





Power users are customers that already love your product



They will happily endorse something they truly believe in

Always go to them first





**Influencers With Similar** Values As Your Brand

# 42%



of influencers will accept paid endorsements even if they're not a great fit with the brand

Paid endorsements without brandalignment loses audience trust: audiences can easily tell if a paid endorsement is 'staged'





Authenticity remains the single greatest factor when it comes to influencer marketing success

Pick influencers who's micro-audience is the same as your niche (ask to review demographics/region /age/gender)





Before reaching out, use BuzzSumo to find influencers' most recent content. Then engage, learn more about them through their content, and even consider sharing their work. Influencers are much more likely to be receptive to an email from someone who's taken the time to get to know them.

## **Present a Win-Win** ----- Scenario



Explain to them how you could help them grow their brand too: features in your newsletters, inviting them to contribute in your round-up posts, or promoting their posts across your social too

**BUILD LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIPS** 



### **Direct Communications** With The Influencer

As opposed to delegating communication to an agency like short-term transactional endorsements, long term partnerships allow for direct communication between the influencer and organization head

# cro-Influencers

Micro-influencers have a 60% higher engagement rate than macro-influencers





Micro-influencers drive **22x** more weekly conversions than macro-influencers

Campaigns from micro influencers are 6.7% more efficient per engagement than macro influencers





Micro-influencers are more cost effective than macro influencers

Micro-influencers have a higher trust rate from their customers than macro influencers







of influencers are motivated to work harder for brands they align with

**ENGAGE IN THE RIGHT WAY** 

**Join Industry Groups** On Social -----



Join groups where your ideal influencers hang out on social, and take some time to engage with posts/leave comments. Then, reach out to your hand-picked influencers and let them know you're also part of X group. Finding areas of commonality largely increases response rate.





Make it clear that you're interested in forming a long-term relationship instead of quick-win paid campaigns



# **Higher Brand Loyalty**

Influencers that engage in long-term contracts typically do so because of brand alignment and stability in income. They want to foster and grow these relationships, and thus invest their attention in a few brands they love (instead of high volume, one off paid promotions)



# **Higher ROI in the long term** due to repeat exposure

Influencers who promote the same product to a very niche audience repetitively are able to engage more of their followers over time and help even increase the LTV (Lifetime Value) of customers who purchase



#### Include influencers in the planning of marketing strategies

Influencers feel a strong sense of community and importance when their opinions are considered as part of the macro-marketing plan by the brands they work with



#### **Yearly Trips**

Meaningful experiences always trump tangible items. And there's nothing like an in-person gathering with influencers and brands to build a strong sense of community and culture. These trips are also a great opportunity to shoot exceptional content as a group



**MEASURE RETURN ON INVESTMENT** 



More than <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of influencer marketers use social post engagement as their main approach to tracking campaign performance



Engagement and clicks are KPI's for Influencer Campaigns



#### Allow Creative Freedom

As part of your company culture and influencer marketing plan, consider prioritizing creative freedom for influencers. Influencers must have the autonomy to create content according to their brand. Without creative freedom, content is more likely to come across as inauthentic



Taking the time to send influencers special gifts either randomly or on special occasions will help them feel valued and important



Influencer marketers consider their leading challenges to be measuring campaign performance and influencer ROI

# FOR SALES PERFORMANCE

# **Use UTM Tags**

UTM tags are a snippet of text you can attach to the end of a URL in order to track a source. UTM tags can be used in google analytics to display a wide range of data





#### Give Personalized **Discount Codes**

This can tell you exactly which influencer any sales are coming from

# FOR BRAND AWARENESS/EXPOSURE



### **Measure Engagement Rate**

Engagement Rate = Total Engagement/Total Followers x100%



**New Followers** 

On the brands' social channel

#### Measure Qualified Leads

By measuring the number of leads that come in, and the percentage of leads that end up converting into a given offer

If done right, influencer marketing provides exponential returns on investment in both short and long term strategy. Learning how to recruit the right influencers for your brand, and then garnering long term relationships are imperative in the success of this strategy

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