

# Agenda for today's session

### How much should your firm spend

**Activities for yearly marketing budget of up to £5K** 

Activities for yearly marketing budget of £5K - £10K

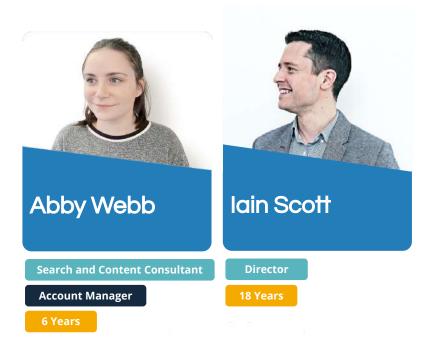
Activities for yearly marketing budget of £10K - £20K

Q&A

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# Who we are



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# **Base Creative**

# 18 Years

Established in 2003, we have a wealth of digital experience.

# 190 Launches

We've created and launched over 190 websites.

#### Notable companies we've worked with







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# ICPA x Base Creative survey Results recap

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#### **Knowing More**

#### **Key stats**

- Growing local awareness was the most popular answer (40% of respondents)
- Social media (38% total) came second - primarily LinkedIn (29%) and Facebook (21%)
- Content writing (36%) and email marketing (32%) followed

#### What would ICPA firms like to know more about?



Growing local awareness

Improving social media

Writing high quality content

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#### **Knowing More**

#### Key stats

 The mean average marketing budget between those that financially invested in marketing was £3,889 a year

#### What is the yearly marketing budget for ICPA members?



Spend less than £5,000

Spend £5,000 - £10,000

Spend £10,000 - £25,000

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All ICPA x Base Creative Survey results



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# Up to £5,000 budget

**Google My Business** 

**Organic social media** 



# Google My Business

- 46% of all searches are for local information
- 1031% increase on searches for "accountants near me" since 2016
- Visit google.com/business and set up your free profile
- Fill out all the required fields for the best chances of appearing in Google
- Create weekly posts and offers
- Request reviews from clients regularly
- Cost: free





Read our Google My Business guide

# Organic social media

#### Focus your efforts on LinkedIn:

- 40% of users visit LinkedIn daily
- o 29 million users in the UK

#### • What you can do:

- Post on your Business page
- Join and interact in Groups
- Optimise your profile for networking

#### • Costs to consider (per month):

- Outsourcing social content (£100-£200)
- Social media scheduling tool (£20-£100)
- Stock imagery / creative assets (£10-£100)







Read our LinkedIn profile guide



### Recommended tools

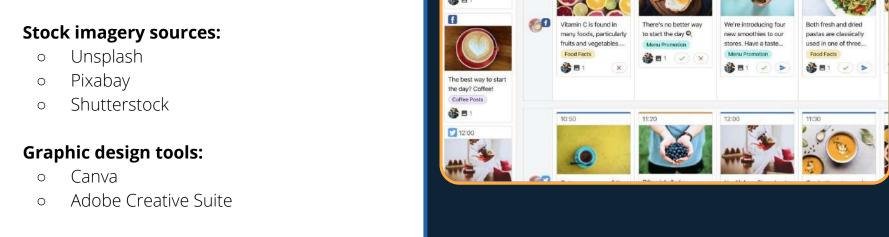


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#### Social media schedulers:

- Hootsuite 0
- Buffer
- CoSchedule
- ContentCal 0



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Menu Promotion

Mon 23

Smoothie Week

Company Anniversary week 36

Tue 24

Wed 25

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# £5,000 - £10,000 budget

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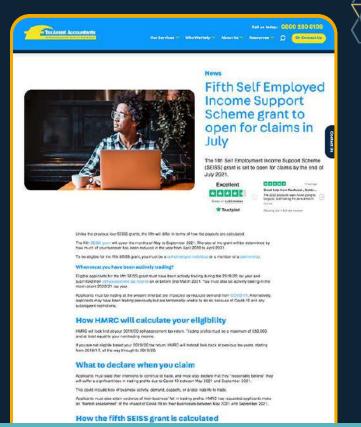
Content marketing



# **Content marketing**

- Create content that answers your clients' problems and helps with SEO keywords
  - Ask clients or use tools online
- Add contact information and make the author's qualifications clear for <u>YMYL</u>
- Fact check before publishing
- Review and update old content
- Costs to consider per month:
  - Outsourced content writer (£200-£400)
  - Keyword research tool (£100)
  - Question tool (£100)





