THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN PRE-EMPLOYMENT CANDIDATE SCREENING

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR WHEN THEY GOOGLE YOU?

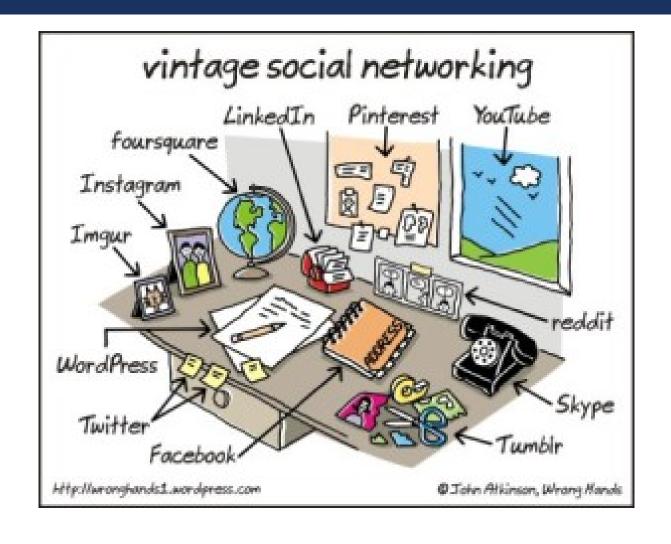
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SOCIAL SCREENING



WHY DO EMPLOYERS USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO SCREEN CANDIDATES?

Two in Five Employers use social media to screen candidates

 65% to evaluate candidate's professionalism in terms of social conduct

5 1% to evaluate candidate's fit into the company culture

45% to learn more about the candidate's qualifications

MOST LOOKED AT SITES



WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE FINDING OUT FROM SOCIAL PROFILES

POSITIVE

18%

of employers found content on social sites that influenced them to hire a candidate.

50% A good feel for the candidate's personality

39% Truth about candidate's professional qualifications

30% Creativity

35% Solid communication skills

33% Well-rounded

19% Good references from others about the candidate

15% Awards and accolades received by candidate

NEGATIVE

35%

of employers found content on social sites that caused them to **NOT** hire a candidate.

53% Provocative/inappropriate photographs or information

44% Content about them drinking alcohol or using drugs

35% Bad-mouthing about previous employers, co-workers or clients

29% Poor communication skills

26% Discriminatory comments

24% Lies about gualifications

20% Confidential information about candidate's previous employer

5 WAYS TO ENSURE YOU NEVER GET HIRED

I. Digital Dirt

Self-incriminating photos, discussion of your drug-induced night out at the club.

2. Terrible Troll

Be sure to troll your social networks as much as possible

3. Big Mouth

Talk about your past employers in a negative light





5 WAYS TO ENSURE YOU NEVER GET HIRED

- 4. Copious Contacts and Comments
 Add as many "sketchy" people as
 possible
- 5. Positively Negative Keep everything negative



CANYOUR SOCIAL NETWORKS HELPYOU LAND A JOB?

In 2012, companies used social media to recruit for over 80% of job openings

Nearly all Recruiters use social media to find candidates

98% - LinkedIn, 94.5% of recruiters have successfully hired candidates

through LinkedIn

- **42% Twitter**
- 33% Facebook



TOP WAYS RECRUITERS SPEND THEIR TIME ON SOCIAL NETWORKS

- 58% Sourcing Applicants
- 49% Posting Job Opportunities

- 84% Recruit Candidates who might not apply otherwise
- 67% Save money
- 54% Target a specific job level
- 60% Increase the company's brand recognition
- 52% Target a specific set of skills



HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOURSELF STAND OUT?





 Eye tracking studies reveal that on average, people spend just 5.7 seconds looking at your profile

Areas that get the most attention



Your job title

Your profile picture

TUNE INTO TWITTER

- Follow recruiters on Twitter in conjunction with LinkedIn for recruiting
- Twitter drives twice as many job views per job as Facebook and three times more applications per job

3 recruiters to follow:

- @electra recruiter at Zappos.com
- @Fishdogs IT and Executive recruiter
- @smheadhunter social media recruiter



@jesscheng7355

OPTIMIZE YOUR TWITTER PAGE

- Use keywords in your Bio
- Tweet about your job search
- Promote yourself in your Twitter background
- Tweet about companies you're interested in
- Follow companies that you're interested in



HOW TO BUILD THE PERFECT LINKEDIN PROFILE

PHOTO:

Use a professional photo which is cropped to show your face clearly. You are 7 times more likely to be found on Linkedln with a photo.



