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# HOW TO USE LINKEDIN FOR MARKETING

#### What We Will Cover

# Overview of the main sections on LinkedIn and how they fit together

•Your profile, Your Network, Feed, Groups, Pages, Search, Ads

#### How to use LinkedIn for marketing – a 4 step approach

- 1. Optimise your profile how to create an excellent LinkedIn profile
- Important privacy settings you should be aware of
- Best practice tips for completing the key sections of your profile

#### 2. Grow your connections and network

• Tactics for growing your connections and network

#### 3. Increase awareness of your business on LinkedIn

- Best practice for posting on LinkedIn
- Company pages
- SEO

#### 4. Generate leads and sales

- Free / Organic tactics
- How ads work on LinkedIn

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#### How to signup



#### **Overview of the Key Areas**



The main areas are the Feed, Your Network, your profile, groups. Pages, ads

However, I won't be working my way directly across. Instead I'll start in the order that makes sense from a marketing point of view which is

- 1. Ensure your profile is updated and is the best representation of you
- 2. Then Connect with other people (customers / potential customers)
- 3. Then post interesting content into the feed of your network
- 4. Then move on to groups pages,etc.

#### **Your Profile**



Everyone on LinkedIn has a profile which includes

- Name & Headline (Title)
- Highlights
- Featured
- Activity
- About
- Experience
- Education
- Skills & endorsements
- Interests
- Honors & Awards

To get to your profile click on the dropdown called "Me" and select "My profile"

#### **Your Profile**



Private to you

This is what a profile looks like.

When you join LinkedIn the first thing you do is complete your profile –

I will give you tips on how best to fill in your profile later.

However, at this stage realise ..

- 1. Your profile is your chance to showcase your skills and your experience
- 2. A well filled in profile will help you connect to other people and will help you use LinkedIn for marketing.
- 3. You should also view your profile as a landing page that you will use to drive people to key pages on your website

### My Network (Connections)



After your fill in your profile the next step is to connect with other people on LinkedIn e.g. Colleagues, customers, potential customers (prospects)

My Network is an Area where you can manage your contacts & connections

- Search your connections
- You can also review groups you have joined, hashtags you have followed.

### **Understanding the 3 levels of Connections on Linked**



**1<sup>st</sup> level connections** are people you have connected with. You can

- message them
- see their posts and their activity in your feed.
- Ask for or provide a recommendation

**2<sup>nd</sup> level contacts** are the connections of your 1<sup>st</sup> level connections. It is quite easy to ask them to connect but you cannot

- message them
- see their posts and their activity in your newsfeed.
- Ask for or provide a recommendation

You can search for and find people if they are  $2^{nd}$  level contacts.

**3<sup>rd</sup> level connections** include the connections of all 2nd level Connections

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	Ex: We know each other from 0/200
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#### Home = Your Feed



Once you have connected with other people on LinkedIn your homepage becomes more useful / interesting. It is just like the Facebook feed where you see posts from your connections.

You can send out a post that goes into the feeds of your 1<sup>st</sup> level connections e.g.

- a link to an interesting blog post
- You can see updates from your network e.g.. connections, updates in groups
- Activities from your connection e.g. posts they have liked or commented on, groups they have joined

Groups

# Linked in Groups

- Next you might want to join some groups
- Over 1 million groups covering specialist topics
- You can search & join up to 100 groups and you can manage up to 30
- You can create your own group
- You can discuss topics with group members
- You can post "news" items & blog posts
- You can browse member directory & contact members

Groups enable you to ...

- 1. Position your company as a thought leader / expert
- 2. Keep up to date with industry developments
- 3. Improve your expertise
- 4. Drive traffic to your website

#### Jobs



- If you are looking for a Job or you want to recruit someone you should head to the Jobs section
- People can search for jobs & apply for jobs
- You can setup a Job alert and get notified

#### **Company pages**



You can create a "Company Page" for your business where you can

- Provide an overview of the company
- List the people working for the company
- · List the current vacancies
- Post status updates (links to their content, news etc)

People can follow companies and keep updated with news / vacancies etc.

