# Breaking the rules

Digital fundraising during a pandemic

26th May 2021

# Today

- Digital Fundraising at Liberty in 2020/21
- Care2 case studies: Cats Protection & Fauna and Flora International

# Liberty

Liberty challenges injustice, defends freedom and campaigns to make sure everyone in the UK is treated fairly.

# Challenges we faced

- Acquisition peaks linked to public profile of former director and external world events.
- Intermittent inserts programme which was unable to exceed annual attrition.
- Small email list, receiving intermittent communications.
- Online forms behind industry best practice standards.
- Online actions not being utilised for membership conversion.

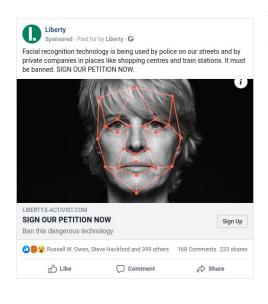
# Making the case

- · Consistent investment in online acquisition and engagement activities including better forms.
- · Testing across online channels: Facebook and Care2.
- Testing a variety of approaches including value exchange and promoting actions etc.
- Well optimised supporter journeys.
- · A long-term view rather than the expectation of an instant ROI.

## Testing with Facebook and Care2

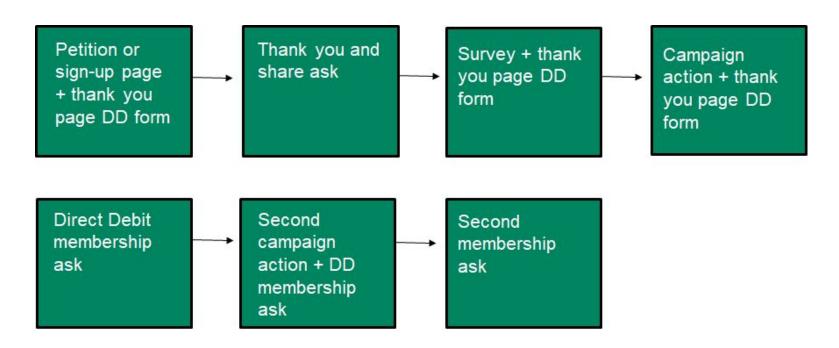








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#### Workflow: Facial recognition supporter journey



Type: General

**Object:** Send a series of messages **Activation date:** 24/09/2019 14:54 pm

**Applies to:** People who match the query now and also people that will match the

query into the future.

Show query information



Journey Starts: 12907 Actions:

 Avg. Open Rate:
 29.4%

 Avg. Click Rate:
 10.04%

View full stats





Donations:

# Results and ongoing strategy

#### LIBERTY, SUCCESS WITH BOTH PLATFORMS

- Action based Facebook ads achieve up to 2% conversion in year 1. Targeted at 1%-1.5%.
- Care2 leads achieved conversion rates of 1.5% 2% in a year
- Care2 conversion model adapted from FB journeys (saving time and resource)
- **Drawbacks with Facebook,** campaigns not being approved or taken down, sudden dip in performance, difficulty of maintain consistent acquisition throughout the year. Care2 is used as a complimentary source

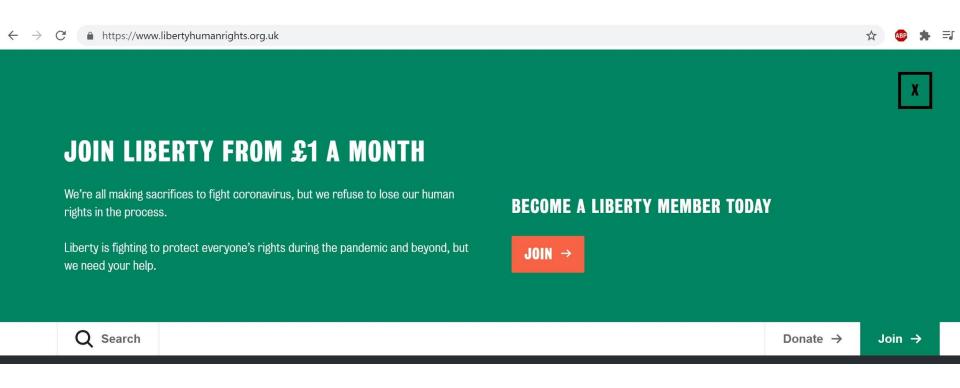
## The rules we broke

Planned content.

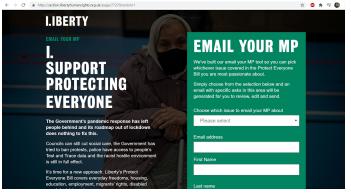
Minimum donation prompts.

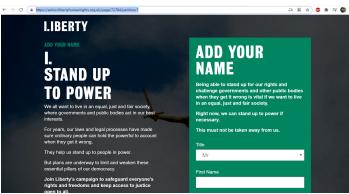
Themed journeys.