### How to find your clients' problems

July, with the online claims platform set to open from the end of next m

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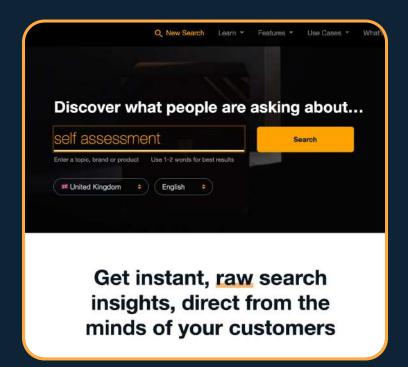


#### • Keyword research tools:

- Google Keyword Planner (free)
- Semrush
- Moz
- Ahrefs

#### Question research tools:

- Google Suggest (free)
- Google Trends
- Answer The Public







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# £10,000 - £20,000 budget

**Google My Business** 

**Organic social media** 

**Content marketing** 

**Email marketing** 

**Local Google Ads campaign** 



# **Email marketing**

#### Why is email marketing important?

- 42x ROI on email email marketing
- Great for client retention.
- Drive traffic to your website

#### What should you send?

- Reminders e.g. key dates
- Upcoming events
- Resources (from content marketing)
- Segment by business type
- Automated emails

#### Costs to consider per month:

- Email marketing tool (start at £15)
- Stock imagery / creative assets









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#### Small business

- . Invoice cheat sheet: What you need to include on your invoices
- · How to write a business plan

Know someone who would find this useful?

#### **Email lead magnet ideas**

### Recommended tools

#### Email marketing platforms:

- Mailchimp
- HubSpot
- Campaign Monitor

#### Stock imagery sources:

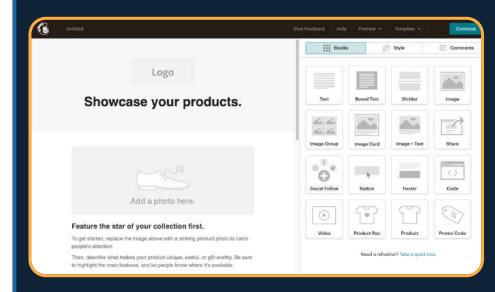
- Unsplash
- Pixabay
- Shutterstock

#### • Graphic design tools:

- o Canva
- Adobe Creative Suite







# Local Google Ads campaign

#### Average finance industry metrics:

- £2.71 cost per click
- 4.17% conversion rate

#### Getting started:

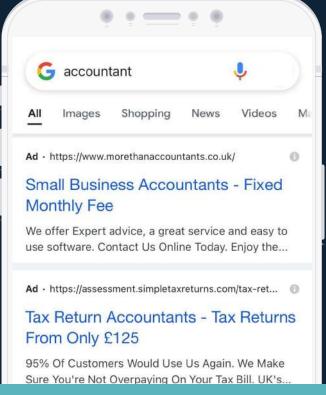
- Choose relevant keywords
- Write high-performing ads
- Lead searchers to your landing page
- Make it easy for leads to get in touch

#### Costs to consider per month:

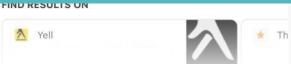
- Advertising budget (£600-£1000)
- Outsourced PPC campaign manager (£1000)
- Landing page creation
- Keyword research tool (£100)







#### **Common PPC mistakes to avoid**



# Upcoming webinar & training sessions



# Improving local awareness in Google

For smaller firms, local awareness is key. With 40% of ICPA firms interested in **growing local awareness**, this session will focus on how you can use **Google's business tools** to improve your discoverability in the **local area**.

**Watch replay** 



# Effective marketing for small to large budgets

This session will look at which digital marketing activities ICPA firms should prioritise based on their **yearly marketing budgets**. We'll explore what firms can do with £5K, £5-£10K, £10-15K and £15-20K budgets.

**Watch replay** 



# How to cut time spent on marketing in half

38% of respondents said time was a barrier to their marketing activity, so in this session, we'll share easy **time-saving strategies** that all ICPA firms can introduce, like **automation** and **content repurposing.** 

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# Thank You

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