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# DANCE FOR ABLITES Social Media Strategy

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D ance for Abilities, founded by the Hopkirk brothers, is a heartwarming initiative that brings together joy and inclusion through dance. Inspired by their sister Rosa, who has Down Syndrome, they envisioned a safe space where unique individuals could express themselves freely. Rosa's infectious energy on the dance floor fueled their mission. In dimly lit halls and sun-kissed courtyards, Dance for Abilities weaves magic—where every step becomes a celebration and every sway a victory. Their unique positioning lies in blending artistry with social impact, making every step on the dance floor a testament to resilience and unity.



# SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

# Social Media Audit

Currently, the organization has a limited and no very engaging social media presence with significant frequency gaps on the following platforms:



There is a gap between June and December with no interaction

0	Instagram
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Followers: 963 followers Average likes per publication: 36 Frequency: 3 to 4 posts per month promoting an event

There are significant gaps with no interaction in between events.

YouTube  $\odot$ 

Subscribers: 13 Average likes per publication: 1 or 2 Frequency: Once a year

# Competitors

In the realm of inclusive initiatives, three notable competitors stand out, each with a distinct focus on fostering inclusivity and well-being within their communities.

Access for All: Victorian government program that supports inclusive sports for unique people.

Move for Mindfulness: They provide several services to improve mental health.

Everybody dance now: Their slogan is "Disco for abilities" and has a similar proposal to Dance for Abilities.

# SWOT ANALYSIS

# Strengths

Engaged Community

Compelling Content

Collaborations

# Weaknesses Opportunities

Limited resources

Low engagement rates

**Content Quality** 

New Market Segments (e.g. parents of children with special abilities, schools, corporate sponsors) Leveraging Innovative Features (e.g. Reels, Stories, Lives) Emotional content (Vrtana & Krizanova, 2023)

# Threats

Algorithm Changes

Reputational Risks through negative comments or controversies

# GOALS and OBJECTIVES

# Goals



Increase awareness about Dance for Abilities on social media among potential participants, donors, and sponsors.

# Objectives

Increase the amount of followers on each social media platform by 10 % by the end of the year.



Increase the amount of likes and comments on each social media platform by 10 % by the end of the year.



Raise 5.000\$ through donations and sponsorships.

# The Big Idea

Participants are encouraged to share their favourite pictures from the dance event on social media. The best picture, determined through a vote by the social media audience, wins two tickets to a dance show or musical in the area.

photo contest

#showusyourmoves

Benefits of the #showusyourmoves photo contest:

Unparalleled opportunity to expand reach far beyond the existing audience (Ewuru, 2022)



Enhance engagement with the community (Ewuru, 2022)

Build deep connections with the audience by sharing individual stories and therefore appealing to their emotional side (Vrtana & Krizanova, 2023)

# TARGET AUDIENCE

Adults with diverse abilities interested in dance

Demographics:

Sponsors

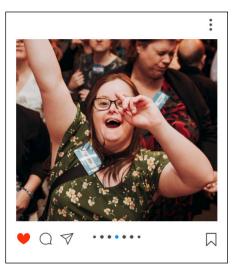
<u>Age:</u> 18+

Donors

Location: Sydney, Australia and Auckland, NZ

## Personas

Emily



Age: 28

Unique Ability: Down Syndrome\*

Interests: Music, dance, making new friends. Challenges: Finding activities that meet her needs, she does not particularly want to go to therapy, accessibility, and inclusivity in activities.

Goals:

Improve her physical fitness and social/emotional skills, gain confidence, independence and feel a sense of belonging.

\* about 13.000 - 15.000 individuals suffer from Down Syndrome in Australia (de Graaf et al., 2022, data from 2019)



#### Maria

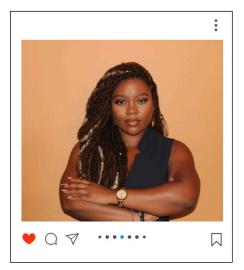
Age: 35

Characteristics: CSR Manager at TechForward company, MA in Business Administration

Interests: Using technology to create inclusive communities Challenges: Finding non-profit partnerships that align with TechForward's values.

Goals: Brand visibility, and to contribute to an inclusive community.

Motivation: Extend TechForward's impact by supporting programs that benefit the disabled community.



