## DIGITAL FUNDRAISING:

### Raising more money online

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### WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY





Psychology of donating

Segmenting your audience



Creating a strong ask

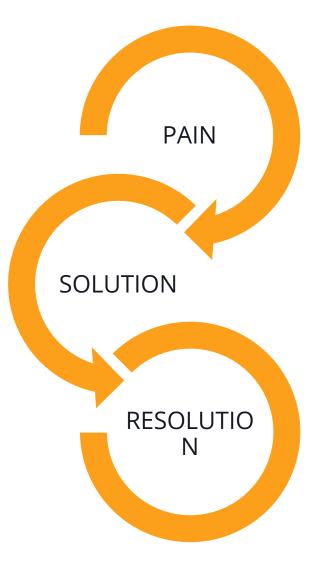
Making your messaging compelling



Writing & designing emails



### **PSYCHOLOGY OF DONATING**



"All around the world, girls face discrimination during their periods."

"Our women's groups in Nepal are tackling menstruation taboos and making sure girls have the resources they need to manage their periods with dignity."

"£3 a month could provide hygiene kits containing sanitary towels for girls who can't afford them"

Change lives. For good.

### Periods shouldn't hold girls back

All around the world, girls face discrimination during their periods. Our women's groups in Nepal are tackling menstruation taboos and making sure girls have the resources they need to manage their periods with dignity.

Find out more now

About us v

Get involved v

Blog

### How you could help girls like Ishu

A regular gift from you could help vulnerable women and girls manage their periods with dignity.



£15 a month could...

Help fund our outreach work towards ending the practice of chhaupadi

£10 a month could...

Help fund workshops to teach girls how to make their own reusable sanitary towels



### £3 a month could...

Provide hygiene kits containing sanitary towels for girls who can't afford them

### Give £15 a month

### Give £10 a month

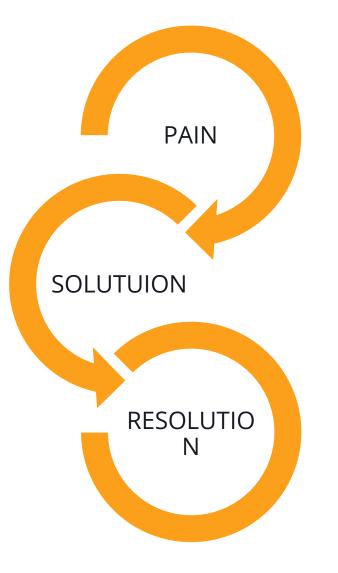
### Give £3 a month

Or choose your own amount to give...





### **PSYCHOLOGY OF DONATING**



"The Tories are throwing everything they've got at this election"

"At the last election the Tories only had a majority of 782. We want to knock on 1000 doors to close the gap!"

"Your donation of £20 could pay for enough canvassing materials for your street, that means you will be helping get more of our supporters out to vote"



### **THREE SCENARIOS**

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You have been tasked with coming up with fundraising messaging for the party.

An MP fundraising for parliamentary elections.

Come up with sentences or paragraphs for each:

PAIN SOLUTION RESOLUTION

The Federal party fundraising for a national campaign.





- We want the **right** people to get the **right** message with the **right** ask.
- Doesn't have to be perfect
- Ways you can segment:
  - Interests
  - Geography
  - Relationships
  - Giving history/ability
  - Voting history



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Come up with three segments for these scenarios.

An MP fundraising for parliamentary elections.

The Federal party fundraising for a national campaign.



### **CREATING A STRONG ASK**

- Clear
- Simple
- Specific



## Creating a strong ask

### • A bad ask:

- If members could perhaps see their way clear to making a generous contribution to our by-election fund, than they can do so by sending a cheque made payable to Any Town Liberal Democrats, to Graham Blogs, 33 Hawthorn Gardens, Any Town, AB1 1AA
- A good ask:
  - Help us stop Brexit, donate £25 now 🗆

### Give £25 now



### **CREATING A STRONG ASK**

# You probably already have all these.

## lt's your campaign.



MAKE IT Personal Personalise email content.

Don't just personalise the salutation.

You can use it in the subject line and in links to your donate page.



### **GIVE A REASON**

## THE POWER OF "that means"



# **ALWAYS USE** "VOU" "Vour"

Check the I/WE to YOU ratio.

If you're saying I/WE more than YOU, you're probably not being donor-centric enough.



## Pennies Not pounds

Messaging that talks about "every penny you donate" is statistically more successful than "every pound you donate".

We don't quite know why.



## **COMMUNICATE** Your target

You should already have a target that's visionary but not unachievable.

Make sure you communicate it!

"We want to raise £10,000 so that we can become the main opposition in Bury St Edmunds"



### They gambled on our future



### and we're all going to lose.

The Leavers who are running the show are all at sea. They have no idea what they're doing.

They might have won the referendum – but they're losing the negotiations.

 Public support for a referendum on the deal is growing.
 We've defeated the Government thirteen times in three weeks in the Lords.
 Public confidence in the Government is collapsing.

### We've got them on the ropes.

We're winning the argument and there's still time to give all of us the final say on Brexit.

That's why we've launched our largest campaign outside of a General Election.

Will you give £25 (or whatever you can afford) today and help fund our campaign:

I'll give £5 →	I'll give £25 →				
I'll give £50 →	I'll give £100 →				
I'll give anoth	ier amount 🔸				

Anything you can give will make a massive difference Friend - and a donation of £25 will help us reach more than 8,000 people with online adverts.





### WRITING INTRIGUING SUBJECT LINES

### **NOBODY WILL SEE YOUR** MESSAGE unless they open the email Think of 10 and test them on your colleagues.

A/B test the final two.

