The Image of Cycling In Britain

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This talk covers...

- What is social marketing dispelling myths
- How social marketing can be deployed to generate a mode shift to cycling
 - highlight principles that can be applied to Smarter Choices generally
- The talk is based on...
 - Work done for Bristol Cycle City 2008-2010
 - Our work on cycling at the Bristol Social Marketing Centre



What is social marketing?

...in the context of travel decisions



Using marketing techniques to encourage behaviour changes

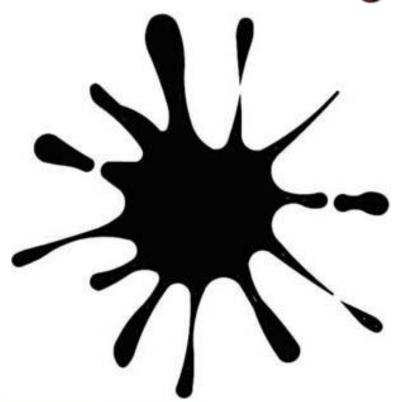








The SPLAT effect of social marketing

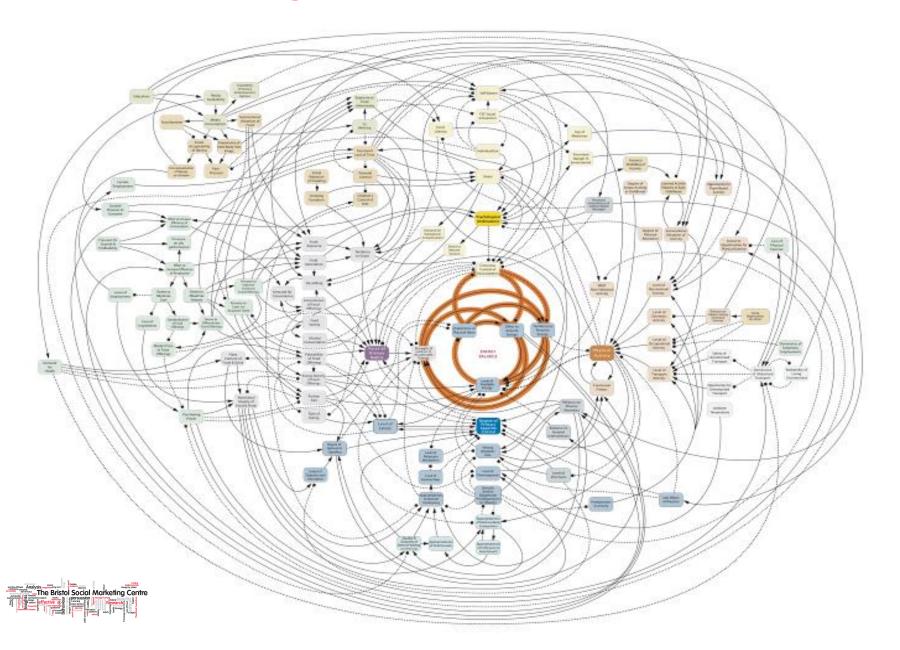


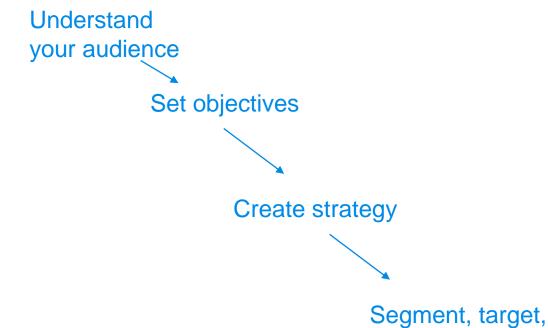
SPLAT = Some Posters, Leaflets, Ads 'n' Things

Thanks to Sara Bird of BSMC for this one



Can SPLAT change this?





Social Marketing is a strategic process





What do we mean by "strategy"?





"Someone calling themselves a customer says they want something called service."

The key to powerful social marketing is product or service

redesign





Understand Social Marketing fit with other behaviour

change components... environmental, educational, legal, structural,behavioural economical...(?!)

Set objectives

Create strategy: what is the *unique* added value of social marketing?

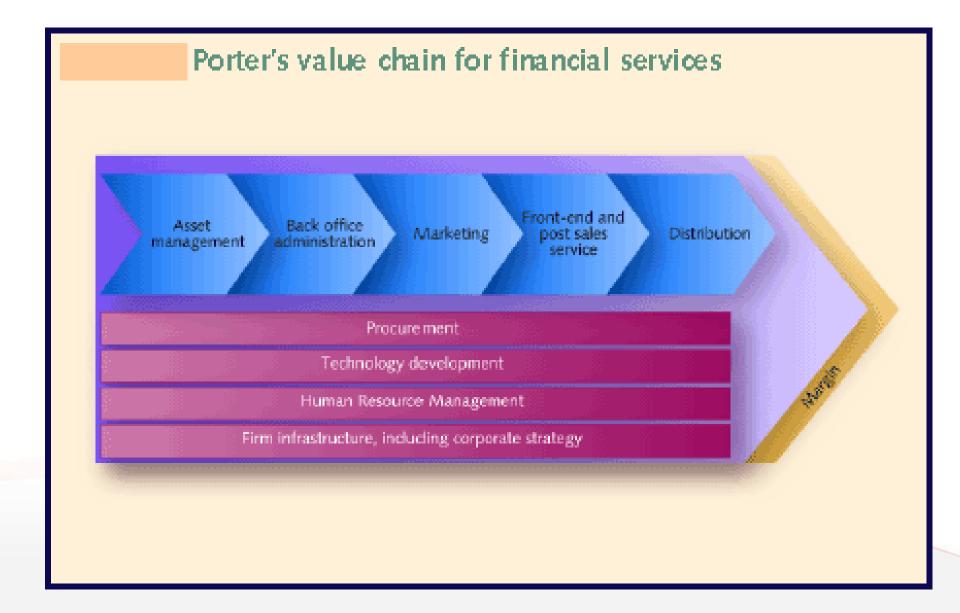
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Social marketing communications



