

# Build Your Reader Audience Using Social Media

Simple Social Media Tactics to Grow an Audience of Your Ideal Readers

# Module 2 – Step 1: Get to Know Your Audience



### Learning Objective:

Get to know your audience on social media, so you can tailor your approach



#### The Big 5

- •In Step 1 you start listening in on the platforms your ideal customers frequent
- Determine which are the best platforms and get to know them platforms



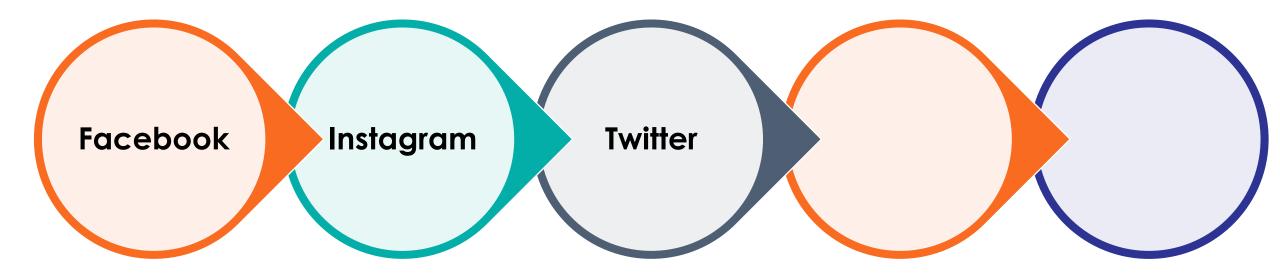
#### 1. Know Your Audience

- Research Audience
- Research Competitors
- Pick Your Top Platforms

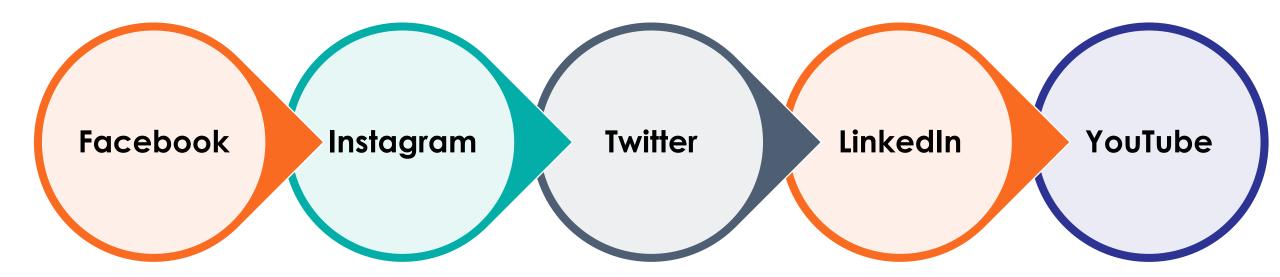
3. Engage & Nurture Relationships

2. Attract Ideal Customers











# Features are always changing and being added so check the help websites





#### Who Is Your Audience?

- Get to know your audience and get a deeper understanding of their needs
- Be an eavesdropper





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Whom they follow

How they consume information



- Review your data & revise your offer/ messaging/profiles/pages if necessary
- Ask yourself: "Does this match up with what I thought before?"





#### How to Find My Audience

- Ask existing customers which platforms they prefer
- Look at websites that serve the same market and see where they share content



- Talk to people at conferences, trade shows, etc.
- Identifying these platforms will show you where to go to interact best





#### Competitor Research

- Follow them on social media and observe them
- •See what they share, what they ask, what the reaction is, etc.







# Tactics to Get to Know Your Audience Better

Choose two platforms to focus on to start with





> Join other people's groups geared towards your audience

See what they're asking about or discussing

Note down the issues raised and the concerns expressed.

#### Facebook Tactics

- Join groups for your target market
- Follow the people your audience follows
- Ask questions in your own groups



# Instagram Tactics

- Use the "Audience" button for subscribers' demographics
- See what your competitors are posting



# Twitter Tactics

- Set up a list of your ideal audience
- Join a Twitter chat. Enter the hashtag for the event
- Use TweetReports to find relevant chats



#### ➤ LinkedI n Tactics

- Find groups that suit your ideal customer and join
- Share content from industry leaders



#### ➤ YouTu be Tactics

- Set up a business channel
- Use tools to look for the most searched keywords



#### **Action Steps:**

- 1. Answer the questions in the Action Guide to research your audience.
- 2. Answer the questions in the Action Guide to research your competitors.
- 3. Choose two social media platforms to focus on:
  - a. Write down why these are the most suitable.
  - b. Try out 2 of the tactics to get to know your audience mentioned in the lesson for your two chosen platforms and note your findings.