To search for a company type the name in search and click on the company name in the search result

#### LinkedIn Ads



In the top right menu select Work and then "Advertise"

You can run an advertising campaign on LinkedIn

- Text adverts
- Pay per click you can control your budget
- Ability to target specific functions, title, sector, companies, members of specific groups

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# How to use Linkedin for marketing

# Understand important settings before updating your profile and visiting other people's profiles

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Very important section where you can change the settings in your account such as

Click the drop-down menu under your Me in the top of the page, then select "settings & privacy". In here you can ...

- Upgrade your account
- Decide
  - How strangers can see your profile info
  - Whether others can browse your list of connections
  - Plus lots more

# Decide whether you want your connections to be told when you update your profile

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When you update your profile your connection can get notifications in their newsfeed / and in a LinkedIn update email that you have update your profile image and other section of your profile

If you don't want that to happen ...

In Privacy settings go to "Visibility"

Then "Share profile updates with your network"

Then change it to OFF

#### If you don't want people to see that you have visited their profile, make yourself "anonymous



 If you don't like the idea of people knowing that have viewed their profile you may want to switch your profile setting to anonymous so that individuals and companies can't tell that you've been looking at their profiles.

To make your profile anonymous, choose

- Visibility
- Then Profile viewing options
- From there, you have three options: Display your name and headline; Display an anonymous profile with some characteristics identified such as industry and title, or totally private mode.

#### Decide what Strangers will see when they visit your profile



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Google favours LinkedIn for people searches. With that in mind, make sure your profile is as complete and clean as possible.

How to select what strangers will see?

Go to settings and Visibility select Visibility of your profile and then edit your public profile

Click on this and in the new page click the box next to the sections that you wish to appear on your public profile

# If you don't want people to see your connections you can switch this off



# Profile Setup – Be 100% clear about what you want to achieve using LinkedIn and factor that into the content on your profile



For example, if I appear in search results and people click through or if someone sees my content and clicks though to my profile, there are two main services I want to promote to them

- 1. Watch all my courses online in our digital marketing school
- 2. Book a 1-1 digital marketing advice session that is tailored to your business

So I ensure that these two products / services are very prominent and I link to them on the website wherever Possible

What do you mainly want to achieve?

 What 1-2 products / services to you want to generate leads for

# **Profile Setup - Add a cover & profile image to your profile**



To Update you profile images go to your profile. Click on "me" in the top menu and then my profile

The main cover image is a chance to make an impression when people land on your Profile

#### Specs

- 1,584 x 396 pixels is the recommended cover photo size
- Cover photos have a maximum file size
   of 8mb
- LinkedIn accepts PNG, JPG, and GIF file types for cover photos

Ensure your Profile pic is a business related image

# **Profile Setup – Fill in the "Intro" section**



When you click on the pencil icon you can then ...

- Edit your name
- Add a headline which is visible whenever you appear on LinkedIn
- Location
- Contact information
- Your current position

Add a prominent link to page on your site that promotes one of your main objectives

### **Profile Setup - Fill in the "Open To" section**



When you click the button "Open To"you can indicate whether you are open to

- Finding a new Job (it is NOT advisable to say this)
- Providing service
- Hiring candidates

### **Profile Setup - Fill in the "Core "sections and recommended sections**



Click on add section and you will then be able to add ...

- About
- Previous roles
- Skills

#### **Profile Setup – Setup the "featured" section**



Use the featured section to draw attention to ...

- The main products or services you want to promote – feature a link to a product or service page on your website (image dimension for a link image 355 x 267)
- Previous posts you have sent out
- Photos

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- Documents
- Click on the + icon to add featured content

### **Profile Setup – If you offer Services fill in the services section**



To add this section Click on "open to 2 and select services

The services section will then appear.

