# Eleven Pillars: Our Content Marketing Approach



## No 'More' Content

### More is not always the answer.

In a climate of prolific messaging and choice, the connected customer is no longer a mere recipient of media messages, but an active player, and often your most valuable brand ambassadors.

With this power-shift, the need for a strong value proposition and engaging communications is evermore important.

Content must be considered to meet the needs of your audience first and foremost, and accurately reflect the positive strength of your brand.

At Eleven, we believe that credibility and trust are key principles often overlooked in content marketing strategies. We believe the most effective approach is to start with your target audience, and if your business service or product can add value to them, then we're on to a winner.

### **Eleven Pillars**

Our content marketing process spans four phases, in the beginning we assess then create, before we promote and finally learn.

Each phase of our process is broken down further into modules; our eleven pillars.

### Do I Have to Do It All?

Recognising that each business has its own journey, our approach is meant to complement what you already have in place, you may wish to work through all eleven, or you may be seeking support for just one or two.



# Phase One: Assess

Your content will carry the message of your brand, whether that's in a press release or a research paper, it represents you.

So, first-up we need to develop that understanding. Often, this phase will be as beneficial to the leadership team as it is to the content producers.

Assessment ensures that everybody is aligned with understanding the business goals, the market, and your brand's unique selling points (USPs) that will allow you to successfully compete in that market.

Understanding your target audience is crucial, identifying target personas their needs and frustrations puts you much stronger position to create valuable content with the right messaging. This must be done with a wider understanding of the market landscape to ensure that your messages stand out in the crowd of competitors.

We can support each step of your customer's journey, raising awareness through the appropriate channels, and providing the right information at the perfect point to ensure a smooth experience.

Goals, USPs & market landscape

Target personas

Customer journeys







Our partnership has been a critical part of our growth since 2015 - we have established a strong online credibility with our customers and stakeholders globally which we simply couldn't have done without Eleven.

Alan Foreman, B-Secur CEO

### Phase Two: Create

A brand messaging framework clarifies your defining characteristics and informs all further content production. The framework can be utilised by all areas of your business, from customer service to marketing to HR.

Ensuring your technical infrastructure is up-to-scratch will allow you to disseminate your messages at pace to the widest possible audience, reduce demands on staff, and improve the overall customer experience.

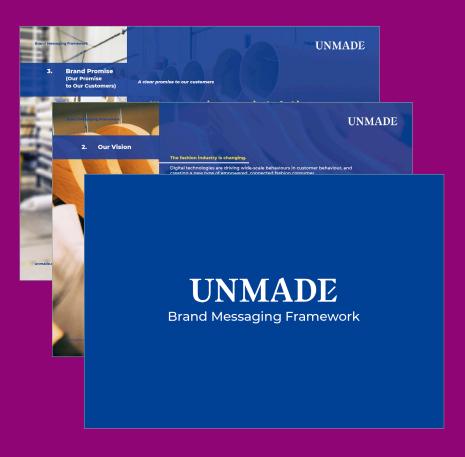
Most likely, your website will be the lead source of information for your audience. Even the best content can be missed on a site with a poor user experience, and no matter how strong your press release is, if it leads to a site not fit for purpose it will most certainly put off prospective customers. Other areas to consider are marketing automation platforms, social media and networking channels, and service integrations. We provide technical consultancy to ensure your digital presence evolves with your business and you stay ahead of the competition.

A content roadmap should not be set in stone, in fact, don't even let it near a laminator. An agile approach will allow you to forecast and set milestones, yet be reactive rather than restricted. Whether planning ahead for the quarter, month, or a shorter sprint cycle, a roadmap can focus resources for a greater impact.









# Phase Three: Promote

Regular promotion is required to ensure your brand maintains presence in a competitive market, and building a brand means reaching the right people at the right time through the right channels.

Effective promotion should be strategic, through well considered campaigns that can capitalise on existing initiatives. You may want to create hype around a particular product before presence at a key event, or show thought-leadership by contributing comment on a topical issue.

Your content roadmap will direct campaigns and combined with your persona understanding, map the channels through which to distribute your message.

Communications ought to be mapped to a goal, whether raising awareness of brand values, encouraging customer loyalty, or more directly driving readers to a conversion goal such as a purchase. We'll work with you to connect marketing and sales.

Don't wait for a new product, service or event to pick up on promotions. Brand promotion is never complete. Regular, thoughtful and engaging content is key.

















Working with Eleven has created the voice for IPEX we needed, articulating our vision and helping us reach customers with authentic, credible content - beyond marketing to customer service and sales channels too. Our content partnership is a vital part of our business strategy.

Paul Sherlock, IPEX CEO

# Phase Four: Learn

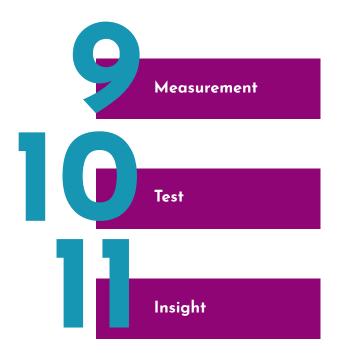
# Last but certainly not least, we place emphasis on learning.

Recognising that all companies and customers are unique, it's crucial to continually evaluate any activities and make iterative improvements, with a little risk taking for good measure.

Key performance indicators (KPIs) are one component of measurement, but we can source valuable new insights from customer actions and engagements. From Google Analytics to social statistics, what can we learn from your customers' behaviour?

Not sure what startegy will perform best? Let's **test!** From on site A/B testing to segmenting audiences for different campaigns, we like to test to prove what works.

Reports full of statistics only tell us so much, we look to provide the context for worthwhile insight that allow you to make informed data driven decisions.





# Let's Collaborate

Want to create compelling, quality content as elevated as your goals?

Talk to us today to begin

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