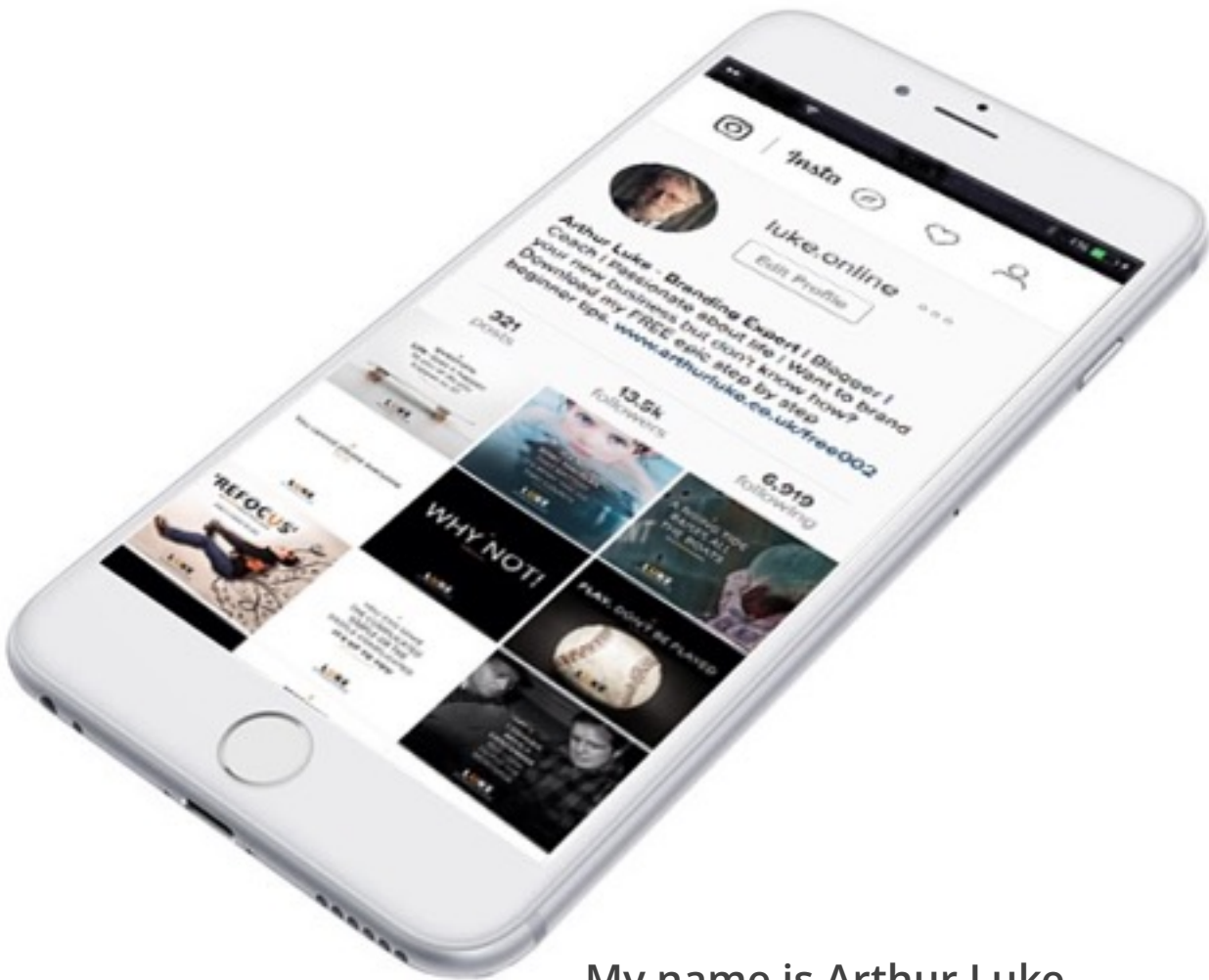


A close-up photograph of a woman's upper body and arms. She has several tattoos: a large, colorful sunburst design on her right shoulder, and a detailed floral design on her left forearm featuring a red rose and purple peonies. She is wearing a grey, textured sweater and has two rings on her fingers. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

HOW TO BRAND 'YOU' ON INSTAGRAM

*Epic **starter** tips

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Visual storytelling



With over 400 million active users Instagram is, without doubt, a powerful visual storytelling, brand-building platform.