Click the pencil and Add services in order to add the services you offer and want to promote

You can also add images / video and links for your services.

Click Show all and then add images or video for the main service / services that you want to generate leads for

#### **Profile Setup – If you offer Services fill in the services section**



Join our Digital Marketing School

Stream all of my digital marketing training courses on our members website. Watch any time that suits you at your own pace. Member's can also attend a Live Zoom each month

You can also add images / video and links for your services.

Click Show all and then add images or video for the main service / services that you want to generate leads for. Ideally add a link to the relevant pages on your website

#### Profile Setup - Write a compelling About Section

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#### About

I help Irish companies increase their sales through digital marketing and over 20,000 Irish companies have attended my Digital Marketing Workshops and hundreds of Irish companies are members of our online Digital Marketing School.

After graduating from UCD I spent 15 years in London working in marketing roles with BT, Yahoo, Orange and 1 ... see more

To Add a section to your profile click on "Add Section"

# One section you should definitely add is the About section

Write more than one sentence in your About section . This is your 30 second Elevator pitch and a chance to communicate succinctly about your experience and expertise

#### **Profile Setup - Detail your experience & education**



Provide as much detail as you are comfortable sharing about what you did in each job – not just the job title

Also add an image or link to a video for each role to bring your experience to life more

People will checkout your profile for all sorts of reasons. For example, They might land on your website and then Google your name to see your Experience and then click through to your LinkedIn profile

If you think having a lot of detail will increase your credibility and reputation, then add the detail.

# **Profile Setup – Fill in the skills section**

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# List the skills that you have by tapping on the + icon

1st level connections will then be able to endorse you for any of these skills e.g.. Confirm that you have that skill

Visitors to your profile can see the number of endorsements for each skill

#### Profile Setup Personalise your LinkedIn Profile url



## **Profile Setup : Get Recommendations**



#### **Request Recommendations**

Recommendations provide a lot of depth to your profile and greatly increase your credibility.

Request recommendations from your first level connections that you have worked with. It is very natural to request these.

Go to a 1<sup>st</sup> level connection, click on More and select Request a recommendations

#### Always

- Specify the work that you are requesting the recommendation for
- Personalise your request.

### Profile Setup: How Chat GPT or Google Gemini can assist you



You could use Chat GPT or Gemini to help you with writing some initial draft content for your LinkedIn profile

- Step 1 tell the Ai about your career history, what you did in each job and what your current company and role is.
- 2. Then tell the AI that you want it to act like a LinkedIn expert and answer the following questions
- Brainstorm 5 headlines for my LinkedIn profile
- Write an about section for my profile
- Write a brief summary for each of the roles I worked in.

View the answers as a draft that you can then work on.

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# How to use Linkedin for marketing
# Step 1: Grow your network: The difference between open and closed networkers



#### What is a closed networker?

- Most people on LinkedIn simply connect with the people that they know very well
- They do not aim to connect with people that they do not know well i.e.. They do not send out requests to connect or they do not accept invitations from people they do not know.
- They want their network to be small and tight. Therefore, their 1<sup>st</sup> level network is small

## Should you have a small network or a large network?



#### What is an Open networker?

- An open networker believes that LinkedIn provides an amazing opportunity to find business opportunities, to get introduced and to be found by potential customers.
- They want to expand their network as wide as possible in order to increase the potential business opportunities. The more people in their network, the greater the opportunity.

## Aim to have a network of min 750 – 1,000 + connections



## The marketing advantages of being an open Networker

- Your connections see your posts, articles, newsletters and upcoming live events. Therefore, a larger network is getting exposed to your expertise and your messages.
- You can search for and more easily connect with people if they are 2<sup>nd</sup> level contacts. Therefore, the more 1<sup>st</sup> level contacts you have, the more diverse they are and the more connected they are, the larger the opportunity to be to find an connect with people in specific companies, industries etc.