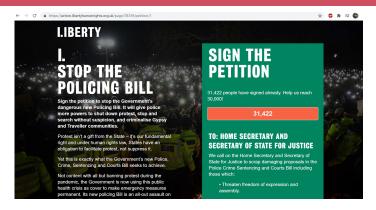
# £1 Membership Challenge

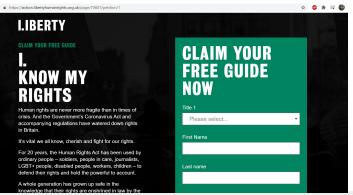


# Scrapping Thematic Journeys

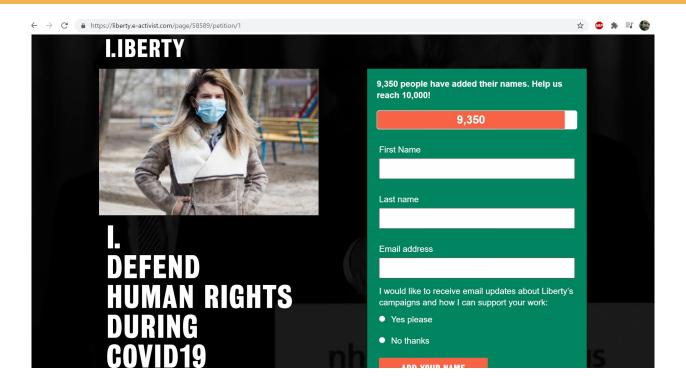








## Picking the most relevant content



### Knowing your rules: Knowing when to break them

Planned journeys

Reactive/current content

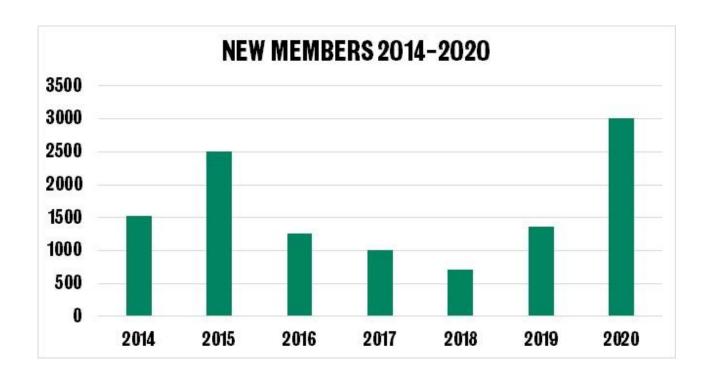
Thematic approach  $\Longrightarrow$ 

Mix of content/themes

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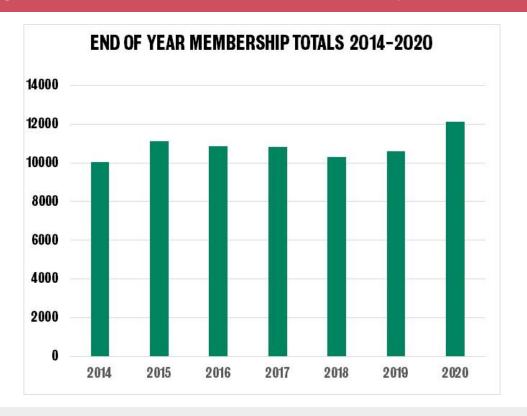
**Open asks** 

# New members by year





# End of year membership totals





### 2019 vs 2020

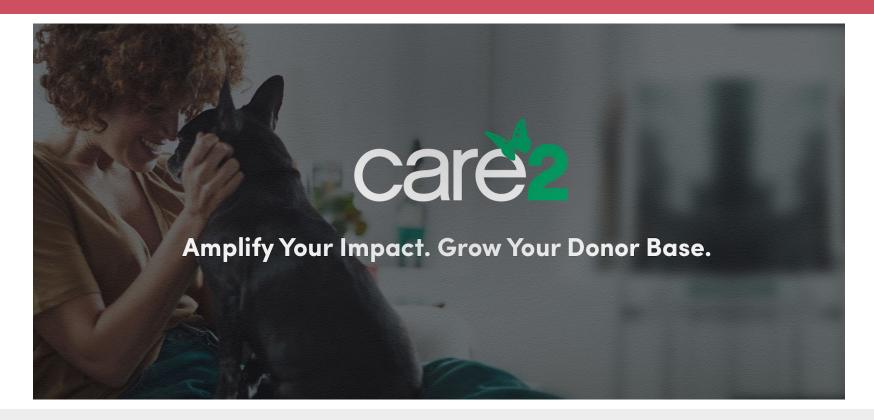
	2019	2020
New members in year	1,359	3,110
Average monthly sign ups	113	251
End of year volume	10,606	12,126
Net gain on previous year	323	1,520



