# TellUs Cultures SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY

February 20, 2024

Whitney Ward
Intern
wrw7854s@missouristate.edu



# Executive Summary

#### **Executive Summary**

PROBLEM - We are in need of more stories and more engagement with a wider audience. Social media can bring interest into TellUs Cultures, as well as, create an engagement with new customers who can donate stories or money.

RESULTS - We can expect more experiences from a broader audience coming in as well as more participation in gatherings. Furthermore, we can gain more business partnerships.

BUDGET/RESOURCES - the budget for social is zero, but it will take someone about 5 hours a week to research, prepare posts, and interact with customers.

TIMELINE - We can soft-launch our new media in April of 2024, with a full launch in May of 2024.

### Social Media Goals

#### How our social goals align to our business goals

| Our Business Goals               | Our Goals on Social                                    | Our Metrics                                                         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Help potential customers find us | Awareness Increase to 1,000 followers and reach of 500 | Reach, impressions, follower growth, shares                         |
| Convince people to choose us     | <b>Engagement</b> Have consistent 5% engagement rate   | Comments, likes, @mentions                                          |
| Create interest in our methods   | <b>Conversions</b> 5% growth per month                 | Website clicks, newsletter signups, trainings, experiences received |
| Keep partners engaged and        | Consumer Sentiment                                     | Testimonials, social media                                          |

Keep partners engaged and earn their loyalty

Receive at least 1 testimonial per month from a non-staff member

Testimonials, social media sentiment, respond to each comment

#### Social Media Goals

#### By May 1, 2025, we will:

- We will grow our Instagram audience by 15 new followers per week and LinkedIn by 10 new followers per week.
- We will increase likes to 5% per post.
- We will increase engagement to 3% per post and respond to each comment.
- Post 3x per week per network

# Target Audience

|                              | Busy Betty                                                                                                                                       | Open-minded Opal                                                                            | Principal Paula                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Example job title(s)         | Housewife, member of PTA                                                                                                                         | Works remotely in graphic design                                                            | International School principal                                                                                   |
| Demographis                  | Country: USA, age: 42, mom of 3 children                                                                                                         | Country: France, age: 25, single female with no children                                    | Country: France, age: 48, married with one child                                                                 |
| Preferred Social<br>Networks | Facebook, Instagram, required messaging app for child's school, Pinterest                                                                        | Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn,<br>TikTok                                           | LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube required messaging app for child's school                                 |
| Brand Affinities             | Target, WebMD, Trader Joe's, Ald, Michaels,<br>TJ Maxx, Cricut                                                                                   | loves street markets, eco friendly<br>brands                                                | Sezane, Maje, MonoPrix                                                                                           |
| Budget (for TellUs)          | None, but can be very interactive with content and spreading information heard                                                                   | €15 per year                                                                                | €2,500 for training                                                                                              |
| Goals/Aspirations            | Provide their family with a happy and healthy life (building their intercultural skills, helps them build their children's intercultural skills) | LIfe and cultural experience, adventure (participation in monthly meetings)                 | To create a school and home environment that is academically advanced and welcoming to new ideas                 |
| Pain Points                  | Doing their best for their family on limited resources and comparing themselves to the "supermoms"                                               | Sometimes lonely, super busy with many passion projects and can't keep up with all the work | Worried about keeping a certain level of financial stability, work-life balance, "problem parent" at school      |
| How we can help              | Different cultural perspectives from peers                                                                                                       | Community of people with experiences to share                                               | Needed trainings for teachers to have better understanding of students and for teachers to be trained in methods |

# Competitive Analysis

|                                    | Networks<br>active                                     | Number of followers | Strengths                                                                                     | Voice                                                                              | Content that resonates                                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Corinium<br>Language<br>Associates | Facebook<br>LinkedIn<br>X                              | 1.75k               | Highlighting holidays<br>from different nations                                               | Tone is pleasant<br>and casual, draws<br>in the viewer,<br>easy to read<br>stories | Job posts, market<br>trends                                                 |
| Operation<br>Understanding DC      | Facebook<br>Instagram                                  | 2.2k                | Highlights straight-<br>forward success stories                                               | Very serious                                                                       | Posts featuring art,<br>posts with photos of<br>graduates of the<br>program |
| Movement<br>Exchange               | Facebook<br>Instagram<br>TikTok<br>LinkedIn<br>Youtube | 6.4k                | Create videos and repurpose different parts for different posts                               | Mainly casual with<br>a slightly<br>professional feel.<br>A little cold.           | Posts with many<br>college students in<br>the picture                       |
| International<br>Folk Art Market   | Facebook<br>Instagram<br>Youtube<br>LinkedIn           | 41.2k               | Beautiful, every post<br>seems to have a story,<br>able to repost great<br>stories about them | Casual and to the point                                                            | Multiple pictures or videos with a short story get the most likes           |

### SWOT Analysis

|          | Positive                                                                                                                                                                                  | Negative                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Internal | <ul> <li>Strengths</li> <li>Highly engaged Instagram community</li> <li>Archived experiences</li> <li>Large working community</li> </ul>                                                  | <ul> <li>Weaknesses</li> <li>LinkedIn posts are not getting engagement</li> <li>Same few people engage on LinkedIn</li> <li>Inconsistent voice</li> <li>Lack of variety of types of posts</li> </ul> |
| External | <ul> <li>Opportunities</li> <li>Untapped market</li> <li>Competitors also haven't tapped younger Instagram community</li> <li>Trending Instagram reels styles suit our company</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Threats</li> <li>People don't know about us</li> <li>Some NGOs have found a niche audience that includes our target</li> </ul>                                                              |

