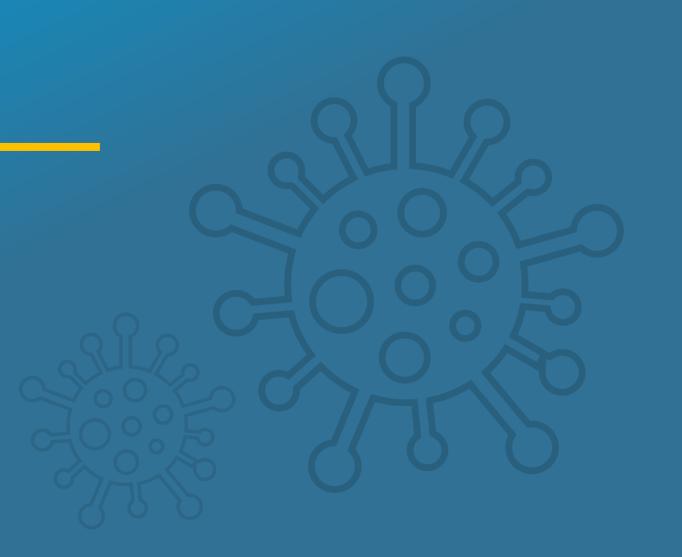


DESTINATION MARKETING

# **Destination Marketing**









### **Effective collaboration**





# Topics we will cover

- Building Strong & Effective Destination Collaborations
- Online Sales & Marketing Tactics
- Offline Sales & Marketing Tactics
- Measurement, Evaluation & Review



## Features of strong & effective networks





# **Strong & effective**



The extent to which the network achieves its goals.



**STRENGTH** 

How well the group functions, how easily it can carry out its plans, how likely it is to endure.



# **Strong & effective**

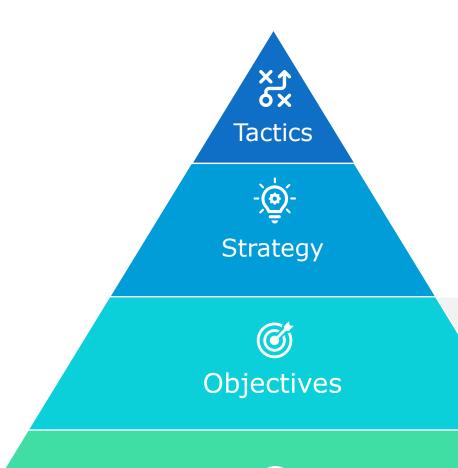


The extent to which the network achieves its goals.

"Start with the end in mind"

- Steven Covey







- Bookings Leads: Conversions
- Leads to Member Sites
- Awareness of the Destination
- Perception of the Experience



### Clear goals: get everyone on the same page

#### **GROUP GOALS & MILESTONES**

Define and assign what it is needs to be done to achieve the overall objectives.

**GOAL 1** 

Number	Action Required	Who will do it?	By When?	How will we know it's done?



### **Challenges**

- Poor Leadership
- Unclear Objectives
- Uneven Input & Contribution
- Measuring Benefits & Returns
- Member Expectations
- Personalities & Relationships
- Funding
- Volunteer Effort
- Bookability

### **Key enablers**

- Strong & Empowered Leadership
- Shared Vision & Purpose that is repeated often
- Clear Goals
- Funding & Money Management
- Member & Stakeholder Engagement



# Funding & money management





# Securing engagement



- Keep it clear, simple and concise
- Collective focus on the customer profile the destination is speaking to
- 3 things that every member should do and why they should do it
- Ask for contribution
- Update regularly



# **Making it last**

#### **BOOKABILITY**

- Run it like a business
- Create products and services that others can buy, fund or invest in







# Online Sales & Marketing Tactics

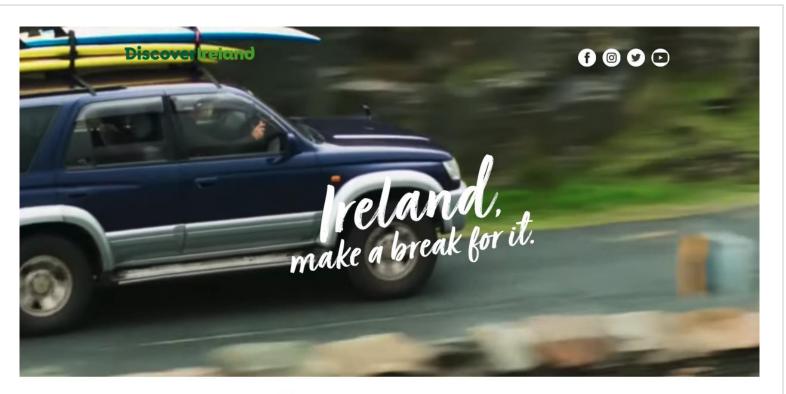


### DiscoverIreland.ie

is KEY for the domestic #MakeABreakForIt Campaign

#### **Important**

Leverage the benefits from this **©2million** domestic campaign for Summer 2020!



### Hello again, we missed you.

At last it's time to pack our bags and rediscover the country we've all missed so much.

It's time for safe and joyful reunions with family and friends, the first '99 of the summer and the last rays of sun on unforgettable holidays.

Explore our majestic coastlines, rugged trails, endless beaches and exciting cities.

Make tracks to your favourite place and make the most of having Ireland to yourself.

Make sure your listing is up-to-date and features your summer offers for 2020!



## **Destination focus in new campaign**

#### Where will you make a break for?

Now's your chance to explore the Wild Atlantic Way, discover endless space in Ireland's Ancient East, enjoy Dublin like never before and find a break to remember in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.