Use it correctly and you can access a highly-targeted and engaged audience, eager to help you spread your brand story.

Instagram is all about visual storytelling and, as such, is perfect for building and spreading your brand story.

Where to start

Building your brand on Instagram IS NOT about chasing the numbers.

Building a brand on Instagram is about spreading your brand story in such a way as to nurture a loyal (and yes - growing) brand following.

First of all, whether you're building a personal brand or a business brand, whether you're an absolute beginner or you've been Instagramming for years - the most important thing to remember is:

'Your audience is NOT everyone'.



Some quick stats



- ★ Recent surveys have suggested that Instagram delivers 58x more engagement than Facebook and (hard to ignore) 120x more engagement per follower than Twitter.
- ★ *80% of Instagram users are outside the US.
- ★ *Over 60% of users log in daily, making it the second most engaged network after Facebook.
- ★ *30% of internet users are now on Instagram.

**According to Brandwatch*



For me the priority is not 'how many followers I have', it's about attracting followers who are interested in what I have to say.

Followers who I believe can benefit from my knowledge and my experience.

Chasing followers just for the sake of the 'numbers' is nothing more than an ego massage.

The goal is to build 'your' brand, increase exposure and credibility and eventually turning those loyal followers into customers.

Here are 5 powerful ways to start building your brand on Instagram - right now!

1 Know your audience

If you don't know your audience how can you expect to connect, inform, inspire and sell to them?

*90 percent of Instagram users are younger than 35.

*53% of 18-29 year old Internet users have an Instagram account.

32% of US teens list Instagram as their most important social network; more than any other social network.

- Do your research. Who is your real core audience?
- Are they on Instagram?
- What inspires them?
- Who are they following?

The most successful Instagram accounts know exactly who their audience is; they know where to find them and they focus on producing amazing content that resonates with them.



Pro tip: Define your niche and stick to it.

For example: if you want to appeal to fitness enthusiasts decide what type of sports they do, as well as what age and gender they are.

Research which hashtags people with those interests follow. Find out who the main influencers in that niche are and look at what they are doing right, as well as who is following them.

2 Develop your brand style

Build a consistent and recognisable brand style for your Instagram page. This does not mean all your posts should look the same - that would be boring and as social media consumers we get bored very quickly.

Who in their right mind would want to look at a never ending stream of business quotes on your page - done in the same colour, on the same background, produced in the same way, using tired old quotes we've all heard a million times before?

Crazy - right?

This is exactly what lots of Instagram business pages look like.





If you find your posts dull and uninspiring so will everyone else. So; be creative, be imaginative and put some real thought into what you are producing.

Pro tip: Always add your logo and Instagram name to every post you do. The priority as I have already said is to increase exposure for your brand.

*Create two versions: one for use on light images and one for use on dark images.

Example:

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INSTAGRAM | @LUKE.ONLINE

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3 Inspire, don't sell

Everywhere we turn someone is trying to sell us something. Few are trying to inspire us.

Brands that inspire us don't need to sell to us. We willingly follow.

Don't simply do what everyone else does. Instagram is full of mediocre accounts re-posting other peoples quotes. People don't follow the followers, so make sure your content is different, unique, interesting and worth sharing by others.

Example:



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Use the right #hashtags

Hashtags are the basic search engine of Instagram. It's how you reach your audience and how they find you. It's how you tune into what is trending in your niche.

Hashtags and which ones you use are a critical ingredient in building your Instagram brand, so research them first and select them carefully.