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### WRITING INTRIGUING SUBJECT LINES



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I will be outspent	\$2,540,866	-
Some scary numbers	\$1,941,379	\$599,487
If you believe in what we're doing	\$911,806	\$1,629,060
Last call: Join Michelle and me	\$894,644	\$1,646,222
Would love to meet you	\$755,425	\$1,785,441
Do this for Michelle	\$714,147	\$1,826,719
Change	\$711,543	\$1,829,323
The most popular Obama	\$659,554	\$1,881,312
Michelle time	\$604,813	\$1,936,053
Deadline: Join Michelle and me	\$604,517	\$1,936,349
Thankful every day	\$545,486	\$1,995,380
The one thing the polls got right	\$403,603	\$2,137,263



### **DESIGNING EMAILS**

Now you have:

- your PAIN, RESOLUTION, SOLUTION and
- created your SEGMENTATION
- built your ASK
- chosen a SUBJECT LINE

You can design your email!



On the ground, this feels a lot like recent by-elections where we've done brilliantly - from Witney to Richmond Park.

But we have just two weeks left to make that feeling a reality.

That means boots on the ground, delivering leaflets, letters and knocking on doors and online adverts, flooding Facebook feeds. And none of that is free.

So we need your help now. Please, donate £25 to our urgent by-election appeal today:

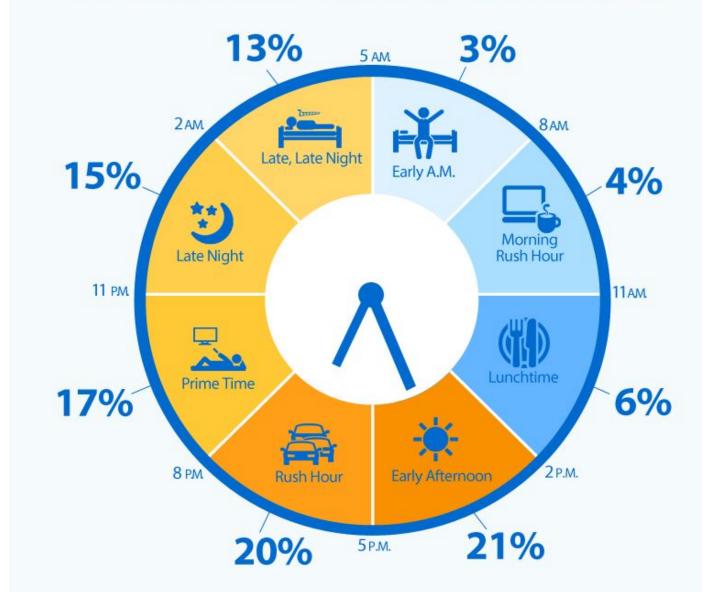


## Your segmentation determines your buttons.

We have all of the ingredients in Lewisham for a great result.

We have a fantastic candidate in Lucy Salek, a clear message and we are gaining

### The Most Popular Times of Day to Make a Political Donation



# WHAT 10 STUDIES SAY ABOUT The Best Time To Send Email Here's a visual representation of the combined data from multiple studies. AVERAGE BEST TIME

12pm

8am

4pm

8pm

12am

4am

CoSchedule

12am



### • Lib Dems – weekdays between 6-9am and 3-6pm





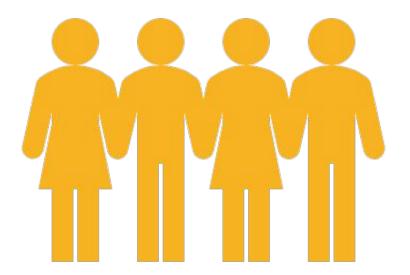
# *"That's the advice. Now ignore it."*

Use these times as a starting point for sending emails and then look at what works and change where you need to.



### Broadcasters

- Make sure your members hear from a few different people. Eg
  - LP chair
  - LP Treasurer
  - PPC
  - Council group leader / key council candidate
  - Person running the campaign/event you are fundraising for
  - A new active member
- Be sure to have a diverse range of broadcasters





### **DESIGNING EMAILS**

- Mobile first.
  - Most of your audience will see this on a mobile device.
- Simple layout
  - You don't know which device or mail client your audience will be using.
  - Email is easy. But email design is hard.
- Make sure you have an appropriate sender.



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Draw out an email, and input the content we've developed over the session.

An MP fundraising for parliamentary elections.

Use Post-It Notes as buttons, taking into consideration your segmentation.

The Federal party fundraising for a national campaign.



### **DESIGNING EMAILS**

- Plan your email campaigns ahead.
- Set out to send about three emails, and have a thank you email ready to go.
- Vary your broadcasters.
- Break your target down into emails, so that you can keep track of your progress.



### **DESIGNING EMAILS**

Number	Date	Theme	Segments	Broadcaster	Amount 1	Amount 2	Amount 3	Target
			Segment A	РРС	100	50	25	
Email 1	14th June		Segment B	PPC	50	30	15	
			Segment C	PPC	20	10	5	£2,000
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Email 2	18th June	Update on progress and another ask	Segment B	Senior party figure	50	30	15	
		usk.	Segment C	Senior party figure	20	10	5	£1,000
			Segment A	Local party chair	100	50	25	
Email 3	27th June	Reminder and final ask	Segment B	Local party chair	50	30	15	
			Segment C	Local party chair	20	10	5	£1,000
Email 4	1st July	Thank you	ALL	РРС	No ask	No ask	No ask	No ask



## **ANY QUESTIONS**





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