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# SHINE AND RISE MASTERMIND BLOGGING

INSPIRE MOTIVATE GENERATE

**TOPIC** 

BLOGGING

#### WHY BLOG?

- HubSpot survey found that 60% of businesses who blog acquire more customers
- Think about all of the launches you have coming up for the rest of the year and start planning in that content now so that you are ready!
- It's excellent for SEO and getting your website to page number 1
- Blogging is all about your customers and not about you! Don't just do boring blog posts just selling your services. Map it out through a content plan

#### WHY BLOG?

- They need to add value and solve your customer's problems and offer solutions
- Once you have blogged that content is evergreen so it's there to be found for years to come! Especially if you optimise it correctly, it will then come up in search results
- It helps you build a relationship with your audience even before they have even reached out to you
- If you aren't good at writing

#### HOW BLOGGING HAS WORKED FOR ME

- Enabled me to get onto Page 1 of Google for my key words
- Built authority and credibility
- Thousands of unique visitors to my blog each month
- Clients when I launched the wedding planning business
- ❖ I blogged for 14 months 3 times a week without selling anything. I built up a audience
- I wrote about topics that no one was writing about https://desibridedreamsplanning.co.uk/blog/

#### HOW TO KNOW WHAT TO WRITE?

- So for my wedding planning business Sept March is all about the value led posts etc and it's dominated by planning. Refer back to content slides for content ideas.
- What blog posts would grab the most attention? What are your audience dying to know?
- How can you generate a desire for your product/service?
- Use the AIDA model to create really great blog posts that connect with your ideal clients and demonstrate you know your industry
- Can you educate them on something new which leads to your product or service? For example for me this would be the value of mentoring
- I would then plot this out in 90 day chunks

## **BLOG POST TOPICS THAT WORK WELL**

How to have XXXX

Best of XXXX

Reviews of XXXX

Problems of a particular industry etc

Breakdowns of specific topics

Raw honest blog posts

Real life case studies

#### **BLOG POST TOPICS THAT WORK WELL**

Ultimate Guide post

Opinion on something that is in your industry

Event you attended

Influencer post

FAQ's

Objection Handling and Breakdown of value

Showcase your best work

#### **BLOG POST TOPICS THAT WORK WELL**

Review of your year

Trends/Prediction post

Explore a controversial subject

Show them the benefits if they book you

Your back story

Showcase current clients and testimonials

#### MY BLOG EXAMPLES

- 10 things they don't tell you about Asian wedding planning https://desibridedreamsplanning.co.uk/asian-wedding-plannerlondon-2/
- 7 Ways to get over the post wedding blues https://desibridedreamsplanning.co.uk/7-ways-to-get-over-thepost-wedding-blues/
- How to successfully plan your interfaith wedding https://desibridedreamsplanning.co.uk/top-tips-successfully-planfusion-wedding/
- Raj and Amrita's real wedding https://desibridedreamsplanning.co.uk/amrita-and-rajsenchanted-forest-themed-wedding-luxury-asian-weddingplanner/

#### PLATFORMS TO USE AND BEST PRACTICE

- Your blog NEEDS to be on your website and integrated within it
- I find that WordPress is the best platform to use due to its SEO benefits and usability.
- Your blog posts should be 500 words minimum
- They should have a call to action at the end
- You should blog a minimum of three times per month.
- Use high quality images in your blog posts which are optimised and the same size. You can purchase through creative market, Etsy <a href="https://www.instagram.com/hautestockco/">https://www.instagram.com/hautestockco/</a>
- Optimise your copy through Yoast. If you can use popular search queries as your title then you are onto a winner!

#### **EXAMPLES OF HEADLINES**

10 Natural Makeup Brands You Should Know For Spring 2018

10 South Asian Beauty Secrets To Add to Your Routine

7 Ways To Make Mindfulness Part Of Your Day

Is Mindfulness All It's Cracked Up To Be?