Instagram allows up to 30 hashtags per post and in the beginning I would suggest using your full quota on each post.

Example: one of my hashtag sets looks like this:

#successtips #motivation #inspiringquotes #followyourdreams
#workfromhomemoms #changeyourlifestyle
#learnfromthebest #mentors #youngentrepreneurs
#branding101 #youngentrepreneur #wannahelpigd13
#wannahelpigd14 #loving #lukeonline #entrepreneurquotes
#mentoring #followyourdream #personalgrowth #solopreneur
#worklifebalance #startuplife #smallbusinesses
#successmindset #businesswomen #makesbrandsense

They consist of a mixture of popular (and not so popular) hashtags targeted at my particular niche.

Pro tip: Paste your hashtag list into a comment rather than adding them to the end of your post caption. Include your hashtag for your own brand to your list. Mine is: *#lukeonline*

Useful tools: There are plenty of online tools (*free and premium*) to help you put together the right hashtags for your niche, such as: Websta, Iconosquare, tagsforlikes and Tagfire.

5 Think visually, create quality

Instagram is a visual platform. The only way to stand out from the crowd is to produce consistent, high quality, inspiring content.

There is so much mediocre, regurgitated content on Instagram that it really does not take a lot of effort to rise above it, but creating truly inspiring content takes time and effort.

Remember people only spend a couple of minutes at most scrolling through Instagram, so your content must capture their attention.

For me a great post consists of two things: beautiful imagery and/or text, together with a thought provoking caption.





Pro tip: Choose images or write text that create emotion. Avoid just repeating the same old stuff as everyone else and, finally, believe in what you're posting.

I hope you found this Ebook useful. I have intentionally avoided going into any great depth as, at this stage, you have enough to be getting on with.

What now?

If you want to build a powerful brand this is just the beginning of your journey. The best is yet to come!

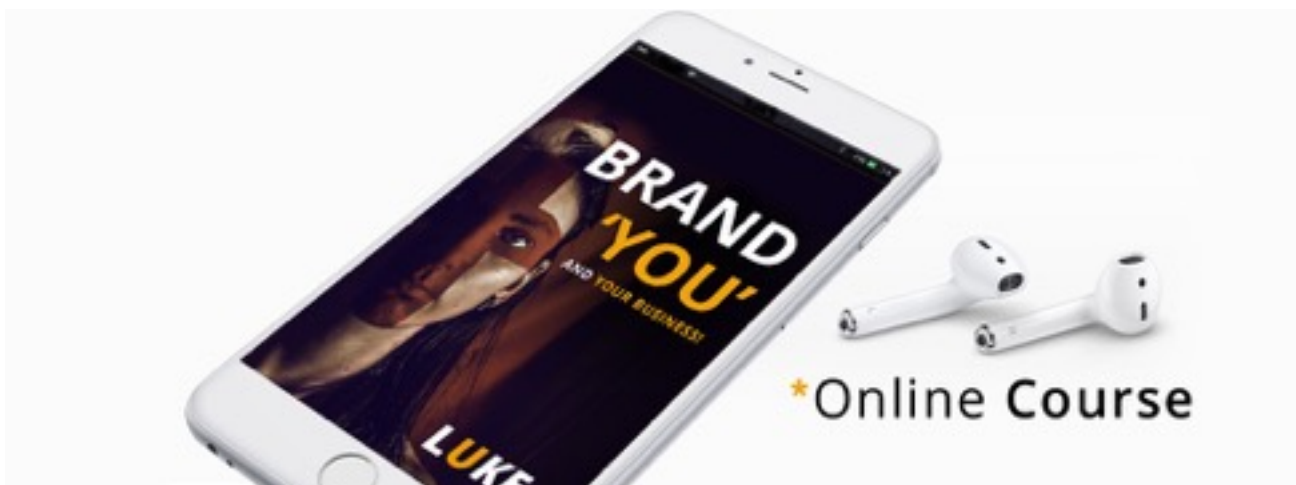
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