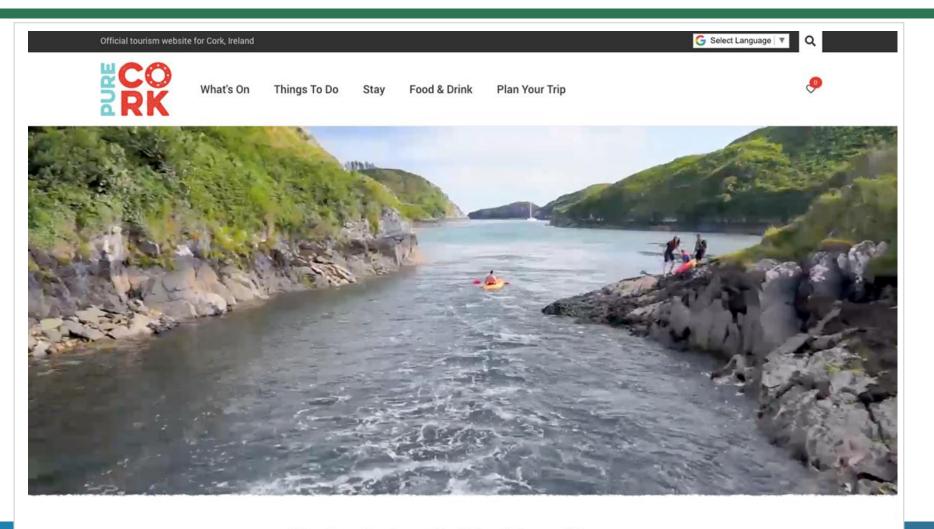








# **Strong** visuals



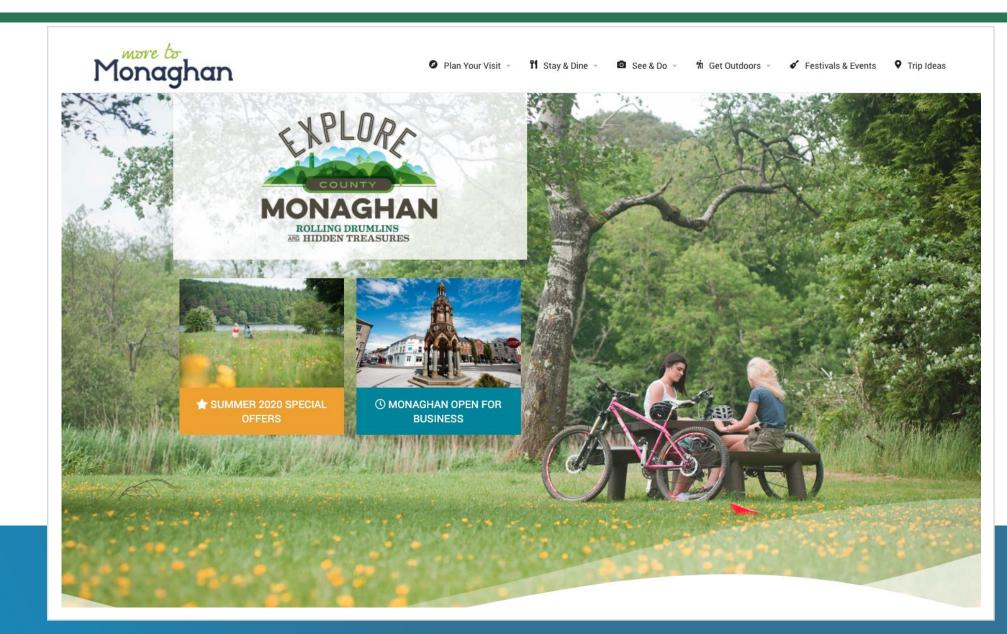
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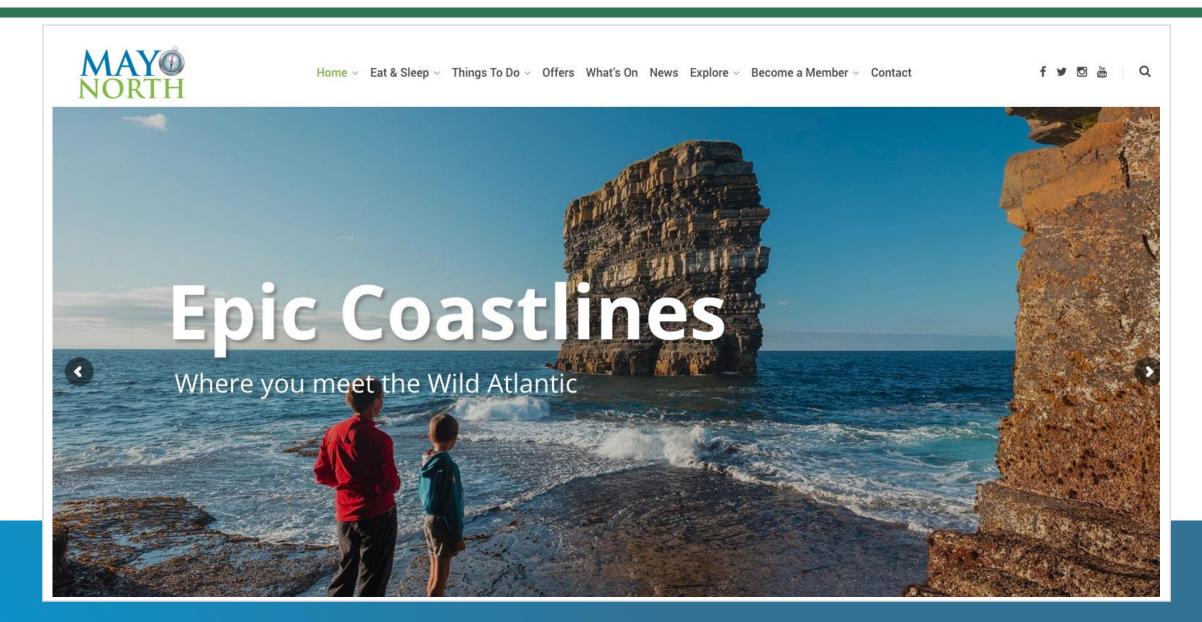
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# **Strong** visuals









### **Clear USP**

Accessibility options ✓ Language ✓ Blog Your favourites Sign in



Explore Donegal Things To Do in Donegal Festivals & Events Accommodation Visitor Information



#### Wild Atlantic Way

Take yourself away and explore Donegal's hidden treasures along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Out at the very edge of Europe, the Wild Atlantic Way stretches for 2,500 km (1,500 miles) along Ireland's western seaboard from Malin Head in Co. Donegal to Kinsale in Co. Cork.