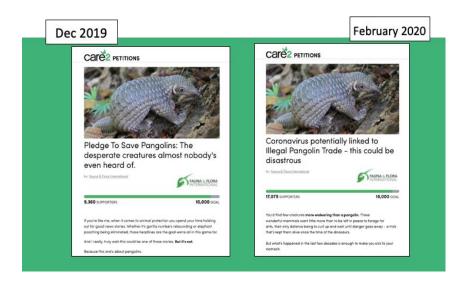
### 2021 so far

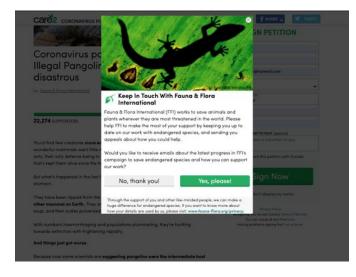
Metric	Volume
Total members at 31 March	13,278
Net increase on end 2020	1152
Total new members so far	1169

### Care2.com



### Fauna & Flora International





### Fauna & Flora International conversion tactics 2020

- Cash over RG when tested and stretched out over a 6 month period a repeated cash asks provides both stronger LTV and more RGs than a repeated RG ask.
- Always write evergreen and recycle good fundraising copy shouldn't necessarily have an expiration date (excluding disaster appeals and so forth)
- **Do not tailor ask amounts** controversially after testing FFI base email ask amounts on the lead generation source, not the individual donor. This can decrease income significantly on a single email test, but over an extended period it pushes response rate up to such a level that it ends up being more profitable.
- They don't send an appeal immediately first goal of your automation is to get people reading your emails, so while it's tempting to financially capitalise on the maximised early engagement, it's better to use that to get them reading.
- They don't include any social share buttons on any emails an obvious one but important to repeat, don't mix asks after testing they've found emails with social share buttons heavily reduce response rates

### Results from Care2 leads

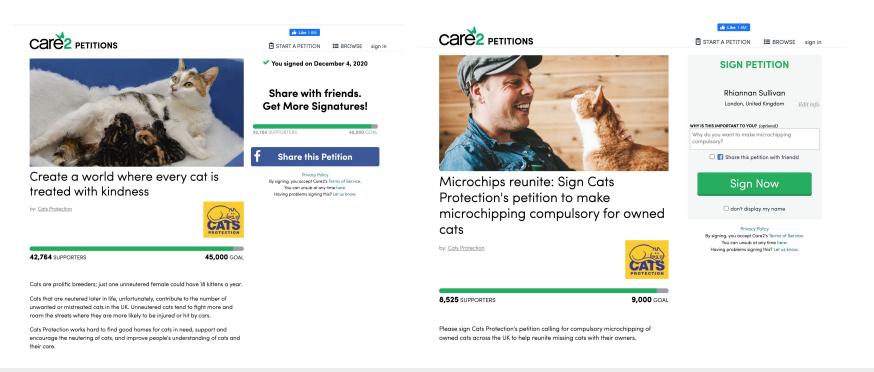
- Data as of January 2021
- No RG asks offered to Canadian, Aus or US leads
- Positive ROI in under a year

	2016	2018	0040 1116	2000 1114	2021	2019	2020	2020	2020
	UK	UK	2019 UK	2020 UK	UK	USA	USA	Aus	Can
Leads purchased	11000	16095	32537	13356	279	32184	57562	15489	19242
ROI to date	9.72	6.49	2.78	1.33	0.21	1.88	1.22	0.94	0.48
No of donors	1702	3084	4090	1054	21	1075	1129	533	362
No of RGs	200	460	568	171	3	9	8	5	1
Conversion to donor									
%	15.5%	19.2%	12.6%	7.9%	7.5%	3.3%	2.0%	3.4%	1.9%
Conversion to RG %	1.8%	2.9%	1.7%	1.3%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

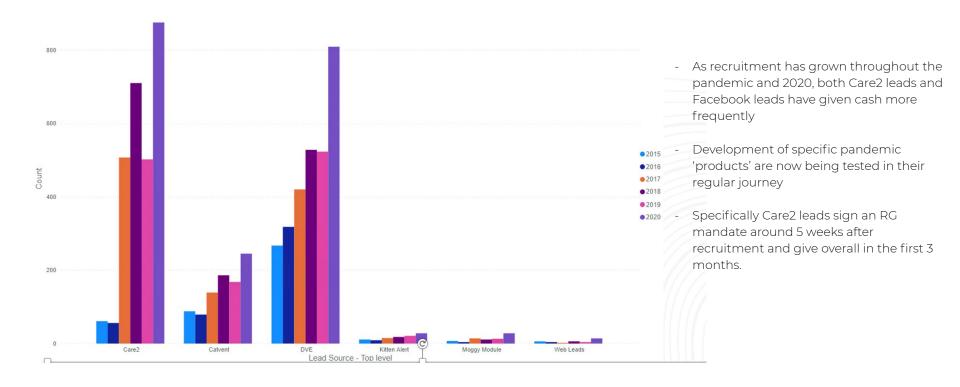


# Cats Protection insights from 2020/21

- A mixture of handraisers & petitions since 2016



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**Open asks** 

# Thank You.

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