Age: 45

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Characteristics: Marketing Director

Interests: Art, Social inclusion, cultural events, community and charitable causes, social media. Goals: Find organizations that offer opportunities for engagement that aligns with her values of inclusivity and empowerment

Motivation: Inclusivity, empower individuals with diverse abilities, make social impact, be a part of a communit

### Benefits of dance for people with unique abilites:

- Physical benefits: for example cardiovascular fitness and bone health (May et al., 2021)
- Cognitive benefits such as attention and concentration (May et al., 2021)
- Psychological benefits: better control over impulsivity, tolerance for frustration, increased self-confidence, helps to identify emotions and reduce anxiety (Barnet-Lopez et al. 2016)
- Individuals can feel that they are a part of a community, they are included and capable of doing the same activities as people that are non-disabled. Recreational dance programs can be as effective as therapy, while being less costly (May, et al., 2021)
- This can be a great opportunity for individuals like Emily that seek a non-judgmental and open community.

# The motivation of sponsors/donors:

- Donors and sponsors can be motivated by altruistic\* and self-serving reasons (Bekkers & Wiepking, 2011).
   \*Altruism is the desire to help others without expecting anything in return
- Sponsors can also seek mutual benefits, including increased brand visibility and positive public relations (Polonsky & Speed, 2001).
- For donors, there is psychological reward of feeling good about helping others, often reffered to as the "Warm Glow" effect (Andreoni, 1990).
- Consequently, to gain sponsors and donors, it is essential to appeal on the one hand to the positive impact they can have by helping, and on the other hand highlight the benefits, such as positive image and therefore brand loyalty, that they are going to get in return

# TIMELINE

The strategy is divided into 4 Steps:

PRE CONTEST	CONTEST	VOTING	WINNER
First announcement two months before the event. Content that will be posted:	This phase will take place the week after the event. Participants have one week to post their photos & enter the contest.	People vote through Instagram for their favorite pictures. Announcement of the winner on a Monday, two weeks after the event	Content is posted about the winner and a guest going to a musical or concert.
Announcements Reminders Inspiration/LOOKBook	the contest.		

# CHANNELS



This is the platform with the most presence and following.

Announce upcoming Dance For Abilities events and photo contests.

Share snippets of past events to create excitement.



Announce the event and photo contest.

Encourage submissions with reminders about the deadline.

Share participant entries throughout the week with the designated contest hashtag.



Teaser video about the event and contest.

Short clips of past events (snippets can be repurposed for Facebook/ Instagram/TikTok).

Presence on this platform is recommended, as it is the second most used in Australia (Wearesocial, 2024).



Short, engaging videos showcasing past events or participants having fun.

Users in Australia spend an average time of 42 hours per month on this platform (Wearesocial, 2024).

WebPage
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The WebPage serves as the main information hub, connecting all Social Media Channels.

Participants can register for events here.

### Content Mockups

#### Announcement

#### Winner Announcement



Reminder

### Participant Post Example



Correct use of the hashtag

#### DYLAN ALCOTT/Potential Collaboration

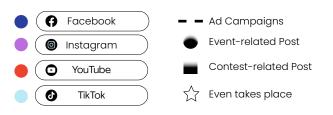


Former Australian wheelchair tennis player, motivational speaker, and advocate for individuals with disabilities

Dylan has a strong presence in advocating for inclusivity and align perfectly with the organization's mission.

81% of consumers make decisions based on influencers' recommendations (matter, 2023).

# CONTENT CALENDAR



Example of a Monthly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						Reminder
		•		•		Reminder LookBOOK
				Contest Announce		
Contest Reminder #1		Recap		Contest Reminder #2		Contest Reminder #3
Reposts		Contest Reminder #4				Contest Reminder #5

# BUDGET BREAKDOWN



<u>Musical/Concert Tickets</u> \$500 (\$250 per ticket)

Transportation \$150

Facebook Ads \$250

<u>Instagram Ads</u> \$350

Contingency \$200

## Facebook & Instagram Ads

Benefits of Facebook Ads:

Facebook Ad Reach vs. Total Internet Users: 66 % (wearesocial, 2024).

Leading social media platform in Australia (wearesocial, 2024).

Benefits of Instagram Ads:

Instagram Ad Reach vs. Total Internet Users: 55 % (wearesocial, 2024).

Its total potential ad reach shows the biggest growth among the top social apps, increasing by almost 20% in the past year (wearesocial, 2024).

Facebook and Instagram are the channels with the biggest ROI out of all common platforms (Hubspot, 2024).

# **MONITORING & EVALUATION**

This table provided by Hootsuite will allow to track the progress through the different platforms. It has been adapted to fit the social media strategy. This tool can be used every time an event takes place, which allows for comparison and analysis of which areas are performing well and which others present areas of opportunity so that adjustments can be made. Internal analytics from the channels will also be relied on in order to fill in the necessary inormation.

