Do-it-Yourself MARKETING



When you don't yet have an annual marketing budget, leverage the methods you can do yourself.

Email Marketing: Collect email addresses from your customers and prospects. Send out regular newsletters with updates, promotions and valuable content. Many email marketing tools offer free plans for small lists. *Doing so will nurture your leads!*

Networking: Attend local business events, join industry-related groups, and participate in online forums or social media groups where your target audience hangs out. Building relationships can lead to word-of-mouth referrals and collaborations. *Just be sure to have an engaging elevator pitch!* **Referral Marketing**: Encourage satisfied customers to refer friends and family to your business.

Offer incentives like discounts or rewards for referrals. Leveraging existing customers is much <u>less</u> <u>expensive</u> than finding new clients!

Local Marketing: Focus on your local community by sponsoring or participating in local events, partnering with nearby businesses, and getting listed on local directories and review platforms. Be sure you have presence where your <u>competitors</u> are listed.

<u>Guerrilla Marketing</u>: Think creatively and come up with unconventional, attention-grabbing marketing campaigns that don't require a large budget. This could include street art, flash mobs, or viral social media challenges. Get creative thinkers you know to help you <u>craft novel</u> ideas.

<u>Customer Testimonials and Reviews</u>: Encourage satisfied customers to leave positive reviews on platforms like Google, Yelp or social media. *These reviews can <u>build trust</u> and attract new customers*.

<u>Influencer Marketing</u>: Collaborate with local influencers or micro-influencers in your industry who may be willing to promote your product or service in exchange for freebies or a small fee.

<u>Leverage Free Online Listings</u>: List your business on Google My Business, Bing Places for Business, and other online directories to improve your online presence. *Doing so helps create valuable backlinks to help rank your website*.

<u>Content Marketing</u>: Write blog posts, create videos or produce podcasts related to your industry or niche. *Quality content can help establish you as an expert and drive organic traffic to your website*.

<u>Collaborative Marketing</u>: Partner with complementary businesses for joint marketing efforts, such as co-hosting events or *cross-promoting each other's products or services*.

<u>Customer Loyalty Programs</u>: Implement a simple loyalty program to reward repeat customers and encourage them to keep coming back.

Overwhelmed with marketing your business?