→ Click here to find out more





# Promote the Destination Brand

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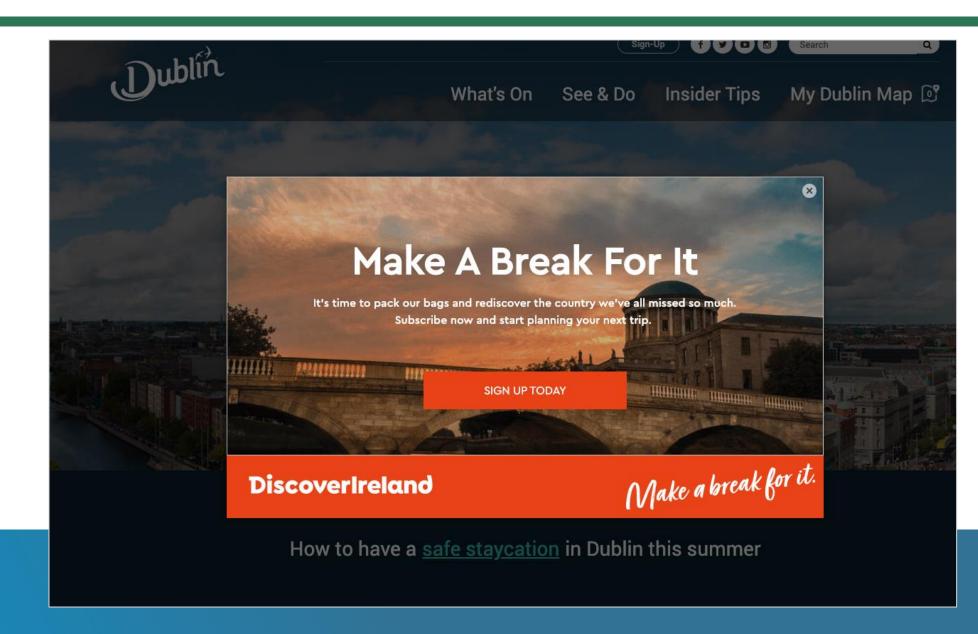
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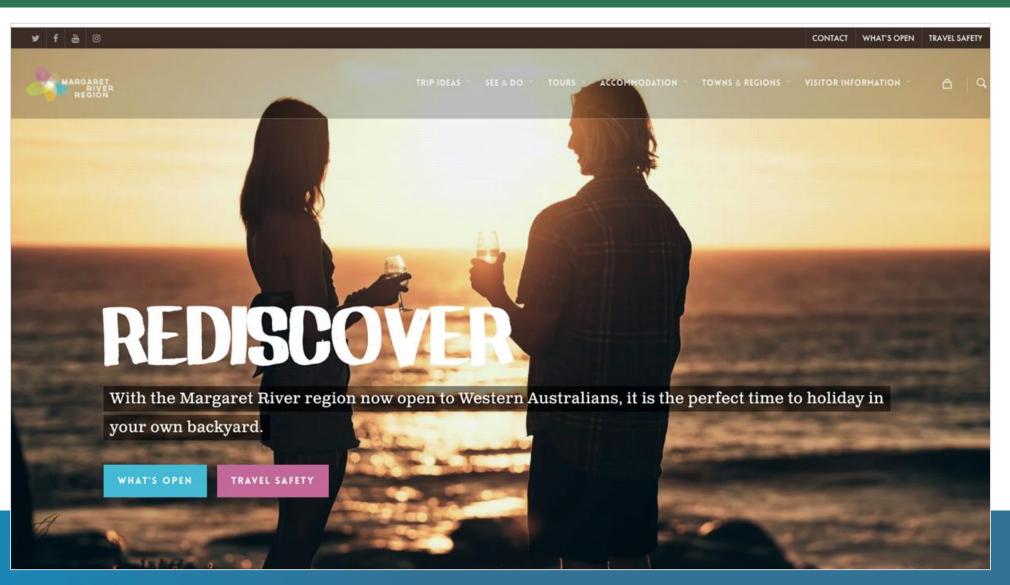


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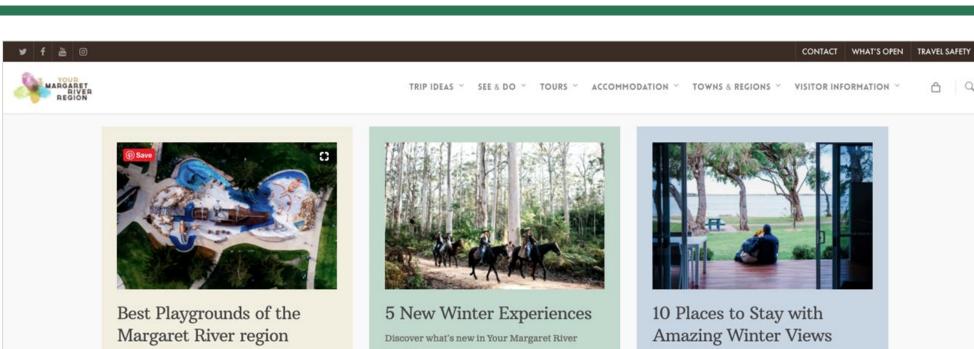


# Clear calls to action





### **Brilliant Content**



A big welcome back to our open playgrounds. Grab a coffee, the kids, and choose your own adventure