# **STRUCTURE**

Headline – 10 to 15 words

Introduction – 50 – 100 words

Point 1 - 100 words

Point 2 – 100 words

Point 3 – 100 words

Point 4 – 100 words

Point 5 – 100 words

**Call To Action** 

#### GREAT BLOGS TO LOOK AT BUT RESEARCH YOUR OWN NICHE

- Huffington Post
- Thrive Global
- Guardian Business Blog
- Forbes
- Love My Dress
- Rock My Wedding

#### HOW DOES GOOGLE KNOW THE QUALITY OF YOUR CONTENT?

Topic of the post

-include key

words in
headline

Number of shares on social media

Number of words on the page – 500

Number of backlinks

Time spent on site

Bounce rate

#### MAKE SURE YOUR BLOG POSTS ARE OPTIMISED

- Do your keyword research first from SEO training so you know which keywords you will be targeting with that blog post
- Ensure you have downloaded the Yoast Plugin to optimise. A full tutorial can be found here - https://yoast.com/beginners-guide-yoast-seo/
- Your title should include your main keyword. Don't make it overly long
- You blog post URL should have your keyword. This can be done through Yoast. The actual blog post image should be pretty and eye catching.
- ❖ Ensure your images are optimised through Yoast. The file size can also impact rankings so you don't want them to be too large. Doesn't need to be bigger than 750 pixels. Use <a href="Picresize">Picresize</a> to reduce the size of your images</a>
- Link to other external trusted websites which will amplify your blog post. Use internal links

## **GRAPHIC EXAMPLES**







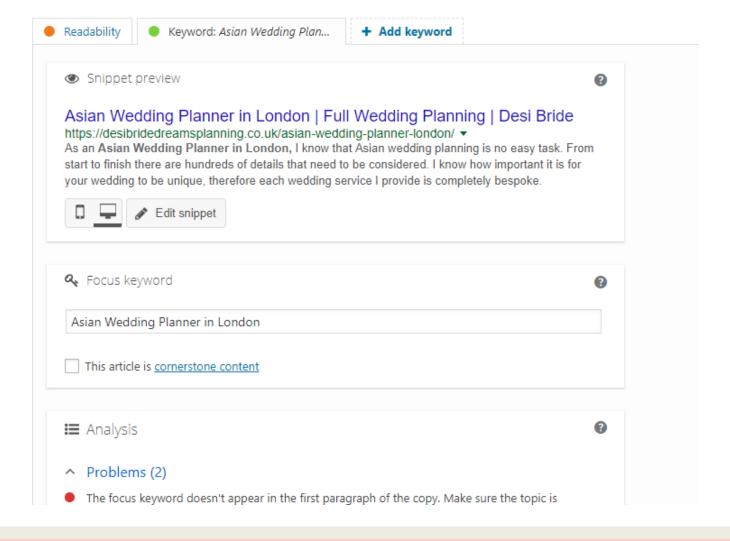
#### **GUEST BLOGGING**

- Guest blogging can be a great way to get links to your site and improve your SEO
- Look on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook to see who is accepting guest blog posts. You can also read submission guidelines on blogs
- Create a spreadsheet and start researching. Don't just email you need to build a relationship with them
- Look for a smaller blogs first then you can target larger ones! Consider sponsored blog posts. Look at their submission guidelines
- You can do collaborations so that you can share your content with another audience. I am currently doing one for Hedsor

#### MAXIMISING REACH

- Ensure you always post onto all social media channels. Facebook, Insta and Insta Stories. Ensure you use pretty graphics to promote it
- Share on LinkedIn
- Email your list
- Pin to group boards
- Pitch to sites such as <a href="http://www.blogengage.com/">http://www.blogengage.com/</a> or <a href="http://www.blogengage.com/">Medium.com</a>
- Google Plus account
- If you have mentioned influencers or attended an event outreach to them and tag them. Ask then to share as well
- Repurpose your content so share it monthly with different headlines in the actual social media post. I use the same blog posts for years and years

#### YOAST PLUGIN EXAMPLE



## **ACTION STEPS**

- Decide which platform you will blog through and ensure it's on your site
- Map out your blog content ideas for the next 90 days. Get creative with a post it note and take some time to get creative! Once you have your topics narrow them down for each month. Ensure you are looking at your launches and buying cycles. Add to Asana
- Ensure the blog posts are in line with your SEO key words and Yoast is installed if you have Wordpress
- Write your blog posts in line with the AIDA model as per the sales training
- Publish the blog posts onto all relevant channels and ensure you are maximising reach by following the steps