## Ways to Grow your network: Invite people you interact with in business to connect



#### Invite people you interact with in business

Whenever you meet new contacts through business – Either prospects or new clients immediately send them a LinkedIn invitation.

Make it a habit

# Ensure you always rewrite the template invite text – send a personalised message



When you invite people to connect never send the template message. It screams that you want to connect but you can't be bothered to take the time to ask.

Writing a short message make an impression and make you / your LEO look professional....

Hi John

Hope you're well. I thought we could connect on LinkedIn to help broaden each other's networks.

All the best

Evan

## How to Find a connection by browsing others connections



## How to find a connection by searching for company name & function



# Ways to Grow your network: Join relevant groups and then connect with members



#### **Use LinkedIn Groups to connect**

You can join up to 100 groups and you can send a connection invite to any member of the groups you are in.

Go to a group you are a member of Click Show all

Also, you can get active in the group and connect with people you interact with a lot.

## Growing your network: How Chat GPT or Google Gemini can assist

I am an estate agent in Kerry, Ireland and I want to grow my connections on Linkedin. Act like a Linkedin expert and brainstorm 20 tactics I could employ to grow my connections

- Sure! Here are 20 tactics you can employ to grow your connections on LinkedIn as an estate agent in Kerry, Ireland:
  - 1. **Optimize Your Profile**: Ensure your LinkedIn profile is fully optimized with a professional photo, a compelling headline, a detailed summary, and a complete experience section.
  - 2. **Engage with Local Content**: Regularly engage with posts and articles related to Kerry and Ireland's real estate market by liking, commenting, and sharing.

Message ChatGPT

Use this prompt:

I am an estate agent in Kerry (replace with your profession and location), Ireland and I want to grow my connections on LinkedIn. Act like a LinkedIn expert and brainstorm 20 tactics I could employ to grow my connections

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# How to use Linkedin for marketing

Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Post regularly. Position yourself and business as experts in your area



#### Regularly post status updates

- You can post a status update which can be anything from a link to a blog post on your website, a PR announcement, some company news etc. You can post an update from your feed
- Your updates are seen by your connections when they login to their LinkedIn homepage. People can click on the links in your updates and are taken to your website where they are exposed to your marketing messages / incentivised to download an ebook (therefore joining your e-marketing list)
- Therefore, it is an excellent way of getting your news and your expertise in front of your connections. The larger your network, the more people are exposed to your updates

#### How to post – an overview



- You can post an image (s), a link to an interesting article or blog post, or a video that your connections would be interested in.
- It is the same principle as posting an update on your Facebook business page or Instagram profile
- Click on the box that says start a post. Then a larger box pops up
- Simply type your update in the box

You can also add Hashtags to your post.

## How to post – an overview



## Be aware that the options at the bottom allow you to

- 1. Add media (images or video)
- 2. Create an event
- Celebrate an occasion e.g. you have completed a project, got a new job
- 4. Share that you are hiring and post details of the job
- 5. Create a Poll
- Indicate that you are looking for an expert and provide details

## How to post – an overview

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Post to Anyone	in the top you can
What do you want to talk about?	<ul> <li>Share with all on LinkedIn (visible to your connections and non connections)</li> <li>Or choose to share with your connections only (on their homepage feed)</li> <li>Or you can choose a group to send this post to</li> </ul> You can also restrict comments to either your connections or switch comments off

#### Use Hashtags



Hashtags increase the discoverability and reach of your post

Add hashtags to your posts just like you would on Facebook or Instagram

There is No limit but the optimum is 3 - 6

How can hashtags help you get discovered?

- When someone clicks on a hashtag, your post will hashtag appear in the search results
- Is someone searches for content, if those search words are in your post (in a hashtag\_ your content will appear in the search results

#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Post Videos



Video has become very important on LinkedIn like on any social network

Post more videos where possible

Videos can be anywhere from three seconds to 10 minutes in length, with a maximum file size of 5GB. LinkedIn allows you to upload square, landscape and vertical videos,

Square or vertical are better than landscape. Vertical is quickly becoming the norm in LinkedIn.

