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## Integrating Social Media into your Marketing Strategy



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OUR WORLD IS CHANGING...SHOULDN'T YOU?

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## About this programme

Over 500 million tweets are sent every day. If Facebook were a country, it would have the world's second largest population. There are more than 300 million LinkedIn users found in 200 countries and every continent. The online universes of content, social and search are being woven together so seamlessly that marketing is becoming an extension of our lives as we share, search, critique and produce content every second of every day. Social Media has transformed the terms of engagement, the way individuals and businesses communicate, and the pace and manner in which messages are spread. Cloud computing is enabling the constant supply of information-in-a-pocket. With most consumers having some sort of connection to the World Wide Web, via their computers, tablets, or smartphones, a social media strategy is no longer optional.

This programme is designed to open up this new window of opportunity. It provides a commercial view of social networks. It taps into existing and future technologies. It stirs an interest, a desire, an appetite, to integrate social media into your marketing strategy.

## How you will benefit

- Understand social media interaction with a business/commercial context
- Identify social media channels appropriate to your marketing intents in business operations
- Engage positively with a variety of feedback
- Understand the acceptable and ethical conversational modes of social media
- Understand the importance of contemporariness and topicality of content in social media
- Build effective client relationships utilising social media

## Key focus areas

- The role of social media in a commercial context
- Social media channels
- Social media relationships
- Strategies for applying social media channels and tying them into specific objectives
- Why you need to avoid the 'hard-sell' (how to approach the public)
- Strategies to maintain public interest in your social media stream

## Who should attend

- Anyone with an interest in, or responsibility for communication and marketing, who also wishes to understand the implications and implementation of digital technology in their business
- Anyone interested in developing an understanding of Social Media Marketing

## Duration

Two days

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## Facilitators include:



### Simon Grainger

Simon sees himself as a 'brand nerd.' He consults, lectures, writes and gives regular industry talks on his favourite thing in the world: branding. Simon believes that in a rapidly changing and saturated marketplace, you need a well-researched and crafted brand strategy to help your brand shine brightly. After completing his Master's in Media and

Communication at UKZN in 2010, Simon founded BrandBright Consultancy with an aim to advise businesses and individuals on how to build their greatest asset, their brand.



### Mike Maxwell

Mike is an academic, a journalist and a business-trained strategic manager. He is a former Dean and Head of the Department of Journalism and Public Relations at the Durban University of Technology, and has had over 30 years practical experience working in the media as an editor, sub-editor, photographer, writer and public relations practitioner.

He has travelled extensively and worked in the UK, Ireland, Australia, Italy and South Africa. Having completed an MBA with a marketing and media-oriented focus at Trinity College Dublin, the growth of social media has been a natural field of enquiry. As an academic with specific interests in media and communication he has followed the development and progress of social media and has observed its increasing significance as a channel for commercial information.



### Dave Duarte

Dave was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2014, and is a globally recognised expert in Social Media. A passionate educator, Dave developed the first Social Media and Mobile Marketing programmes for the University of Cape Town. He also founded the Ogilvy Digital Marketing Academy. Dave currently serves as a partner at

Treeshake; Trustee at Mxit Reach; VC at Endeavor, and board member of several high-growth tech start-ups. He does a popular weekly social media segment on South African radio station, GoodHopeFM, as part of the Ozone show that won best afternoon drive show at the 2014 MTN Radio Awards. As a social media practitioner, Dave won Best Business Blogger at the South African Blog Awards; and was named in the Annual's 100 Most Influential People in Media and Advertising. His expertise is social influence strategy for business - working with influencer groups to drive behavioural change, using technology.

## Entrance requirements

Matric and basic computer literacy

## Programme fee

The programme fee will be determined based on the requirements

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