is more casual, fun, behind-the-scenes, relationship building.



• **TWITTER** is quick sound bites, short opinions, and quick up to the minute information sharing.



• **INSTAGRAM** is all about pictures. It's people wanting to look through your photo albums and hope you'll do the same with theirs. You'll find out what's important to them; it's a great way to know your customer's needs.



• **LINKEDIN** is about networking. Build your professional identity online and stay in touch with colleagues, discover professional opportunities, business deals, and new ventures.



• **GOOGLE+** is more technical, more informational, newsworthy... but with pictures. Pictures still outperform over all other posts. Google+ is Google – necessary for better search results.



• **PINTEREST** is a collection of things people enjoy. It's a great platform to get to know your customers and be able to market to them better, and vice-versa.

GUIDELINES WHEN CONNECTING

If I know them—great, then accept the connection; if not, I take a look at their profile:

- 1) Do I like their posts? Is it something that I would enjoy sharing?
- 2) Do they have a proper number of posts? People with very few posts, whether it's on Google+, Twitter, etc., aren't there to connect and share, so I won't connect with them. On the flip side, do they have too many posts? Do their posts feel like spam? Are the posts flooding your news stream?
- 3) Same goes with friends/followers/connections—how many do they have? If it's just a few, are they just starting out—is this a new account? If so, maybe I'll connect with them. If not, again, something is up. And if it's not a national company/person, I'm suspicious of the amount of followers—did they buy them? When a company purchases followers, and those followers do not do one single thing in return for the business, why have them?

If everything seems legit and I like the posts, I'll follow them even if I don't know them, because that's what social media is for.

SOCIAL MEDIA

IS NOT ABOUT COLLECTING LIKES AND FOLLOWERS - IT'S ABOUT CONNECTING

to make a difference

Social Media Marketing is much more than just posting pictures — anyone can do that. What Aliro Marketing brings to the table is experience in reading and understanding analytical data to know when to post and what to post on a consistent, daily basis; finding content to post when otherwise there isn't anything to post; being able to quickly respond to customer service needs (customer expects a response within 1-2 hours); knowing how to grow a fan base organically and through advertising; monitor all accounts multiple times per day; fill out profile pages completely to give your audience the best picture of your organization; can provide advertising through the social media sites; and am flexible to adapt to whatever your specific needs are and handle those tasks.

We take pride in the work we do and do not operate with unethical behaviors to grow fan bases. We do not purchase page Likes. Pages grow organically or through normal paid online advertising. Because of this, it can take a while for a page to see active growth. Trust that we're planting quality seeds that will one day grow into a beautiful supportive community. Martin Shervington (Google+ expert) said: "It's about relationships, and relationships take time to build and grow. It often takes about 20 interactions between your brand and the customer before the customer feels they can reach out to you for anything and become your brand ambassador." That is the purpose of social media—focus on being social, and the business will come.

PLEASE VISIT MY WEBSITE - ALIROMARKETING.COM - FOR MORE INFORMATION. AND EMAIL US AT INFO@ALIROMARKETING.COM TO SET UP A FREE CONSULTATION TO DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS. SO WE CAN HELP YOU FIND YOUR FREEDOM AGAIN!



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