Gen Z don't trust you

Here's what you can do about it

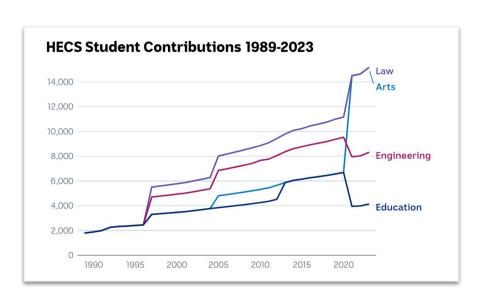


Gen Z has grown up in a world they believe has let them down



Soaring costs of housing and education ...

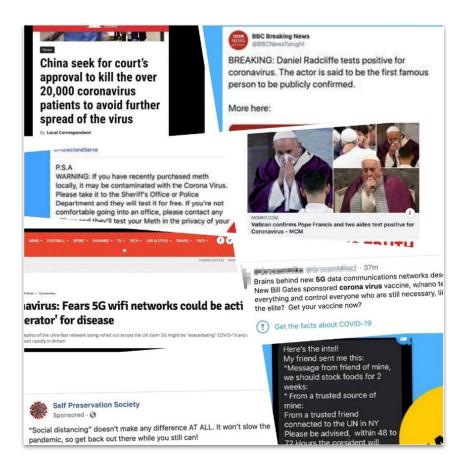




Source: ABS via Australian Financial Review/Grattan Institute, Department of Education via ABC



a minefield of misinformation and fake news...



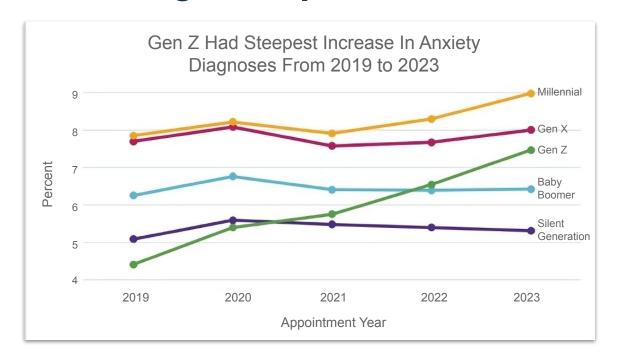


a looming climate crisis...





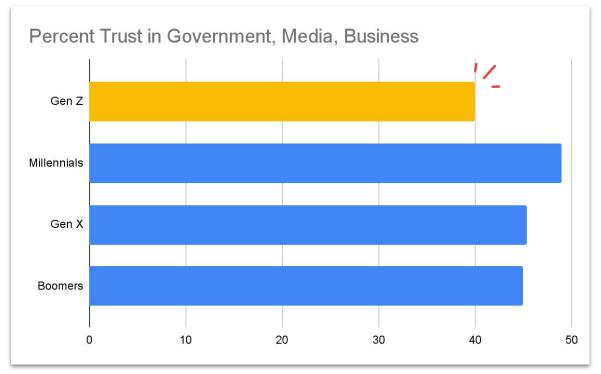
and of course, a global pandemic



Source: Athena Health



Gen Z is the most skeptical of all generations



Source: 2023 Edelman Trust Barometer



...and their views on business are pretty dire

Qantas agrees to \$20m payments to customers and, subject to court approval, a \$100m penalty for misleading consumers

Australian authorities allege PwC is 'deliberately hiding' tax scandal report

The controversy has increased scrutiny

Lack of competition allows supermarkets, banks and airlines to gouge Australians, report finds

The biggest price increases occur where businesses have the greatest market power, says inquiry commissioned by the ACTU

Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation (2023), Financial Times (2024), The Guardian (2024)



So, how do we earn Gen Z's trust?



Leverage peer-to-peer engagement

2.13x

more engagement with peer content about an employer (reviews, social media and photos) than official websites

Source: McCrindle, Understanding Generation Z (2019)



(...which isn't anything new, of course)





Introducing Graduate generated content (GGC)





Elliott Cirkovic • 1st

Strategic Account Executive @Prosple | I work in sales...| Digital Nom...

Exciting news! I'm stoked to be back living in Bali again, after spending six months in Perth living with darling mum (nearly 30, who would've thought I'd be back home again!) ...more



19 comments

And let me tell you, it feels so good to be back in this beautiful place.

One thing I've noticed since being back is how some of life's stresses just seem to fall away the second I land here. There's something about the energy and pace of life in Bali that is so calming and rejuvenating.

Another thing that I've been enjoying since being back is going back to using a wallet and cash instead of constantly having my phone with me. It's been great for my mindset and allows me to be more present in the moment.

And can we talk about the number of new cafes and villas that have been under construction since I left? It's absolutely bonkers! There's always something new and exciting to explore.

Finally, one thing that I've noticed since being back is that I feel more comfortable going to venues solo with just my kindle to relax. Bali has a way of making you feel at home no matter where you are.