READ MORE



READ MORE

A room with a view always comes with bragging rights

READ MORE

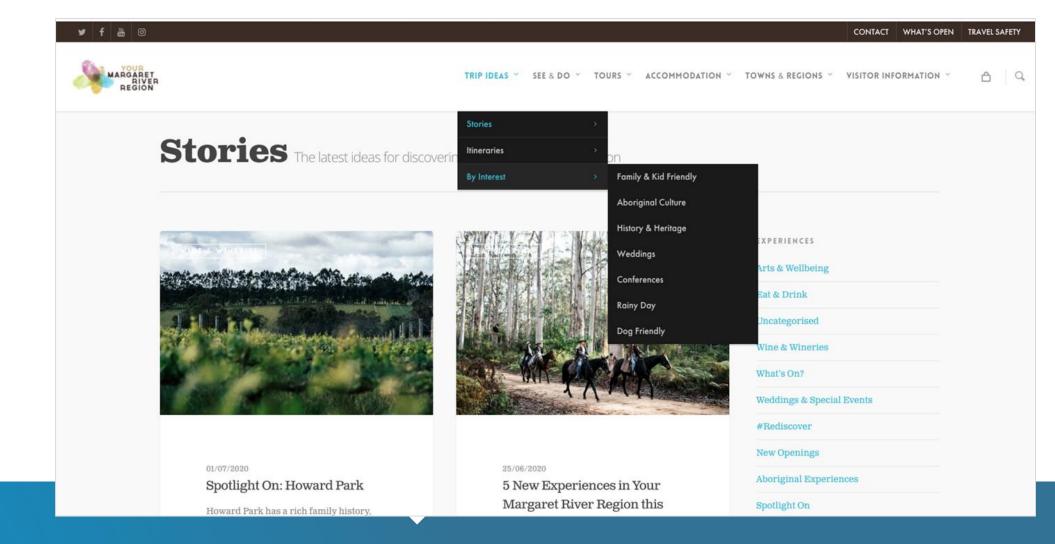






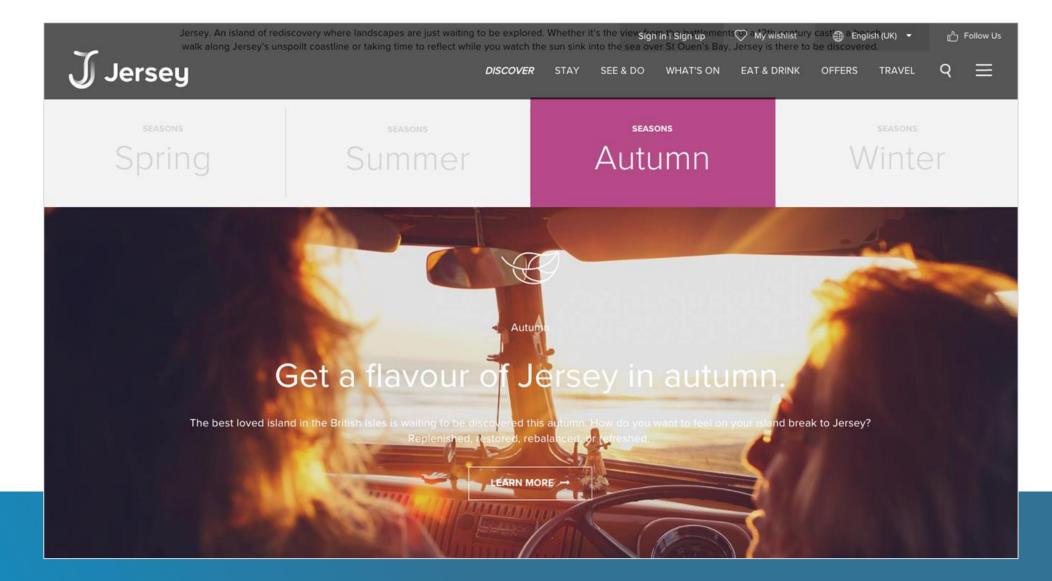


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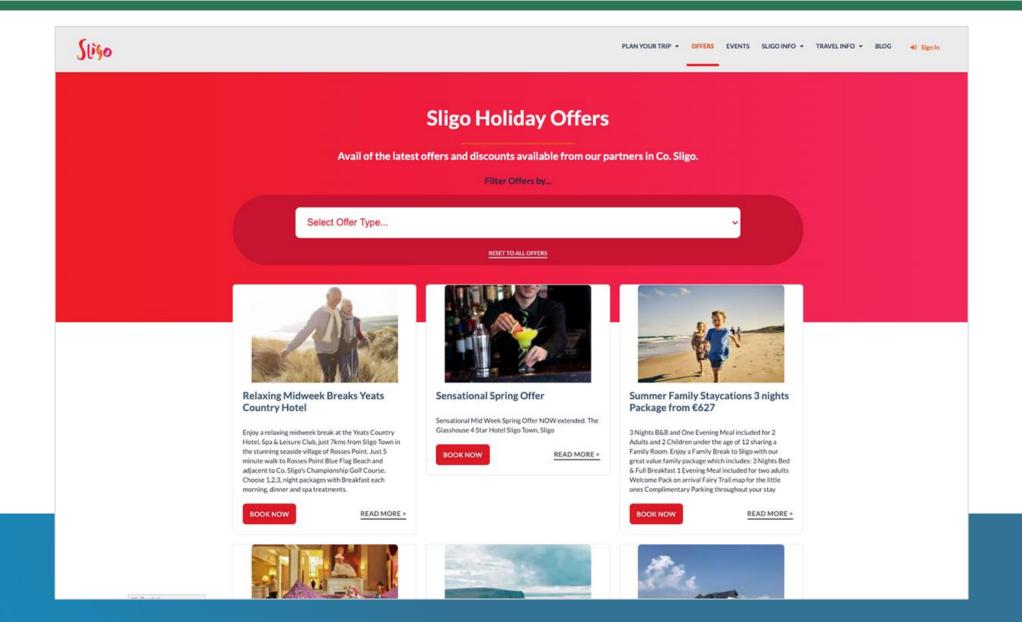