#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Post Carousels



Just like there are carousel posts on Instagram (multiple images that you can swipe though) you can also post Carousels on LinkedIn

But it's not obvious how you do it

Essentially you need to attach a pdf.

- 1. Go to Canva and create the fist image as a square
- 2. Then add a  $2^{nd}$  page and add your  $2^{nd}$  image
- 3. Repeat with as many images as you want.
- 4. Then when you are downloading it from Canva ensure you save as a pdf

## Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider posting longer articles

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#### Example

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Your LinkedIn articles can be seen by: Your connections: People who are connected to you on LinkedIn will see your articles in their feed.

**People who follow you:** If someone follows your company page or your personal profile, they will see your articles.

#### People who search for relevant topics:

LinkedIn's search algorithm can help your article reach a wider audience based on its content and keywords.

#### Click on Write article

Then add an image and your content. You can add images or embed videos into your article

### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider creating a Newsletter



Show all editions  $\rightarrow$ 

#### Example

Think of a LinkedIn Newsletter as similar to a regular (weekly / monthly) marketing email you might send out using Mailer Lite or Mailchimp.

When you create a topic for your Newsletter and a description, your connections will be promoted by LinkedIn to signup for your newsletter

A prompt to signup for your Newsletter will appear on your Profile and people can read your previous newsletters.

When you then go to write an article you can choose to have the article go out as a newsletter to everyone who subscribed to the newsletter.

This is a great way to share helpful and useful content that gets across your expertise and builds awareness of your business.

#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider creating a Newsletter

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#### How to create a Newsletter

- 1. Click write and article
- 2. Then choose if you want to create this as you or as your page
  - You will then be taken to the section where you can write and article. However, click on Manage an in the dropdown select Newsletter and then click Create a Newsletter

You can then give your newsletter a name, add a logo for it, write a description about what is in the newsletter.

#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider creating a Newsletter



#### How to create a Newsletter

When you then go to write an article, on the left-hand side there is a dropdown. Click this dropdown and you will see that you can either create an article on its own of you can create an article that will be part of the newsletter

## Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider creating an event (Physical or Live event)





You could promote an upcoming Live (online) event or a physical event

#### This could be

- Interviewing someone within your company or industry about an interesting topic
- Sharing an update about industry news / trends
- Sharing tips / advice on a topic

Note: People can search for and find events. Also, LinkedIn will recommend events to users. So it's a good way to get discovered.

## Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider creating an event

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#### How to create an event

- 1. In the create a post box click on the icon for Create Event
- Upload an image for your event you could design one in Canva that has the name of the event. (A 16:9 landscape image e.g. YouTube thumbnail)
- 3. Select Online
- 4. From the dropdown select "LinkedIn Live" or Physical event
- 5. Choose the time of the event

## Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider creating an event

Enter a start and end time Write a description – what is event about and how will people benefit
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You can then enter the names of people who will be speakers.

### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider creating an audio event





Join This Live Event



## What happens once you create the Audio event?

- It will go out as a post into the feeds of followers and they will be able to indicate that they want to attend. If they do, they will get a reminder just before the event
- You can invite people to the event and they can indicate that they want to attend

### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: About Going Live



However, you cannot broadcast live within LinkedIn. You have to use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party live streaming service

These are Restream, Socialive, StreamYard, Switcher Studio, Video or Zoom

E.g.

- 1. Go to restream and setup an account
- 2. Create a live event
- 3. Connect to your LinkedIn account
- 4. A post will then go out on LinkedIn about your upcoming live event
- 5. When it is time to go live login to your restream account and go Live.
- 6. It will then appear on LinkedIn and people on LinkedIn can view it.

## Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: About Going Live



If you want to go live using Zoom, here is LinkedIn's step by step instructions on how to do it

https://www.LinkedIn.com/help/LinkedIn/an swer/a523091

# Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: SEO: Get found on LinkedIn search



Keywords are the foundation of LinkedIn search. By strategically incorporating them into your profile and content, you can significantly boost your visibility.

**Profile Optimization:** Keywords in your headline, summary, experience, and skills sections make your profile more searchable for relevant terms.

Headline Enhancement: Include target keywords in your headline

**Summary Refinement:** Use keywords to describe your skills, experience, and career goals within your summary.

**Experience Section Optimization:** Incorporate keywords into your job titles, company names, and job descriptions.

**Skills Showcase:** List relevant skills to improve discoverability in skill-based searches.

#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: SEO: Get found on LinkedIn search



**Content Keywording: Add** keywords naturally into your LinkedIn posts, articles, and updates.

**Company Page Optimization:** Incorporate keywords into your company page's description and content.

#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: How Chat GPT or Google Gemini can assist



#### Use this prompt:

I am an estate agent in Kerry, Ireland and I want to grow my connections on LinkedIn. Act like a LinkedIn expert and brainstorm 20 topics I could post about and 10 topics I could write articles about

Brainstorm 10 options for a name for my LinkedIn Newsletter

Brainstorm 20 search terms I should try to get found for on LinkedIn and tell me where I should include those search terms in order to get found.

**Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: Consider Creating a company page for your Business** 



## Showcase your business to prospects through a company page

You can create a company page for your business. people who browse your company page can

- View an overview of your business
- See job vacancies
- Read about your products and services and watch a video about your products and services
- Read your recent updates
- Follow you

A company page is a useful way of providing an insight into your business

#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: How to create a company page



### What is a Showcase page?



#### Examples of showcase pages

https://www.LinkedIn.com/showcase/adobe-creative-cloud/ https://www.LinkedIn.com/showcase/appexchange/

#### LinkedIn Showcase Pages are

essentially sub-pages of your main company LinkedIn page. They allow you to focus on specific products, services, brands, or initiatives within your company. Think of them as micro-pages within your overall company profile.

#### **Benefits of Showcase Pages:**

**Targeted content:** Deliver specific content to specific audiences. **Increased engagement:** Build dedicated communities around particular products or services.

Improved analytics: Track performance of individual product lines or campaigns. Enhanced brand awareness: Highlight specific aspects of your company. For example: A car manufacturer might have Showcase Pages for different car models, while a tech company might have Showcase Pages for various software products.

## How to create a company page

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#### How to create a company page



## Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: How to post from your company page



To post from your page click on New Post

The process is then the same as creating a post using your Profile The Algorithm will then place this post into the feeds of some of your page followers
#### Increase awareness of your business, products, expertise: How to invite your connections to follow your page



The best way to grow your followers is to invite your 1<sup>st</sup> level connections to follow your Page

On the left menu of your page click on Invite to follow

You can then browse through your connections and tick the ones you wish to invite.

You can invite 250 per month

## A Marketing Framework For LinkedIn



™ Marketing Crowd

# How to use Linkedin for marketing

#### Generate Leads: Ensure that your profile is fully focused on promoting your 1-2 main products or services

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As covered in the optimise your profile section

- 1. Decide what are the 1-2 main products of services you want to generate leads for
- 2. The add a prominent link to one of them at the top of your profile
- 3. Add an image link for each in the featured section
- 4. Add an image and links for each in the current employment section of your profile

So, whenever people check out your profile having searched, viewed a post, article, newsletter, Live event, they will be prompted to check out your main services products. Generate Leads: Post occasional links to pages on your website about your products / services which go out to connections in their feeds



Most of the content you send out should be useful, interesting and helpful.

However, you should also post occasional updates about your products / services and ideally link back to your website

These could be image, video or Carousel posts.

#### Generate Leads: Post occasional links to lead magnets on your website



Do you use email for marketing? If so, have you created downloadable guides or in depth videos that people can access when they signup with their email?