I'm excited about this next chapter and can't wait to see what else Bali has in store for me - here's to the better part of 6 months:)

Again, thanks to Prosple for having the maturity & flexibility to let me live my life like this:)

PS. I needed to share a photo from my new toy (GoPro 11!)

#remotelife #bali #mindset











Bottom line: Work on your bragging rights



Career prospects



Compensation & perks



Content of work



Culture



Training & development



There is the annual review cycle where you can self-nominate or your manager can nominate you for promotion.



The pay is fantastic for a graduate and well above any other companies that I am aware of.



I get to work with very talented people and solve interesting problems at scale.



There is an awesome culture, everyone is super supportive, they give you a lot of responsibility and trust straight away



Amazing onboarding programming when you join as a graduate. The company spares no expense.



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Social Media



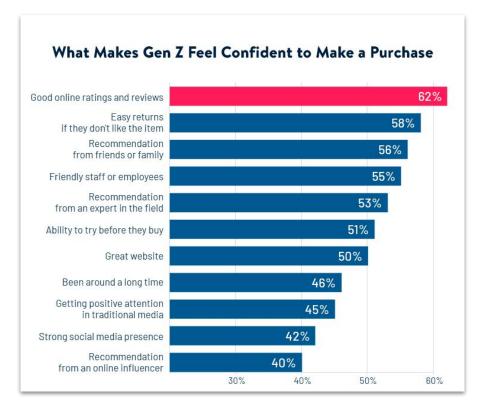
Think about your last big purchase ...



How many of you consulted online reviews?



Gen Zs are the same ...



Source: CGK via 99Firms.com



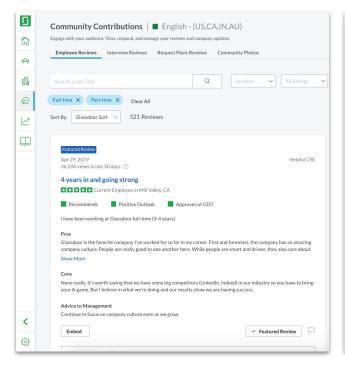
... and you're their biggest 'purchase' yet



Reviews are crucial in employment decisions



So, of course they're going to look up reviews







...but not just any reviews!

The reviews [on Prosple] are all positive, which makes me a bit skeptical. I personally use Glassdoor for balanced feedback since it includes both positives and negatives

Consulting grad who landed their role on Prosple



I already know we need bad reviews!



Reviews are opinions not facts...

Pay is not where it needs to be.

Anonymous grad

But our pay is market-rate! This review is false.

Employer



...but you should have the right to reply!

Salary at Capgemini Australia and New Zealand



7.8 rating for Salary, based on 14 reviews

What are your thoughts on pay and bonuses at your company?

Pay is very structured and should probably better take into account market value of capabilities

Graduate, Melbourne - 14 Sep 2023

Response from employer

Capgemini ensures that our salary is benchmarked to the industry and we offer our graduates pay rises every 6 months. We also make sure to increase our salaries based on the inflationary environment!

Being a graduate, the pay is substantial but could always be better.



...and you'll attract the right candidates this way

Prosple Reviews

4.6****

Based on 15 surveyed graduates working at Prosple. Read on to get an insider's view on life as a graduate.

Pros & Cons

- At Prosple, we are disruptors with a vision to help students find their dream job. It is both rewarding and challenging working for such an organisation, and seems to be a new innovation each week. Our organisational structure is quite flat, with each team member having a direct line to our Founders and Directors.
- Having a high-performing team committed to our cause, with the freedom to do your best work without bureaucracy and people getting in your way.

- There can be some late nights during peak seasons from increased workloads.
- Very occasionally, the sheer pace of Prosple's progress and growth can be fatiguing. Which is actually a positive if you're in the right mindset and have the right skills and attitude to embrace it.
- Due to the nature of work (100% remote), it is difficult to get to know everyone
- Work life balance can be challenging when



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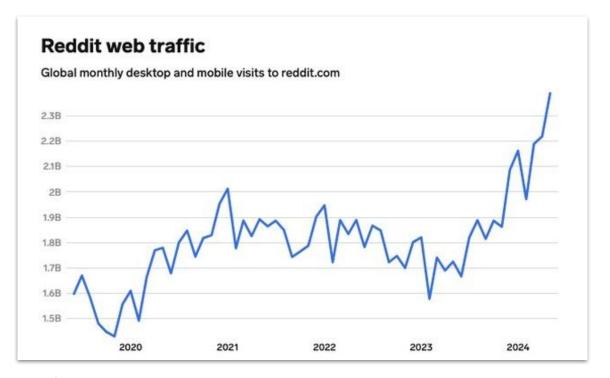
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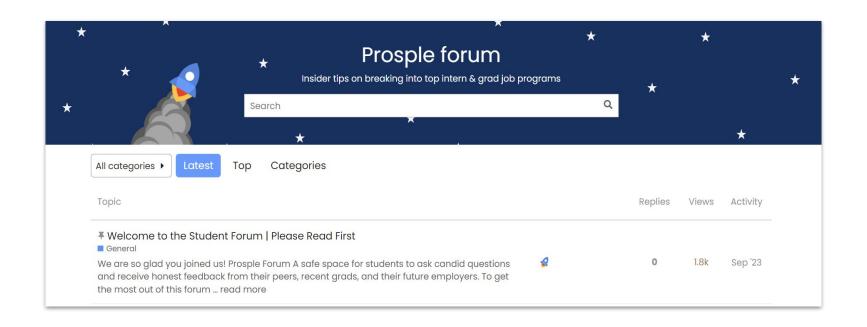
Discussion forums are more popular than ever



