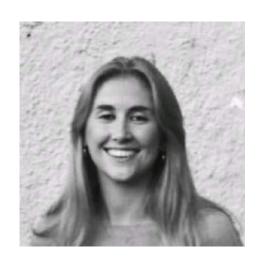
#### Storytelling

- You're very welcome this afternoon!
- Session starts at 2pm
- Please enter your name and organisation/location in the chat window as you arrive
- Set your chat audience to DCM remote trainer1 rather than entire audience (in control panel)
- You will be muted as you arrive (I will explain this further)
- You do not need your webcam for this session





### **HELLO!**

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### **Agenda**

- What is Storytelling?
- The importance of storytelling in business
- What impact does story telling have?
- How to create a narrative
- Understanding your audience personalities, levels of understanding/interest
- The anatomy of a story must-haves
- Developing powerful body language
- Positive language and appropriate gestures
- Q&A session





### What is Storytelling

- A well told captivating story can effect listeners on multiple levels
- Storytelling is about the power to persuade, shifting thoughts from left brain logic to emotive right brain-magic of storytelling (science)
- A variety of different stories can be used to convey a point and using the correct type of story can elicit the action or feeling you want from a customers
- Storytelling is all about human interaction and creating an experience
- Its about creating value as a perception/state of mind



### What is Storytelling

- The customer should be able to see themselves in the story
- The customer should be able to see how they can be transformed into an ideal state
- Brand narrative is when the product/service is the protagonist that saves the day
- Client as hero narrative the product/service enters into a narrative as a supporting character to help the hero (client) achieve their goal/support their success



### The Importance of Storytelling in Business

- Storytelling increases our receptiveness to information, and they are easier to remember – invites customer to use imagination
- Sales stories can convey the true power of your product or service
- In a story you can provide context to customers and can drive points home harder
- Use cases similar stories from the store are particularly effective
- Stories are an emotional investment where essential hormones are released when listening to enable customers to engage better
- Angels cocktail –dopamine, oxytocin, endorphins
- As humans we think in concepts reflecting on our past and creating our futures



### How to create a Narrative - Structure

Compelling opening	A clear build	A closing note
Credibility/passion Building rapport Grab attention – hormone release Protagonist intro (can be hypothetical – customer as potential hero/protagonist) Challenge faced/prevented Past/present	The world as in could be if the customer engages with the brand Leave out the features – they're completely forgettable Conquers obstacles Reduces pain Increases success Experiential Past/present/future	Compelling enough that you don't need a call to action Reiterating the world as it could be for the customer Present/future



## How to create a Narrative - Key message

What is the purpose of your story?

Save time, money, reduce carbon footprint, easy to use

Must be created in line with customer need/goal/reason why they are seeking assistance



#### **Discussion**





### The Anatomy of a story

Content should be crafted in such a way that your customer feels as though they would be losing access to a sublime experience of being apart of your brand if they don't buy in some way

Understand the must knows, should knows and nice to knows for the customer



### The Anatomy of a story

#### Psychological triggers:

- Commitment and consistency
- Liking
- Authority
- Social proof
- Unity



## Developing Positive Body Language

Engages interest and emphasises passion

Involve the listener with body language

Facial expressions

Eye contact

Hand gestures

Tone of voice

Affirmative nods

Echo/mirror and blend



#### **Blending**

People get on best with one another when they share common ground. An essential communication skill that encourages people to establish a rapport, even if they are coming from a very different position, is blending. There are different ways in which you can blend:

- Blending using facial and body expressions
- Blending vocally



#### **Positive Language**

#### **How to become a better speaker**

- 1. Listen back to your own voice, are you being clear?
- 2. Practice speaking into a recorder and playing it back, analyse how you could say the same thing using more precise language
- 3. Take appropriate pauses to allow the listener to consume what you are saying
- 4. Make sure you are not talking too loudly or too quietly
- 5. Make sure your body language reinforces what you are saying and watch your tonality/intonation
- 6. Keep it positive with your words and phrasing



#### Recap

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**Q&A Session** 

- 1. Raise hand function
- 2. When I call your name unmute mic and ask verbally or type in text window
  - 3. I will answer all Questions verbally

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