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Expanding the reach of the marketing role to wider university operations



I'm not talking about

- Establishing brand values and delivering them across the board
- A brand tone of voice for all communications (finance, admissions)
- Looking at every aspect of Open Days
- Training lecturers in subject talks and providing templates
- Mystery shopping accommodation, customer service
- Professional CRM integrated with Admissions and Faculties
- Informing new course design through marketing systems
- Reshaping the part time offer to reflect our market
- Making the new proposition true



My focus today is:

Professionalising our approach to current students

Supporting new growth areas

Linking with commercial areas



Current students

How often do we talk about:

Achievement Employability NSS Retention

and Customer expectations?

But our approach to them is fragmented, unco-ordinated and often amateurish

And actually takes up a lot of resource



Current students

Imagine a world in which your students:

- are fully engaged
- take up all the opportunities for development
- work, volunteer and develop key skills
- are better placed to rate you fairly in the NSS



You can:

Manage student communications professionally
Make them planned, co-ordinated, good quality, relevant
Professionalise your institution's approach
If you:

Approach them like any other target market
Use your Marketing team to structure and lead your approach



New growth areas

B2B: University of Derby Corporate



University of Derby Online





New growth areas

- Initial set up
- All aspects of the brand
- Some basic questions
- Relationship with the core offer
- Lessons learned over time

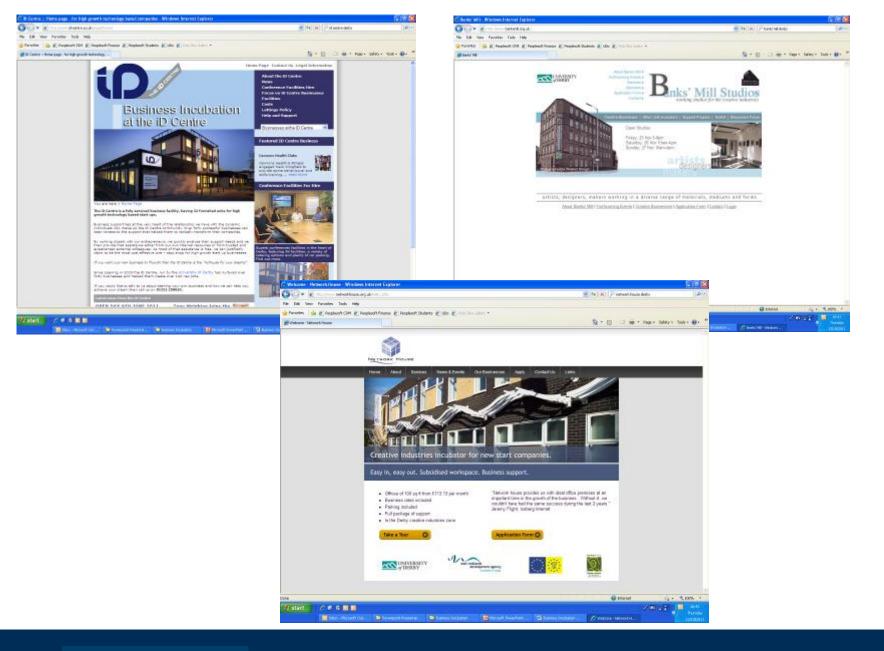




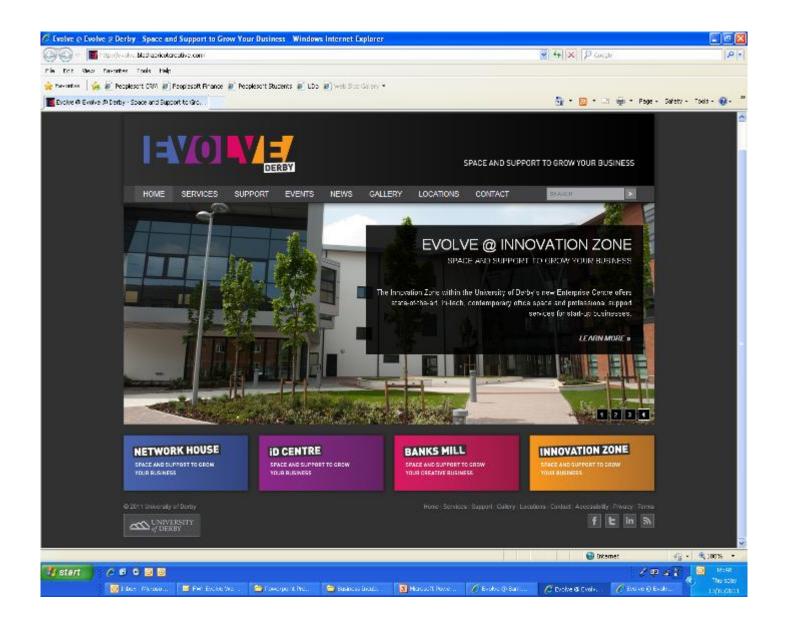
Commercial interests : set up to succeed?

- Incubation Units
- Buxton commercial offer
- Conferences
- Derby Theatre
- Team Derby





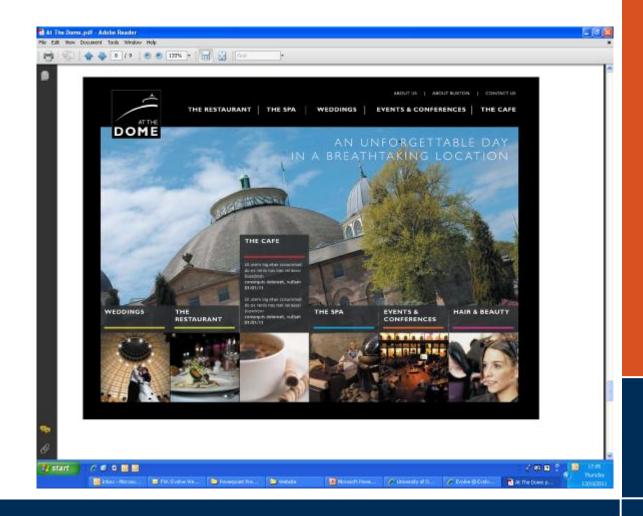








'brands' for spa, weddings, conferences, bistro, hair salon, fine dining





But it's not about the pictures

- business principles
- marketing principles
- communications principles
 - product, price, promotion, place
 - people, physical evidence, process
- The basic questions
- Setting yourself up to succeed
- It's taken 4 years but we are now restructuring to formalise this



Structure for success

- Include a marketing function in your structure
- Include a decent operational marketing budget
- Don't rely exclusively on sales people
- Embrace a planned and strategic approach
- Do link to the central marketing team properly
- Use all the aspects of the marketing discipline
- Establish a senior level Marketing overview of these areas





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