

### CASE STUDY

## **ABOUT:**

Client:Amara Living LtdSite:Amara.comLanguages:EN, DE, FRSector:Luxury Home AccessoriesBrands:250Products:40,000Revenue:£20m

Amara is a rapidly growing online interiors business, committed to bringing the very best in luxury home fashion to its customers. Aside from its huge range of products & brands, its key differentiator is customer service, which has always been first class.

Amara's key challenge however was improving customer loyalty, and turned to Retain.me for help.

#### FAST FACTS

Nursery Campaign Beat Email by x 2.09 GP ROAS of £11.49 (first time customers) Reduction in Variable Marketing of 2pp Increased AOV for Repeat Customers of 11%

#### AMARAS GOALS

Improve Customer Experience Increase Customer Retention Reduce Variable Marketing Spend Improve Product Visibility



### **ANDREW HOOD** CEO AMARA.COM

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**Retain.me** have helped us deliver on our strategy to personalise the Customer Experience.

Feedback from customers has surpassed expectations whilst we can see a tangible return on investment.



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# **CAMPAIGN DETAIL**

Amara's marketing team are innovative thinkers who seek to maximise value at every turn.

They already had existing in-house and 3rd party tools working collaboratively to deliver a personalised experience to their customers online.

The team turned to Retain.me to help deliver that same personalised experience in print. The print

replaced the humble delivery note with a high quality, booklet style, full colour printed document, a SMARTSlip<sup>®</sup>.

The SMARTSlip<sup>®</sup> is printed at the DC, during the pick & pack process, comprising 6 panels, each personalised to the individual customer, based on their profile as shown below.



#### Personalisation

- Transactional data.
- The usual delivery note information, accompanied with full colour images of the items purchased.

#### **Customer Profile**

- A new customer received a nursery campaign offer (unique code).
- A repeat customer is shown a Buyapowa (refer a friend) promotion.

#### **Customer Reviews**

Each customer has a unique QR code to review shopping experience and the products purchased.

#### **Destination Country**

Relevant customer service and returns information is presented based on delivery destination and transaction value.

#### Language

Based on which language version of the website was used during the purchase path, the SMARTSlip® is natively translated into the correct language: EN, FR, DE.

#### **Products Purchased**

Post purchase product recommendations can be presented using the own-platform recommendations engine.







## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Whilst the concept was simple, the execution had the potential to be complex. There were two elements to consider:

#### **1. DATA INTEGRATION**

- Flat file feed from Ecommerce engine
- Set up of Adobe InDesign templates
- Logic development (business rules)

#### 2. WAREHOUSE IMPLEMENTATION

- Install print devices at DC
- Zero interruption to workflow

### DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE RESULTS The Nursery Campaign

New customers represent 70% of all orders and each new customer received a 15% off offer by both email and via the new SMARTSlip®, both with unique promo codes, to encourage second purchase:

> Retain.me Solution Beat Email by: Revenue: x 2.00 Gross Profit x 2.09 With a ROAS of £11.49

First Time Customer Cohort Increase of 4.62% on 2016

#### **Repeat Customer Mix**

11.1% Increase in Existing Customer Mix

#### Average Order Value

Repeat Customer Transaction Value Increased by 11%

SMART Slip®



The campaign ran for a full 12 months, for the calendar year 2017. Over 100,000 customers received the new style delivery note.

#### Theory

#### WORKING ON TWO THEORIES:

- 1. The most effective time to target a customer for a repeat purchase is between 0 and 7 days of purchase.
- 2. Personalised offers and relevant content would resonate with the customers and inspire them to shop again.

#### **How Amara Measured Results**

#### KPI'S

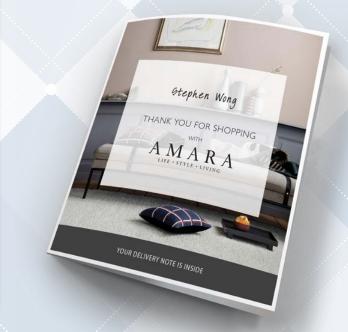
- Nursery programme vs email: ROAS
- First time customer cohort analysis
- Repeat customer mix
- Average Transaction Value

#### Social Media

- Twitter posts
- · Feefo Reviews platform

#### At What Cost?

Retain.me structure their billing on a per-order basis, offering Amara a totally variable cost, to manage their marketing spend in line with their business' sales profile.



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# **COMMENTS:** FROM THE CONSUMER

Customer feedback on Feefo

See them online at Amara.com (and click on Feefo)

- **6 6 Amazing!** Amazing service, very quick delivery, **very personalised packaging**. Very happy customer! **??**
- **Good Experience.** Easy to order online and product came quickly *and very nicely packaged.* **9**
- **66** Exceptional Customer Service. Incredible customer service and delivery! ...The packaging and customer support were exceptional and I am very impressed with Amara! **??**
- **6 C Very Impressed...** Very **impressed by how well this company does their packaging and receipts.** Looking forward to purchasing from again in the future! **9**
- **6 C Shopping does not get better than this..** Always first class service. Good communication and delivery. *Loved the personalised touch in the parcel.***?**
- 6 6 Absolutely thrilled with our purchase. The price, speedy service, great packaging & wrapping, even the lovely personalised card.

