



Social media and training

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Overview

- Social media what is it?
- How are students using social media?
- How can trainers use social media?
- What to be careful of when using social media and apps in a professional setting
- Social media policy
- Examples of social media



Social media – what is it?

- Social media is huge and diverse it is made up of websites and applications (apps) which allow their users to create and share content
- Becoming more and more commonplace and acceptable (and even expected) for use by businesses
- Types of social media:
 - Social networking sites Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+
 - Video and photo sharing sites Instagram, YouTube
 - Corporate tools Sharepoint, Yammer
 - Blogs, forums and discussion groups
 - Podcasting sites
 - Gaming platforms

How are students using it?

- 24/7 some may argue they are addicted!
- Mainly on phones and tablets
- Everything is recorded and shared meals, conversations, experiences (good and bad)
- Not just 'millennials'
- Product research people expect more information at the tips of their fingers about the business before buying a product or service
- Collaboration in studies e.g. Google Docs
- Advice forums and comments

How can trainers use it?

- Marketing tool
- Building meaningful relationships with students
- Share ideas and information, quickly and with the click of a button
- Injecting fun and interest into the course
- Professional development Linked In, webinars, blogs
- Assessments group participation can be monitored fairly easily
- Good judgement and a degree of caution is required

Caution!

- Social media use does have implications:
 - Privacy
 - Copyright infringement
 - Bullying and harassment
 - Risk to organisational reputation and brand what happens if a complaint goes viral?
 - Risk to personal reputation
 - Switching off is important too social media can become 24/7
 - Personal safety and security e.g. identity theft

Social media scandal

- Example Playboy model Dani Mathers convicted in a Snapchat body shaming case
 - She posted a photo of a woman in the gym shower to her Snapchat account, the photo went viral – invasion of privacy
 - Sentenced to community service
 - Huge media scandal impacted on career, banned from gym, criminal conviction





Social media policy

- A social media policy is **essential**
- Many organisations will already have one if not, it should be a priority
 - Even if you have one, have you checked it is current?
- An internet search brings up hundreds of examples and templates
- Some organisations are hiring Social Media Managers – skilled experts who understand how to use it and the implications

Social media policy

- It should include:
 - Expectations for the organisation's official account e.g. what can be posted, who can access, how to respond to any complaints
 - Expectations of staff
 - Expectations of students
 - Information that must not be accessed or shared
 - Behaviour that could be considered offensive
 - Consequences of any breaches



- Social networking sites Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+
 - Organisations can have pages and control what goes on and who can comment
 - Managing the privacy settings are essential don't just trust the default settings
 - Trainers can set up groups where students can collaborate and exchange ideas – see who is engaging and who is not
 - Generally free to use, so cost is not an issue
 - Posting meaningful content and regular engagement is important



- Video and photo sharing sites Instagram, YouTube
 - Create and upload content about your company and services
 - Many students are visual learners or may have LLN needs – videos are great for this
 - Making learning engaging and fun
 - Record and upload presentation and lectures
- Corporate tools Sharepoint, Yammer

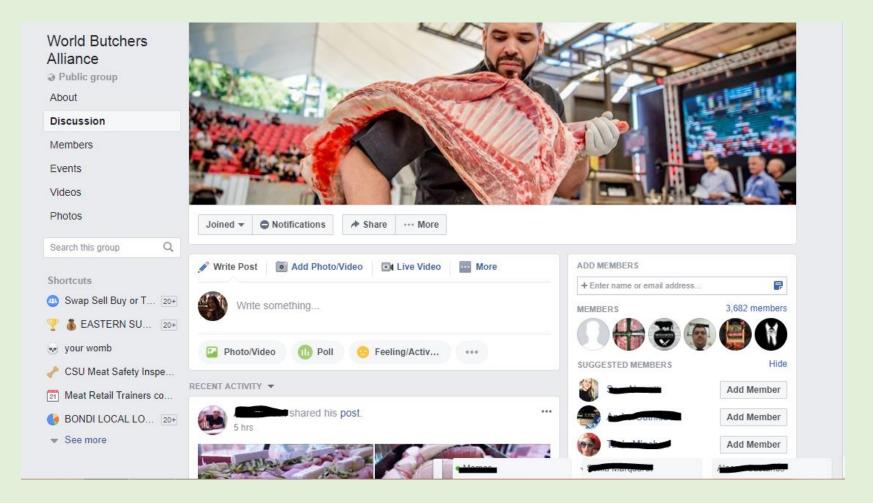


- Create internal networks for colleagues to communicate and collaborate
- Access information and documents wherever you are

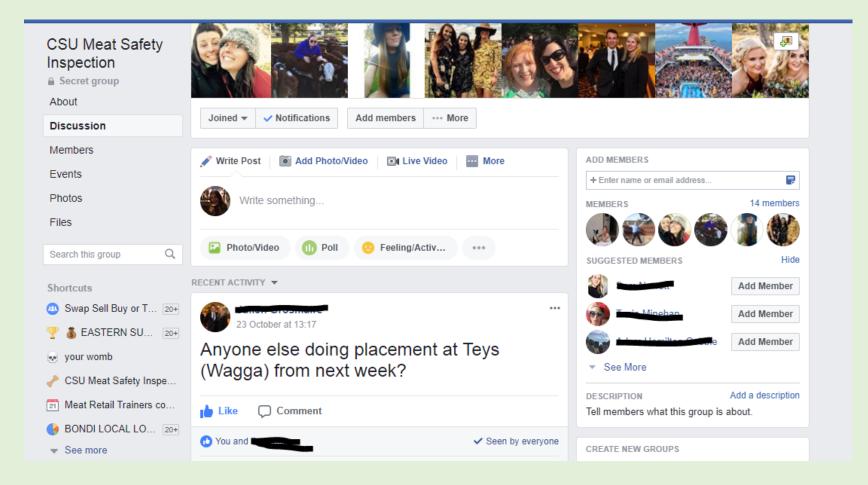
- Blogs, forums and discussion groups
 - Creating forums for groups of students to interact
 - Monitor for common topics students struggle with
 - Feedback on trainer performance
- Podcasting sites
 - Record presentations and lectures as audio
 - Professional development
- Games
 - Engaging students who struggle with LLN in innovative ways, e.g. Words With Friends

- Event Apps
 - Many conferences now have dedicated apps
 - Networking
 - Feedback
 - Informational purposes
- Instapoll
 - An online tool that allows you to create a poll for your audience, attendees then use their smartphones to vote

Industry example



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Brands who have 'nailed' social media

 There are some companies who just seem to 'get' social media and engage in very clever ways



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Discussion questions

- Who has a social media policy? What does it include?
- Is anyone currently using social media for their training role? What apps/sites do you use?
- Experiences good and bad? Please share if you are comfortable
- Is anyone avoiding social media? Can you avoid it forever?