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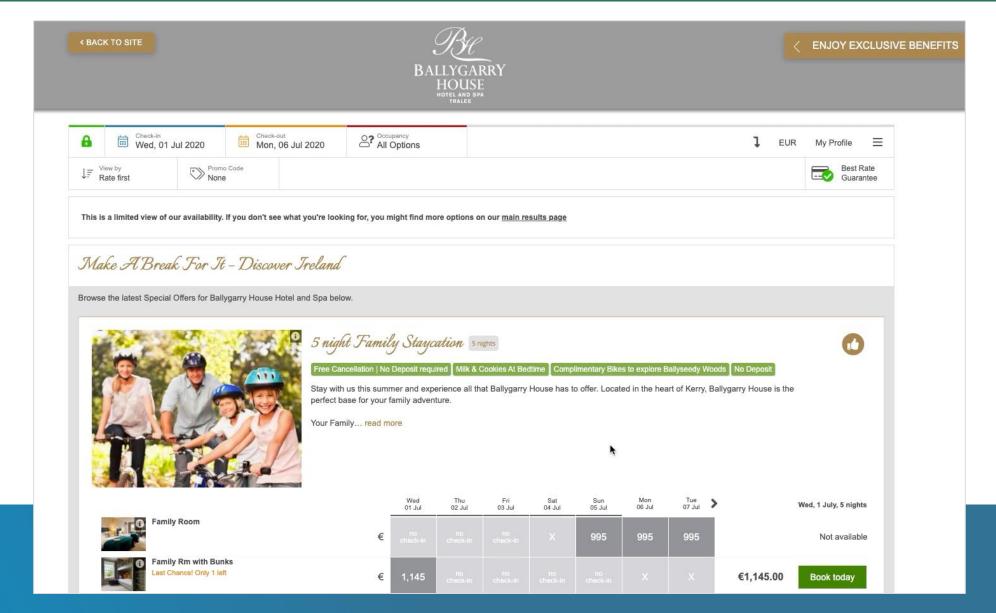


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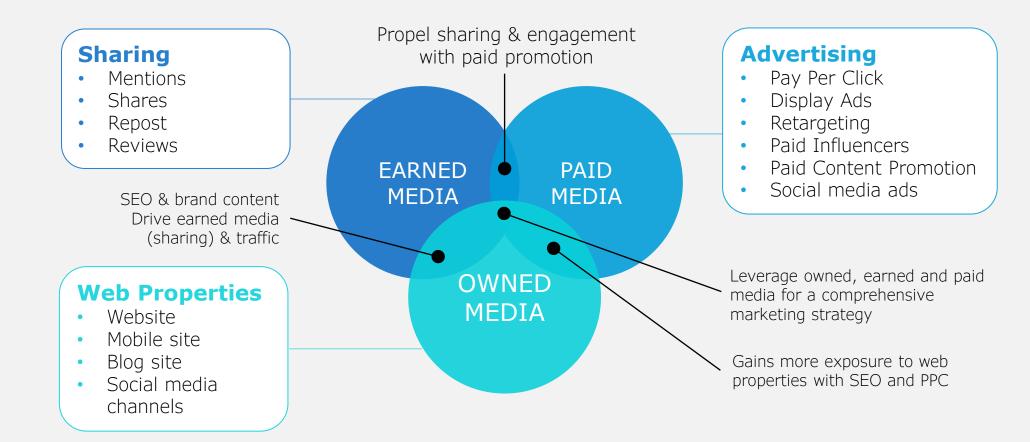
# Campaign Landing Page



**#Makeabreakforit** 



# Planning an online destination marketing strategy



Source: Titan Growth



## **Online Destination Marketing Strategy - Who?**





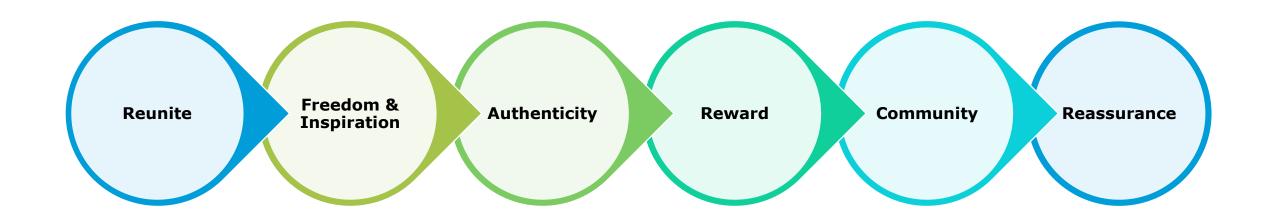


- Small Children
- Pre-teens
- Teen families



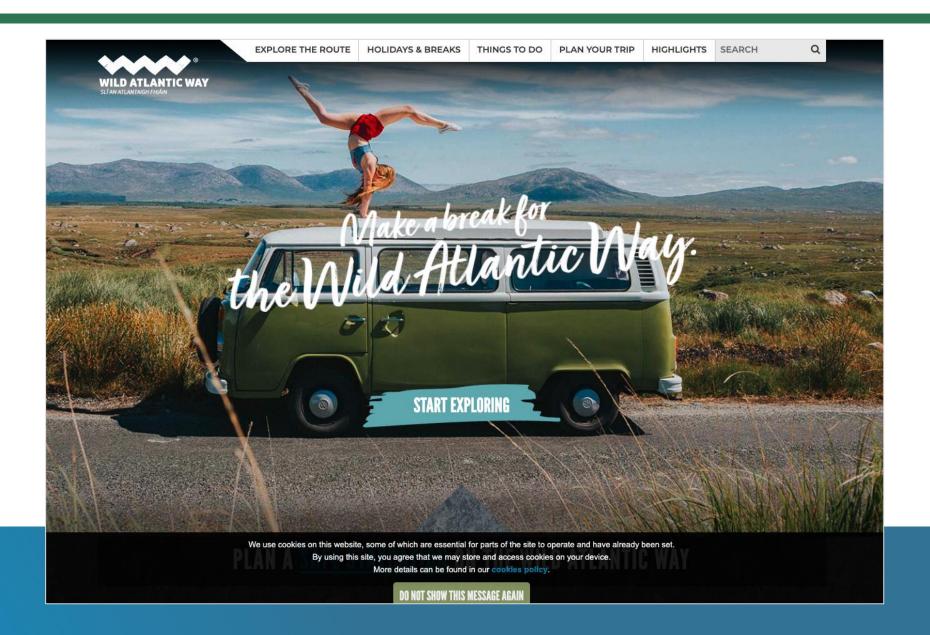
### **Online Destination Marketing Strategy - Key Messages**