	Event:	Event:					
CHANNELS	FOLLOWERS GAIN/LOSS	#POSTS	#ENGAGEMENT (likes, comments, shares)	MENTIONS	REACH	CONTEST ENTRIES	
FACEBOOK	500-1000	1000 - 2000	1000 - 2000	100 - 500	200		
INSTAGRAM	500-1000	1000 - 2000	1000 - 2000	100 - 500	200	100	
TikTok	500-1000	1000 - 2000	1000 - 2000	100 - 500	200		
YouTube	500-1000	1000 - 2000	1000 - 2000	100 - 500	200		
						(Newberry, 202	

# SUMMARY

This social media strategy with the #showusyourmoves photo contest as its centerpiece will boost Dance for Abilities' visibility by tapping into the networks of its community. Simultaniously, engagement will be increased, as well, as interactions with posts are required for the voting of the winner, who will receive two tickets to a musical or show, which will create further engaging social media content. Lastly, a connection with potential sponsors and donors will be created by appealing to their emotional side with inspirational stories of individuals of all abilities, and leveraging the advantages of different channels to get these messages across.

Together, we're breaking barriers, igniting imaginations, and inspiring change.

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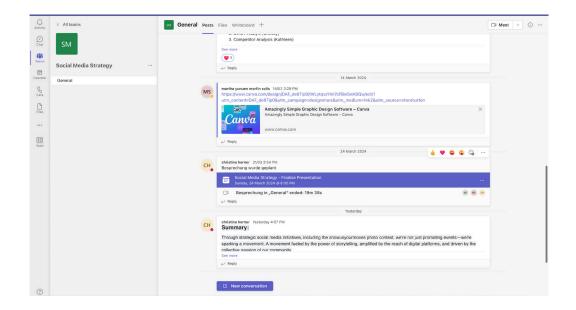
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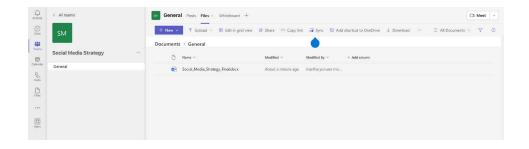
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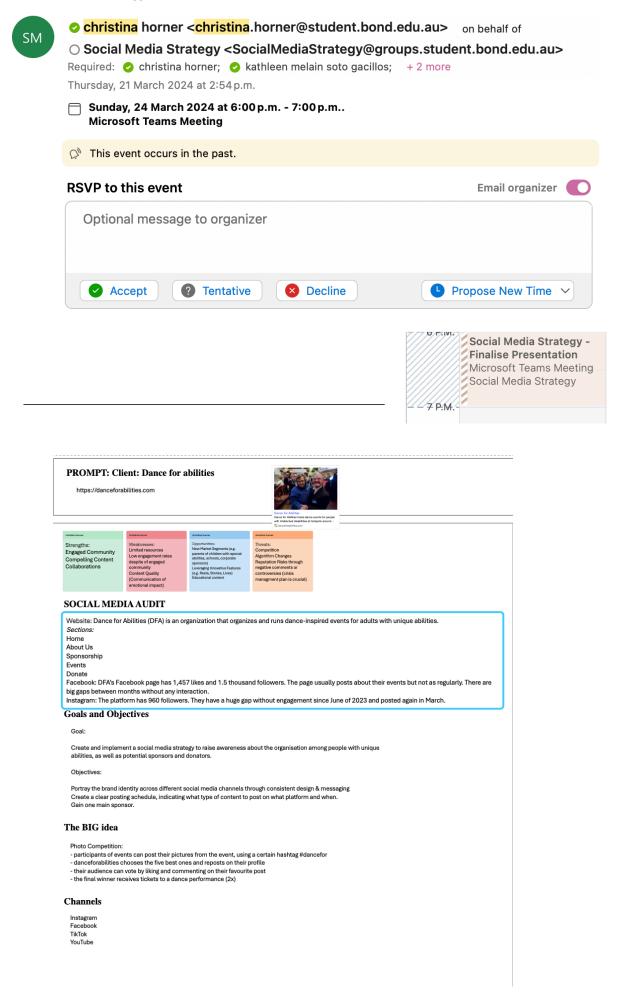
Appendix Usage of Microsoft Teams to coordinate group work

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#### **Social Media Strategy - Finalise Presentation**



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