### Social Media Audit

#### Social Media Benchmarks

As of February 26, 2024

| Channel   | Number of followers | # of Posts | Average<br>engagement<br>rate | Click-<br>through<br>rate | Mentions | Reach |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------|
| Instagram | 194                 | 194        | 2-5%                          |                           | 20       |       |
| LinkedIn  | 400                 |            | 1-3%                          |                           |          |       |
| YouTube   | 16                  | 18         | 3.5%                          |                           |          |       |
| Facebook  | 1.1k                |            | 0% (recent)                   |                           | 29       |       |

#### Social Media Audit

| Instagram                                                                                                                                                          | LinkedIn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | YouTube                                                                                                                                                                                 | Facebook                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| What's working: good quality photos, videos and pictures that show the people's personality, photos featuring Marine and Eleonore, earth day style posts from 2021 | What's working: hashtags, tagging large organizations, blocks with upcoming meeting and pictures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | What's working: audio stories, good quality (I couldn't understand the content, so I am not sure what the difference was in that part.) Recording with a good background had more views | What's working: Stories, content with leaders, tagging people involved in the story/post                                                                                                                           |
| What's not working: zoom photos, grainy photos, block-basic-predictable photos                                                                                     | What's not working: only putting hashtags in French, use all hashtags in the target language but key hashtags in each language we want to represent                                                                                                                                                                                                              | What's not working: the shorter videos had less engagement                                                                                                                              | What's not working: lots of hashtags, only newsletter,                                                                                                                                                             |
| Audience: Board, members, people for the cause that is mentioned in the hashtag                                                                                    | Audience: ages 35-55, members,<br>sometimes organizations/people who<br>know tagged people                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Audience: I do not have access to see who<br>liked the videos                                                                                                                           | Audience: right now leaders as far as I can see, but cannot look at comprehensive data                                                                                                                             |
| Lessons/hypotheses: fun and lighthearted posts will perform well, as well as posts that discuss/introduce important topics.  Must have clear, high-quality visuals | Lessons/hypotheses: Scheduling posts to match the lunch break of the desired time zone will help, Post everything in French first, then portuguese, then English, then possibly spanish in the future (timed to match their timz one) this creates the four recommended posts per day. Share one other post per day that was interesting and relevant to TellUs. | Lessons/hypothesis: stories/interviews<br>will do well with the propers light-hearted<br>setting                                                                                        | Lessons/hypothesis: More personal posts<br>will garner a larger audience. I think finding<br>people member's friends and family who<br>are not as culturally aware and<br>interviewing them would be a good start. |

#### Action Items

| To do                                                       | When         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Remove all old accounts or accounts not using               | End of April |
| Have at least 2 weeks of content for each platform prepared | End of April |
| Improve video editing skills                                | End of May   |

# Content Strategy

#### Action Items

| Content Pillar 1 Entertaining/Informative                                                                                                                                 | <b>Content Pillar 2</b> Branded/Promo/Sales                                                                                                                                      | Content Pillar 3 Company Culture/Values                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -experiences -random interviews with acquaintances -interesting posts from other accounts                                                                                 | -monthly meeting topic<br>-member benefit (one at a time)<br>-trainings<br>-Events                                                                                               | -Staff/member bios<br>-Values<br>-mission<br>-approach                                 |
| Post Ideas                                                                                                                                                                | Post Ideas                                                                                                                                                                       | Post Ideas                                                                             |
| Stories show user generated content Street interview style short reels Interesting photos with link to experiences Random holiday posts (odd or normal) Entertaining news | Beginning of month promote monthly topic Ask for experiences for next month's topic Advertise upcoming events/trainings (even companies using the training if we get permission) | Interviews with Fun facts Infographic Article about research that supports our methods |
| Frequency                                                                                                                                                                 | Frequency                                                                                                                                                                        | Frequency                                                                              |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                                    | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                                 |

#### Resources

#### **Editorial Calendar:**

[Add Link -- this maps out content release schedule for blog posts, campaigns, product launches—anything that will impact what we post on social]

#### Social media content calendar:

[Add Link — this maps out actual individual posts for each social network, along with visuals, links, copy, etc.]

#### **Content library:**

[Add Link — this is where we store all videos, photos, templates, infographics, brand assets, style and voice guidelines, including the content we've already used and the content we might want to use in the future]

# Next Steps

### Progress Update

Date range: March 1, 2024-June 30, 2024

| Channel   | Number of followers | # of Posts | Average<br>engagement<br>rate | Click-<br>through<br>rate | Mentions | Reach |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------|
| Instagram |                     |            |                               |                           |          |       |
| LinkedIn  |                     |            |                               |                           |          |       |
| YouTube   |                     |            |                               |                           |          |       |
| Facebook  |                     |            |                               |                           |          |       |

#### What should we continue doing?

| Instagram          | LinkedIn           | YouTube            | Facebook           |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| What's working:    | What's working:    | What's working:    | What's working:    |
| Why is it working: |
| Action items:      | Action items:      | Action items:      | Action items:      |
| Comments:          | Comments:          | Comments:          | Comments:          |

### What should we stop doing?

| Instagram              | LinkedIn               | YouTube                | Facebook               |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| What's not working:    | What's not working:    | What's not working:    | What's not working:    |
| Why is it not working: |
| Action items:          | Action items:          | Action items:          | Action items:          |
| Comments:              | Comments:              | Comments:              | Comments:              |

#### What should we start doing?

| Instagram          | LinkedIn           | YouTube            | Facebook           |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| What's working:    | What's working:    | What's working:    | What's working:    |
| Why is it working: |
| Action items:      | Action items:      | Action items:      | Action items:      |
| Comments:          | Comments:          | Comments:          | Comments:          |