Destination messaging: Covid-19 | KEY communication messages





# Freedom & Inspiration





# Reward & Reassurance





# **Set your SMART Online Destination Objectives**

Specific Measurable Achievable Relevant Time-bound



# **Set your SMART Online Destination Objectives**

No	Objective	Action	Who	When	KPI	Costs
1	Create campaign brand messaging	Agree campaign theme for autumn 2020 to tie in with 'make a break for it' campaign and key messages	Sile, Neil, Denise	12.07.2020	Defined campaign theme + hashtag	€0
2	Create landing page for all campaign activity	Create new website campaign landing page on destination website to include key USPs, imagery, key offers	Aoife	12.07.20	ROI from campaign measurable via offer conversions	Budget for web dev company
3	Create campaign specific social media campaign	Create content calendar for families with pre-teens and teens.	Aoife & Denise	Aug-Sept 2020	Hashtag reach	€0
4	Key influencer campaign	Create Influencer campaign with key family influencers	Sile & Denise	August 2020	Hashtag reach, conversion of family offers on website	TBC with agreed influencers



# **Sample Content Calendar**

Publish Date	Customer Segment	Theme	Caption	Visual Description	Format	Platform
06 Aug 2020	Families with teens	Adventure	Whether you are looking for soft adventure or high adrenalin, Lahinch has an activity for you this summer.	Clare adventure video	Video	Facebook, Twitter & Instagram
20 August 2020	Unconstrained couples	Safety & Reassurance	You can visit Loop Head this autumn reassured that all Loop Head tourism providers have received Failte Ireland COVID-19 Safety Charter approval	Carousel of photos of businesses showing PPE and safety charter	Photo album	Webstory



# Before, during & after

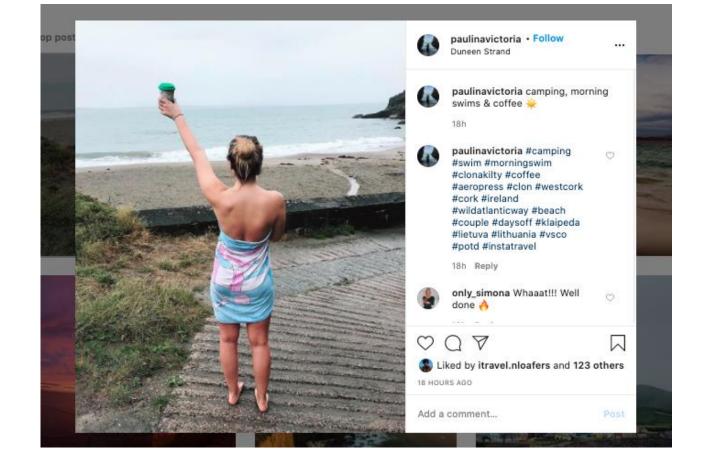
INSPIRE BEFORE

Create content to help them with their research, answer questions, be their 'goto' for info

NURTURE DURING

Engage with them during their travels. Monitor online activity and respond. Engage with key destination hashtags e.g. #Kerry #Makeabreakforit #wildatlanticway

BUILD WORD OF MOUTH AFTER Encourage post trip social sharing.





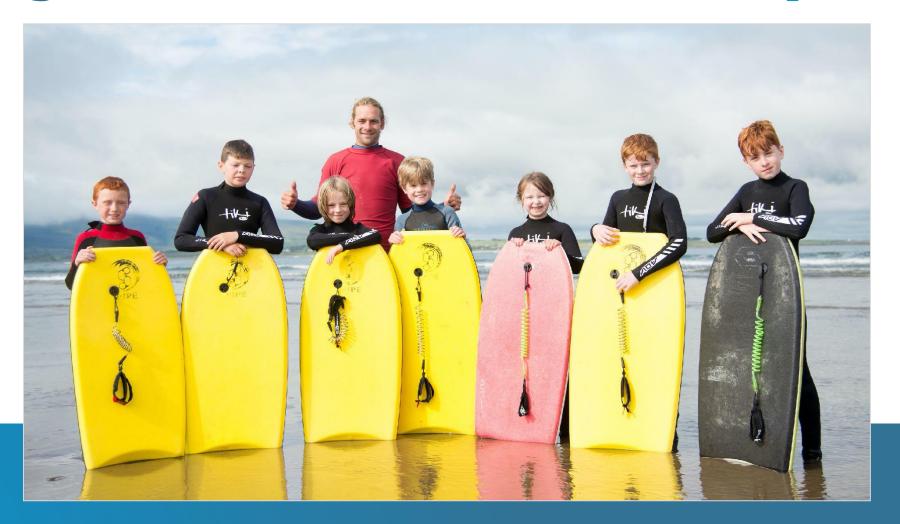
# **EXAMPLE – Strandhill Moments Campaign**