If so, you should then share a link to these in a post. You could send this out ..

- 1. From your personal profile
- 2. From your business page
- 3. On any relevant groups

# Generate Leads: Post articles about topics that potential customers might be searching. Establish credibility and then link back to your site.



#### Ensuring WCAG Accessibility for Your Website: How Egg Design Can Help You Comply with New EU Laws

#### John Sheahan

Owner @ Egg Design / WordPress Web Design Specialist. | Elevating Brands with Top-Tier Websites and Support and... July 18, 2024

As we move into 2025, the European Union is taking significant steps to ensure that all websites are accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. The new EU Web Accessibility Directive, which mandates compliance with the Web

LinkedIn articles get found in search results. So use keywords in the headline and body text to get your article found.

These articles also get into the feeds of your followers.

Provide expert knowledge and advice. Then link back to your website to generate enquiries

https://www.LinkedIn.com/pulse/ensuri ng-wcag-accessibility-your-websitehow-egg-design-sheahan-zjfye/?trackingId=QOOoAdwBS1KrrStz M62Iew%3D%3D Generate Leads: Use LinkedIn groups to promote products / services by sharing links to your tips / tutorials / blog posts



Find relevant groups that businesses in your Geographic area would be in e.g.. Kerry Business Network

In these groups...

- 1. Post links to blog posts / tips on your website
- 2. Flag upcoming free events if appropriate
- 3. Answer relevant questions that businesses are asking

#### How to search for groups



#### **Features Of Groups**



#### **Features of groups**

- Groups exist for companies, sectors / industries, alumni, people
- You can search for groups & simply click "Request to Join Group"
- The Group manager will have to accept you
- You can then browse the directory of members & invite them to connect with you
- You can initiate and get involved
- You can post links to articles / blogs
- You can have the group logo on your profile

#### **Features Of Groups**



#### **Features of groups**

- Once you are a member you can then browse the directory of members
- You search through the members invite them to connect with you if not already a 1<sup>st</sup> level connection
- You can create a post e.g. post links to articles / blogs. This will then go into the newsfeed of Group members as well as being visible on the group.

#### How to see the list of groups you are a member of



## To find the list of groups you are a member of ...

- 1. Click on "My Network"
- 2. Select Groups
- 3. You'll now see the list of Groups



**[2**]





You can run an advertising campaign on LinkedIn

- Text adverts
- Pay per click you can control your budget
- Ability to target specific functions, title, sector, companies, members of specific groups

These ads are more expensive than Facebook or twitter ads but you are getting in front of (high level) decision makers

#### Min spend is €10 per day

Typical cost per click is between €4 and €8 so it is expensive.

### How to Advertise: Option 1 Boost a post from your Company page



To get started ...

Go to your Company page Click on Posts Find a post you want to turn into an Ad and then click Boost.

#### How to Advertise: Option 1 Boost a post from your Company page

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#### How to advertise: Option2 – use the ads tool



You will then be prompted to setup an Ad account.

By using the Ads tool you get more targeting options, you can choose different types of ads to run and you can create the Ads from scratch (not just Boosting a post)

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Once your ad account is setup, click on the name of your ad account to start a campaign Then click on Create and select Campaign Group.

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You now have to name your campaign group.

The structure of LinkedIn ads is 1) You have a campaign group e.g.. Summer campaigns 2) Within that you can have many campaigns e.g., June 20% sale , July Event, August 10% sale . Within each campaign you have ads

After you name the group, choose an objective e.g.. Website visits

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Then set a lifetime budget for your campaign group. Note – the min spend per day is €10

Also set a start and end date

Then click Create in the bottom right corner

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And then click Create and then select campaign (you want to create a new campaign within this campaign group)



Review your campaign group settings and then click Next

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Then you can target your ad starting with location. You can insert one or many countries or you can type in counties e.g.. Kerry, Cork, Limerick.

