# Community Management Canvas



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# **PURPOSE**

- · Describe the purpose of the community.
- · What value does it bring to your company/organizations?
- · What value does it bring to your employees/partners/customers?
- · How can the company and community members create value together?



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- · Who will participate in the community?
- · What is their role?
- · What will they do?
- · What is their journey?



### **PROMOTION**

- · What are the options available (internal/external) to promote the community?
- · How will you promote on main home page?
- · If an external customer community, how will you incorporate social media?



# **EXECUTIVE SPONSORSHIP**

- · Who are the sponsors? Do they need coaching?
- · What is the communication plan for them?
- · Will they be involved in approving the community management budget?



#### STAFFING RESOURCES

- Who will make up the core community team (roles/ responsibilities)?
- · Who from the rest of your organization will be involved?
- · Will you need volunteers from your community?
- How will you recruit/involve them? What responsibilities will they be given?



### ADOPTION/ENGAGEMENT

- Do you regularly welcome new members and ask them to introduce themselves?
- What are the 4–5 things members need to do to onboard in your community?
- What types of member contributions are most important for your community?
- What content strategy do you have for your community? Is it mostly company-generated (marketing materials, FAQs, howtos, etc.) or user-generated (answers, articles, multimedia, etc.)?



#### **GROWTH OBJECTIVES**

- How will you communicate these onboarding steps to your members?
- What are your goals for your community (membership, activity, solutions, etc.)?
- How will your community support your company/business unit objectives?



#### INTERNAL REPORTING PLAN

- Do you have a plan to regularly share updates on the community?
- Who (executives, champions, etc.) will receive these updates?
- · What type of data/information will you share?
- · How frequently will these reports be created?
- What format will you use to communicate (email, meetings, etc.)?



#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Do you know the upcoming company announcements that might be important to discuss in your community?
- What community milestones will you expect to achieve in the next 12 months?
- Do you need a community communication plan for these milestones (such as new content, home page announcement, message to members, etc.)?
- Do you plan to introduce new features in the next 12 months?



# REWARD/RECOGNITION

- Have you defined the rank structure in your community (points per level, rank name, points per type of contribution)?
- What type of engagement is most important in your community and how will you motivate and reward members for this activity?
- What is your plan to feature top contributors and company experts?
- Do you (or will you) have an MVP program in your community?



#### **KEY METRICS: ADOPTION**

Sample Metrics:

- · Active members as a percentage of total members (last 30 days)
- · Contributors as a percentage of total members (last 30 days)
- · Readers (lurkers) as a percentage of active users
- · Number of groups created
- · Number of active groups as a percentage all groups
- Profile completeness (a percentage of members)
- Page views
- Logins

#### KEY METRICS: FNGAGEMENT

Sample Metrics (compare month-to-month or quarter-to-quarter):

- · Post volume per month/quarter
- · Membership growth per month/quarter
- · Comments per month/quarter
- · Groups created per month/quarter
- Number of repeat visits



What are the key business outcomes for your company that the community can influence?





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