TARGET AUDIENCE	NEED STATES	OBJECTIVE	KEY DATES	KEY LOCAL OFFERINGS	ASSETS REQUIRED
Families:	<ul> <li>Reconnection</li> <li>Family Wellbeing</li> <li>Affordable Adventure</li> <li>Family Walks</li> </ul>	Extend family stay in Strandhill from 24 hours to 48/72hrs	June - August Activation	<ul> <li>Killaspugbrone</li> <li>Culleenamore</li> <li>Beach Days</li> <li>Surf School</li> <li>Queen Maeve</li> <li>Carrowmore</li> <li>SP Market</li> <li>Plane Watcing</li> <li>Coney Island</li> <li>Camping or Caravaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commissioned Editorial</li> <li>Video</li> <li>Photography</li> </ul>

INFLUENCER TARGETS	TARGET EARNED MEDIA	ONLINE PR	TACTICS	MEASUREMENT	EXPECTED RETURN
EIMEAR VARIAN BARRY	<ul> <li>Parenting Sites</li> <li>HerFamily</li> <li>Jen O'Connell</li> <li>Two Darlings</li> <li>Eimear Varian Barry</li> <li>Eimear Hutchinson, Influencers / Mom Bloggers</li> </ul>	Pitches to Independent Travel Online     HerFamily     MyKidsTime     FamilyDaysOut     EU Mom	<ul><li>Blog Content</li><li>Listicles</li><li>Top 10 Articles</li><li>National PR Piece</li></ul>	Google Analytics	<ul> <li>Extra Bed Nights/Camping &amp; Caravan Bookings</li> <li>Extra spend in local economy – restaurants, surf lessons etc</li> </ul>

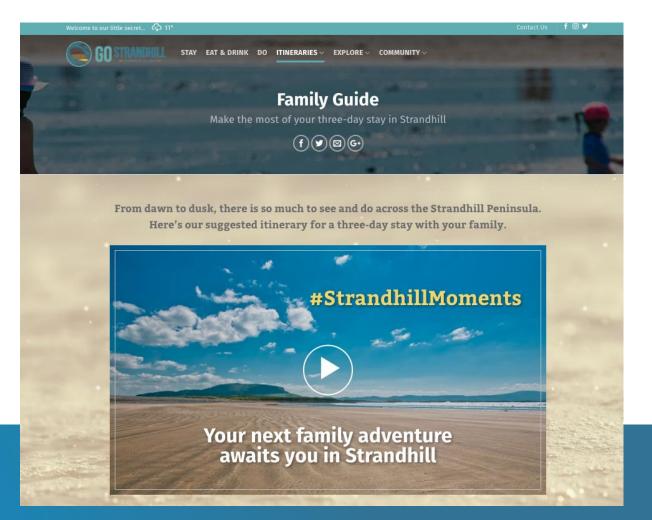


# Campaign Collateral - Media bank of family images





## **Campaign Collateral – Destination customer segment guides**





# **EXAMPLE – Campaign launch outreach email**

Subject: Family Adventures in Sligo - New Sligo Tourism Campaign

#### NB VIDEO UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL 08:00 ON 15 JAN 2020

Hi

This week we launch an exciting new campaign for Sligo Tourism inviting families to create special memories full of adventure in Sligo that they can treasure and share over the months and years to come.

#### Family Video

This stunning new video captured in Sligo last September features a young family as they ramble through the forest at Union Wood, brave wild Atlantic waves with a Strandhill surf lesson, explore the walls of ancient Roslee castle in Easkey and get up close and personal with all kinds of birds of prey at Eagles Flying in Ballymote.

Make sure your sound is on when watching this one. <a href="https://youtu.be/ff9uxoArHL0">https://youtu.be/ff9uxoArHL0</a> (NB: Please only share this after 8am tomorrow, 15 Jan)

#### How You Can Help:

Let's share the Sligo pride tomorrow. The video will be live on all Sligo Tourism's social channels from 8am tomorrow morning.

- Video link: https://youtu.be/vh010nOjc Q (subtitled) https://youtu.be/ff9uxoArHL0 (no subtitles)
- · Download video files here
- Sligo Tourism Offers: https://sligotourism.ie/offers/
- Sligo Tourism Website: www.sligotourism.ie
- Sligo Tourism Social: @SligoTourism and hashtag #SligoStories

Full info on the video and the campaign will be on SligoTourism.ie from tomorrow morning.

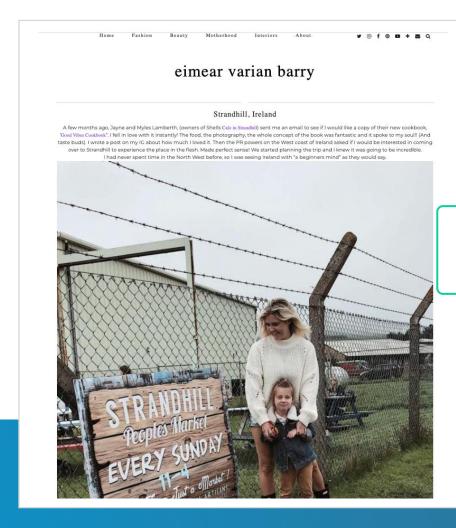


# Campaign Collateral - Video targeting families





# **Influencer marketing**



Instagram Influencer Fam Trip





# **Destination Social Campaign**



From dawn to dusk, we're inviting locals and visitors alike to tag their favourite #StrandhillMoments throughout the summer and beyond.











# **Destination Hashtags Link to national campaigns and brand hashtags**



Tag the campaign using #DiscoverIreland and regional hashtags to increase reach and ensure your destination is part of the conversation.

- @discoverirl | #StaySafe
- @discoverirl

Follow us to get your travel inspiration. Ireland has never felt bigger and there's never been a better time to #MakeaBreakforit



#### Regional brand hashtags:

- @discoverirl | #StaySafe
- #wildatlanticway
- #irelandsancienteast
- #lovedublin
- #irelandshiddenheartlands



# **Campaign Impact**







# Offline Sales & Marketing Tactics



# Offline Destination Marketing Plan



- Offline Media Plan print, radio, TV
- PR & Ambassadors
- Proactive Sales
- Driving destination momentum



## **Media Plan**

Large budget - make sure destination message is clear

# Align with national campaign #MakeABreakForIt







# **Destination Media Campaign**



Run a radio campaign in return for destination contra vouchers



Partner with newspapers to run destination competitions



Low cost TV feature highlighting your destination



# New national marketing campaign



Get involved & align your message!



