

B-Hive PR & Social Media Brief 2017



Brand: C2C






Project: Summer Leisure Campaign


Background:


C2C is an award-winning train operator that runs services between Fenchurch Street, in the heart of the City of London, and Basildon, Southend and the numerous attractions / destinations in this area.

For more background info see their website: www.c2c-online.co.uk

Brief:

	<p>THE BRAND ROLE WHAT IS THE MEANINGFUL ROLE THIS BRAND PLAYS IN PEOPLE'S LIVES?</p>	<p>To take you to anyone you want to be within 60 minutes</p>
	<p>THE PEOPLE WHO IS THE PERSON WE ARE TRYING TO AFFECT?</p>	<p>We have a clear attitudinal target in wanting to attract those people who want to expand their own personal horizons and experience of life. They travel not simply to get to different destinations but to access different parts of their life and more of what makes them who they want to be. They don't currently think of C2C readily enough for leisure travel, so whether they live in London or near the line in Essex, we need to show them that C2C is the best way for them to achieve this.</p>
	<p>THE PROBLEM WHAT IS THE CORE BUSINESS/BRAND PROBLEM/ OPPORTUNITY THAT NEEDS ADDRESSING?</p>	<p>The primary objective is to drive leisure travel over the summer months. Just as importantly, the campaign also needs to start building brand saliency over the long term – and should do this by establishing C2C's value proposition that the person you want to be, is nearer than you think and costs less than you thought.</p>
	<p>THE INSIGHT WHAT IS THE MOST POWERFUL, SINGLEMINDED TRUTH THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO THE BRAND TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM?</p>	<p>This summer C2C can take you to another part of you, in the quickest, most cost effective way possible.</p>
	<p>PROOF? WHY WILL WE BE BELIEVED?</p>	<p>We all have different versions of "me". The family provider, the family fun maker, the loving son or daughter, the romantic lover. C2C, through their unique combination of diversity and proximity of its destination, as well as low ticket fares, allow us to access these other parts of our personality incredibly easily, quickly and cheaply. C2C are the smart way this summer to access more of what you want to do and be more of who you want to be.</p>

	<p>THE JOURNEY WHAT ARE THE KEY MOMENTS WE CAN OWN?</p>	<p>Those moments when we're dreaming of expanding our horizons, when we're planning on making the most of each of our "me's" and when we want to let other sides of our personality out. They should be the moments when we're caught within our 9 to 5 lives and need inspiration for how to free the other sides of our lives.</p>
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	<p>THE METRICS OF SUCCESS WHAT METRICS OF SUCCESS HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW THIS IS WORKING?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial metrics should focus on increasing volume and positive sentiment of online conversations about C2C. We want to create the type of perception change that gets our audience talking - Intermediate metrics should look at increasing web traffic & bookings for leisure travel. - Long term metrics should focus on brand consideration for leisure travel and NPS Scores (Net Promoter Scores) of C2C as a seamless way to access other parts of our lives.
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<p>WHAT IS REQUIRED?</p>	<p>New ways of showing how C2C allow us to access the sides of our personality that don't get out enough.</p>
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Requirements:

Develop a PR and Social Media plan for the campaign.

We are looking for maximum impact in the media building up to and during the campaign. You should consider the full suite of modern PR tools and strategies, from traditional print publications right through to cutting edge social media techniques.

To ensure the campaign delivers your pitch should demonstrate clear planning. Consider the objectives and the target audience and think from their perspective; what do they read, how do they use technology, what influences them to make decisions about travel and leisure?

The judging panel will be looking for imagination and flair that will deliver maximum impact. But don't forget to demonstrate how your campaign delivers on the bottom line and how you demonstrate that PR has achieved a real business benefit.

Communications Considerations:

Great Anglian is the nearest competitor but the main challenge is really to get people that live near the C2C line to take incremental journeys by the train. So this could be replacing the car with the train for journeys they may already be making, or taking new journeys by train.

Consider how each communications channel can be used for different messaging and different products/offers.

Popular destinations on the route:

- Thorpe Park
- Southend Adventure Island
- East Tilbury
- Leigh-on-Sea Beach
- London Theatre Shows
- London Nightlife
- London Attractions

Shoeburyness
Chalkwell Beach

Products (more info available on the C2C website):

2 for 1 offers
Flat fare offers
Season ticket offers
Group save offers
Off peak offers
Kids offers
Seniors offers

Important Notes:

- No direct contact is to be made with C2C.
- Be measured in the time & effort you put into research. In past years we've seen applications which are 20 pages of research and 5 of the actual ideas. It's important to show you've done your homework and use research to justify your ideas and campaigns, but what judges really want to see is your ideas, concepts and campaigns.
- The judging panel will be looking for imagination and flair that will deliver maximum impact. How will your strategy deliver a return on investment? Don't forget to demonstrate how your campaign delivers on the bottom line, what measurement are you using to show that the activity has achieved a real business benefit?
- This isn't a major piece of coursework! Whilst we want to see that you've given it your all, this isn't a massive piece of work which should take you weeks. You might decide to do it in bits throughout the designated time but purely as a guide, if you were to knuckle down, this should take you two working days. Our advice is also not to leave it to the last minute. If you want to submit it before the 24th Feb deadline, you can.

Timings:

Entry Deadline – Midnight Friday 24th Feb 2017
Shortlist Announced – Friday 10th March 2017

Presentations:

Tuesday 21st March 2017:

PR & Social Media presentations
Marketing presentations

Wednesday 22nd March 2017:

Advertising presentations
Design presentations

Awards Evening:

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Location:

The presentations and the awards evening will be held at Fazeley Studios:

191 Fazeley Street,
Digbeth,
Birmingham,
B5 5SE