Marketing is a strategic process



Social Marketing and Cycling...

Key insights



If we build it ... they WON'T come?





Key objectives of our work

> Client:

- To learn from our insights
- To help produce an integrated marketing communications campaign – to build a "brand" for cycling.

> Academic

- Codify precise roles for strategic social marketing
- Explore the fit of behaviour change models with cycling/marketing



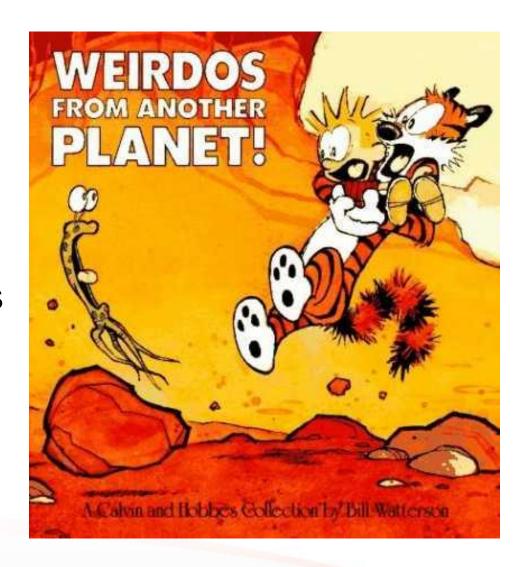
- Quant and Qual research
- Three phase
- Brand new insights





Hypothesis:

- Cycling has a weird image
- This is socially and culturally derived
- We can try and fix this through brand work
- But in the meantime lets understand the image of cycling ...our study





The cycling prospect



Non cyclists think about cycling differently compared to cyclists



Things we checked

- That some UK segments hold "irrational" highly pro-car attitudes
- The influence of the media
- The image of cycling and cyclists

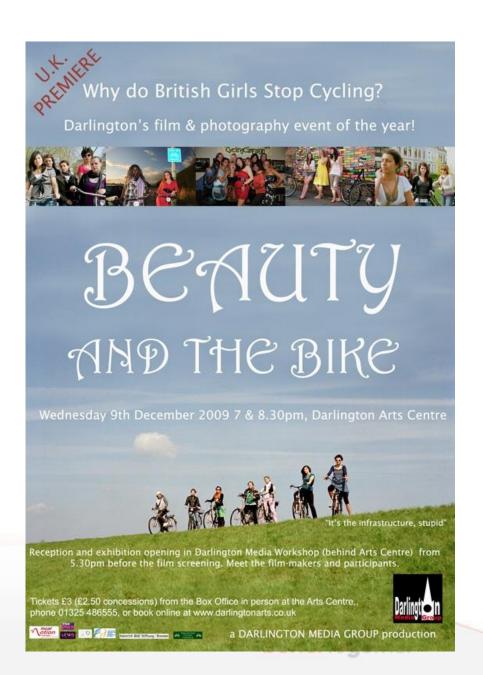








- Emerging sub-cultures ?
- Beauty and the bike ?





The increasing attractiveness of sexy new technology?





Does cycling have a political slant to its imagery?



BIKE WÖRK







theguardian

Cyclists! The public thinks you're cool and normal

New research shows motorists no longer consider cyclists weirdy beardy Guardian readers – in fact, they envy us



Not all cyclists look like this these days, says the British public. Photograph: David Burch/Getty Images

News just in from the world of academia: cycling is no longer considered the preserve of the sort of hippies historically associated with this newspaper. It is even widely thought of as "cool". A professor told me so, and he has the stats to prove it.

Prof Alan Tapp and a team of researchers from the University of the West of England have carried out a big piece of research asking 3,855 people for their opinions on bicycles and the people who ride them.



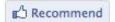
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CYCLISTS ARE 'SOCIAL MISFITS AND UNHAPPY', CLAIMS STUDY



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CYCLISTS are seen as social misfits, lazy workers and unhappy, according to a new study.

However, regular bike users see themselves as free spirits, adventurous, rebellious and environmentally aware.

The University of the West of England poll found 43 per cent think cycling is a good idea.

But just 28 per cent said roads are for cars not bikes. And more than half – 54 per cent – do not want pro-bike measures that penalise drivers. Even worse many workers think colleagues who cycle are lazier and motorists say they are miserable.

Professor Alan Tapp, of UWE's Bristol Social Marketing Centre, quizzed 3,900 adults. He said: "It was quite clear from the study that Britain is still a divided nation over cycling. What's for sure is that getting over our love of cars isn't going to be easy."



Thanks very much

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Over to Sarah.....