Lynn Kumon

Head communicator at Kumonicate - the top social media and marketing agency in London

London, Greater London, United Kingdom | Marketing and Advertising

Current Kumonicate

Previous Aple

Education Cambridge University

Send a message

HEADLINE:

It should be catchy and keyword rich.
This is the first impression - make
your headline stand out or people
will move on.

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CONTACT INFO:



Add your professional email address and your company or personal Twitter account.

Personalise your URL by clicking on 'Edit profile' and 'Edit contact info'.

ACTIVITY:

Update your profile daily with relevant and engaging content. This is the best way to share with your connections what you find interesting and to promote what you're doing.



Lynn Kumon

How Many LinkedIn Users are there in the World? [SLIDES]



How Many LinkedIn Users are there in the World? [SLIDES] - Social...

socialmedialondon.co.uk • With more than 225 million users, LinkedIn is the most popular professional network you can join. This slideshows shows the countries with the most users (we decided to keep the top 10 for each continent for clarity).

SUMMARY:

Summary

KEYWORDS:

Make your summary keyword rich so you'll be find in searches.

Strategic marketer and consultant - blending and leveraging social media into effective marketing strategies for London based brands.

Author of 'Business in social media' and 'Using social networks to leverage your business'.

- Grew up helping professional services practices with strategic marketing planning and the all important implementation.
- Over the past 11 years I have been deeply involved with the digital arena via my own agency, Kumonicate.
- Passionate about 'Online Visibility' ensuring websites and online presences are optimised and effective delivering tangible business results.

FIRST PERSON:

Write your summary in first person to keep it human.

Get in touch at info@kumonicate.com or call on 0207 555 555.

CONTACT:

Include your details so people who are not in your network can contact



The Business of Being Social with Hootsuite



Social media for business

MEDIA:

Enrich your profile with media to make it stand out more.

DETAIL:

CURRENT AND PAST ROLES:

Be precise in your past experiences and current role(s). Don't be affraid to use detail.



Experience

Founder & CEO

Kumonicate

January 2002 - Present (11 years 7 months) | London, United Kingdom

Kumonicate is an experiential digital marketing, brand, and social business agency that helps organisations to inspire and connect with target audiences and nurture authentic customer relationships with relevant communications and innovative, integrated marketing tactics.

Kumonicate services cover:

- · strategic marketing planning
- · social media consultancy
- · social media management
- social media training
- · creating an effective and integrated online presence
- · social pr /social communications
- · user focused website planning and design

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AUDIENCE:

Speak directly to your target audience and make it relevant to their needs.

PROJECTS:



Projects

Kumonicate blog

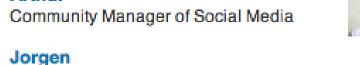
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Write content for the blog

- · Research and write informative articles for the Bracket blog
- Conduct interviews with interesting folks around the subject of collaboration for blog posts
- Write up client case studies
- · Assist with the running of monthly events
- 6 team members, including:



Arthur



Social Media Marketing at Link Humans



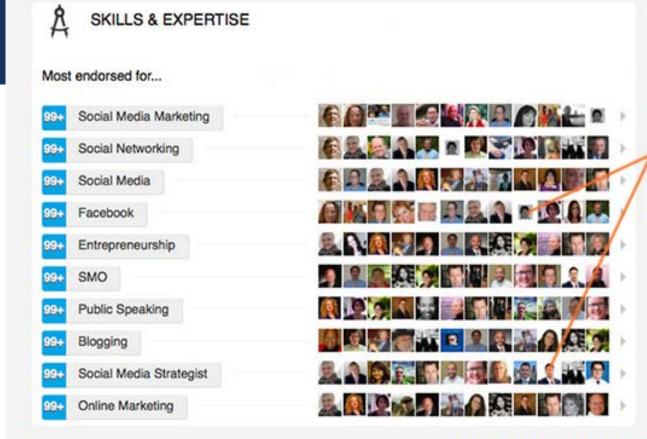
PROJECTS:

Community Manager at Link Humans

Use this as a portfolio with completed work.

Add links so people can find out more.

AWARDS & RECOMMENDATIONS:



ENDORSEMENTS:

Try to get endorsed for skills relevant to your sector to help improve your LinkedIn search ranking.

▼ 5 recommendations, including:



I worked with Lynn on a social media marketing project. As well as being a great person to work with, I found Lynn to have... View ‡

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Aim for 5 to 10 recommendations. The 2 most recent recommendations will be visible next to the corresponding position.



APSCo Professional ...

+ Join



B2B Social Media

+ Join



Employer Branding

+ Join



Friends of LinkedIn

+ Join



Harvard Business R...

+ Join



HootPartners

+ Join

GROUPS:

You can join up to 50 groups on LinkedIn, doing so will improve your visibility and allow you to search for and contact any group members - but keep them applicable to your interests or industry.

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