### **Get involved...**



Almost 350,000 overseas visitors per week through www.Ireland.com

#### **ESSENTIAL:**

- 1. Update listing on <a href="https://www.failteireland.ie">www.failteireland.ie</a>
- 2. Encourage businesses to paint a picture of your destination!



COVID-19 Business Supports Research Sales

Wild Atlantic Way

Ireland's Ancient East

#### 20 million international and domestic consumers...

You are here: Home - Managing your listings

#### In this section

Maximise your listing

What you need to know

**Errors and complaints** 

#### Who to contact

Contact us if you are having any problems with your Discover Ireland listing.



#### Get listed on our consumer websites and apps

With our suite of consumer websites, you can showcase your business to over 20 million consumers in the domestic and international markets.

- · Discoverireland.ie (domestic market)
- Ireland.com (overseas visitors)
- Visitdublin.com
- · Irelandsancienteast.com
- Wildatlanticway.com
- · Meetinireland.com



#### Get a new listing on our consumer

Give us an overview of your tourism business if you are involved in activities or attractions. Please click the link to start the process.



# **Destination PR Campaign**

Independent.ie News Opinion Business Sport Life Style Entertainment Travel

#### 6. Chow down in Kinsale



#### Chow down in Kinsale

Kinsale was quick off the mark to announce that it would be offering free parking all summer and pedestrianising a number of streets to allow restaurants add space for outdoor eating. With an abundance of good restaurants, including the Michelin-starred Bastion, Martin Shanahan's Fishy Fishy and the Black Pig Wine Bar, it's now doubly attractive as a summer dining destination. Expect other staycation destinations to follow suit. kinsale.ie—KMcG

While you're at it: Every Sunday will be a Family Fun Day this summer, in another creative Kinsale idea.

Foodie town: Kinsale continues to attract the numbers.

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# **Destination PR Campaign**

Featured article in newspaper





# **Destination PR Campaign**

Visit...

Invite...

Engage...

Review...





### **Proactive Destination Sales**









# Using offline marketing to target and convert specific market segments

- Identify targets within segment
- Establish appropriate contact
- Engage & communicate offers



Partner with other tourism providers to offer a new

experience

Cian's on Bridge Street

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Discover the West of Ireland Like Never Before at Hotel Westport.

- Cian's on Bridge Street. Pop-Up Restaurant Experience
- All-new **Family Bush Camp** Socially Distant Staycation Offering on **Westport House** 400 Acre Estate
- Onsite Clew Bay Bike Partnership for the Ultimate Fresh Air Activity

More details at https://bit.ly/2ATQ1ID

#HotelWestport #WestportHouse #WhenWeTravelAgain #LoveWestport #FillYourHeartWithIreland #CommunityPartnerships #WorkTogether #ShopLocal



**Hotel Westport** 

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# Cross promotion within a destination encouraging dwell time & spend



City Destination
Top 5 Bucket List

1 Day Package – Made easy / Dine / Spend

### Ballina: One Day Outdoor Adventure Package



This one day retreat will introduce you to the West of Ireland's wild side, giving you the opportunity to visit historical sites and breath-taking landscapes while taking part in fun outdoors activities.

#### Morning:

What better way to kick off your day than with a spot of stand-up paddle boarding on the internationally renowned River Moy. For those unfamiliar with the activity, it's a pasttime fast growing in popularity, combining a surfboard with a long handheld paddle. Traditionally a Hawaiian sport, it promotes balance, strength and general fitness. You don't have to be a surfer to partake, and it's a unique way to explore the stunning natural landscapes Mayo has to offer. There is a dedicated Stand-up paddle boarding provider and all instructors are ASI/ ISA qualified.

#### Lunch:

Dry off and visit one of the many Pub's or restaurant's in Ballina some of which has been listed in the 2014 Michelin "Eating Out In Pubs" Guide as a must visit food destination, and the Irish Times as one of Ireland's Top 100 Restaurants.

#### Afternoon:

Another way to investigate all the Moy Estuary has to offer is by bike. The Monasteries of the Moy tour takes you along the west bank to the magnificent old ruins. This jaunt along the Greenway is an excellent day tour and ideal if you are only in the area for a short period. You will be guided by an expert historian who will provide you with local knowledge and in depth history of the surrounding area.

#### Cost:

€75 Guided tour - minimum 2 people. €50 Self-guided Included in the price:

- ► Hire of a top of the range Hybrid bike.
- ▶ Delicious packed lunch and refreshments.
- ► Required maps and details.
- Expert local tour guide bringing you through breathtaking scenery and architecture.

#### **Dinner Options:**

There's an array of restaurants situated on the banks of the Moy, in the heart of Ballina, where you'll find a special dining experience to suit any budget.



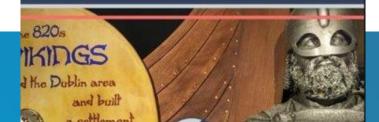
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DUBLIN

with kids



# Cross selling for a richer visitor experience...



Paint a picture





# Measurement, Evaluation & Review





## Success

The benefits the group provides to the destination, its members and other stakeholders



# Measure against objectives & goals

#### Measurement criteria to consider

- Site Traffic
- Conversion Rate
- Leads from group site to member sites
- Media Mentions
- Influencer Coverage
- Shares, Likes, Comments, Reach
- Creation of marketing assets
- Hosting of FAM Trips
- New Visitor Experiences
- New Destination Packages
- Member Sentiment (via survey)



Emphasize performance against objectives

 Review and revise based on successes achieved