Note = on the right hand side it tells you how many people match your criteria

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To add more targeting criteria than just location, click on Narrow

You can now choose between Audiences or Audience attributes.

Audiences – these are advanced audiences e.g.. Upload an email list, add a retargeting pixel Audience attributes – these are LinkedIn criteria you choose from. Starting out use these

	Audiences Use your data to retarget website visitors or reach known contacts and accounts	Company Demographics Education
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Have joined particular groups

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I have chosen to target people in Ireland who work in companies from 1 – 50 employees and who have shown an interest in marketing



You now choose your ad format

Single image, video or carousel would be typical Message is if you want to send people a private message as an ad Choose one then scroll down



Then choose a daily budget for your campaign

It will then show you on the right hand and an estimate of how many clicks you might get and the estimated average cost per click.

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Set a start and end date for your campaign leave it set to maximum delivery

Then click Next and Save



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You can now create your ad by adding the text, destination url and the image. Here are the dimensions you can use

#### Single Image Ads

**Horizontal:** 640 x 360 pixels (minimum), 7680 x 4320 pixels (maximum) **Square:** 360 x 360 pixels (minimum), 4320 x 4320 pixels (maximum)

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## What is in the premium version of LinkedIn and do you need it?



After the free trial it is €45 a month or €34 if paid annually

## What is in the premium version of LinkedIn and do you need it?

## LINKEDIN Premium



There is premium for Job seekers, Recruiters and for Businesses.

What do businesses get in premiums?

- 1. More powerful and comprehensive search results that could help you find potential leads
- 2. Send Inmail messages to people who are outside your network
- 3. Ai tools to help you draft your posts
- 4. Al tools to help you improve your profile e.g.. Writing your headline and summary
- 5. See everyone who has viewed your profile (except people who have chosen to be anonymous)
- 6. Access all of LinkedIn Learning courses
- 7. Get a custom button for your website that can drive people to any page
- 8. A premium badge on your profile

## What is in the premium version of LinkedIn and do you need it?



#### Yes if ...

- If you work in Sales, then the expanded search results and the ability to email anyone is very useful. Also the ability to see who has viewed your profile
- If you want a custom button on your profile that also appears on your posts. It's very noticeable
- If you want to learn about a lot of different topics the unlimited access to courses is useful

#### But ...

If you know how to use Chat GPT you know how to use AI tools anyway

The badge is a nice add on only.

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## What kind of marketing tool is LinkedIn

# Linked in Marketing

Essentially, LinkedIn provides a unique blend of social interaction, lead generation, content marketing, and advertising capabilities, making it a powerful tool for businesses to connect with their target audience and achieve marketing goals.

**Social network:** Building and nurturing relationships with professionals in your industry.

**Lead generation platform:** Identifying and connecting with potential customers.

**Content distribution channel:** Sharing valuable content to position your business as an industry expert.

Employer branding tool: Attracting and retaining top talent.

Advertising platform: Reaching a targeted audience through paid advertising.

#### What kind of marketing tool is LinkedIn



#### It is not a hard selling tool.

- Most businesses are on LinkedIn in order to help further their business. But don't fall into the trap of being seen as a hard sell salesman. Therefore;
  - Don't build up a connections list and then start sending out direct messages about your products / services
  - Don't send out "thanks for connecting" messages which contain a sales message. It comes across as crass.
  - Don't go for the heavy sell.
- You can do occasional selling
## What kind of marketing tool is LinkedIn



But even though it isn't a "hard Selling environment you can definitely use LinkedIn to generate leads / enquiries

- It's a platform for building relationships, establishing credibility, and positioning your business as a solution provider.
- While you might not make a direct sale through a LinkedIn post, it's an excellent place to start a conversation, generate interest, and ultimately guide prospects towards a purchase.
- Essentially, LinkedIn is a key component of the sales funnel, helping you move leads from awareness to consideration and eventually to conversion.