Source: Similarweb via Andy Kiersz/Business Insider

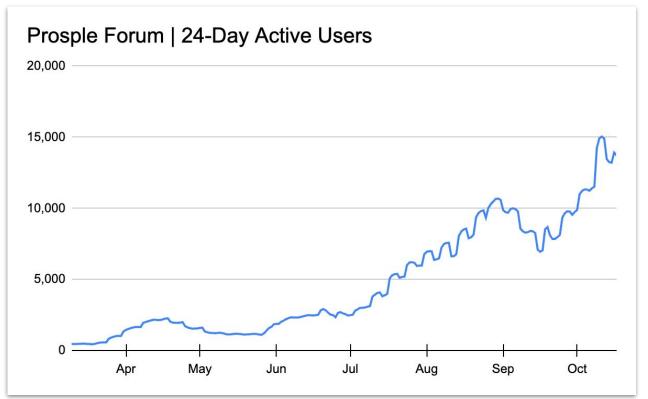


We launched our forum only six months ago





...and it's already reached 15k users

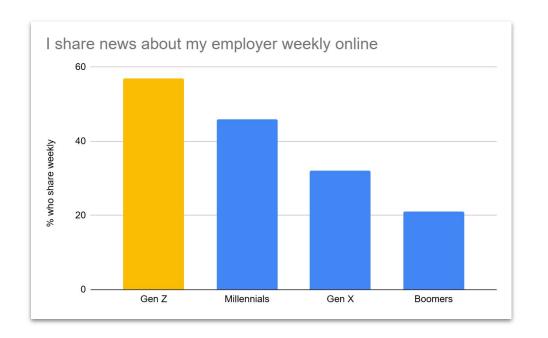




But what if people say bad things about us?



The reality is you're being talked about anyway



Source: 2023 Edelman Trust Barometer: Trust at work



Here, you're able to engage!

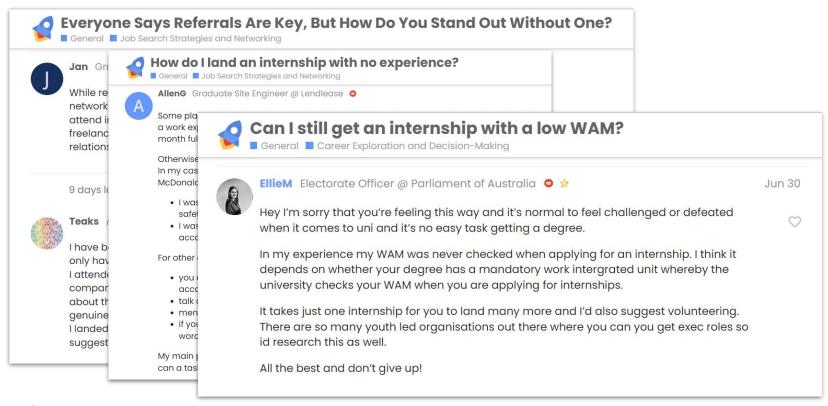




But there's no time to monitor forums!



Get your grads involved





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But do we really have to create dancing TikToks?



You don't want to come across 'try hard'...



Gen Z in response to employer TikTok

Gen Z Writer & Editor

Source: Maria Steinbacher (Sep 15, 2022). Screenshot Media (Apr 8, 2023)



...or that your employees are 'hostages'



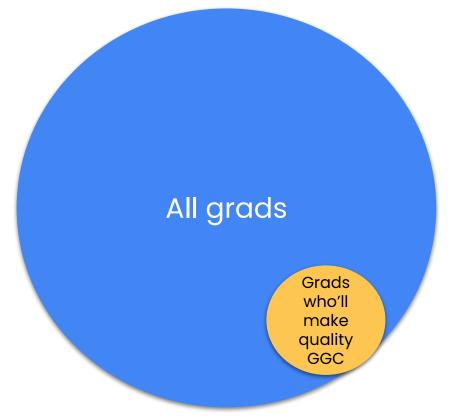
"Smile"



But how many employees will actually want to participate?



Be prepared to start small





... and be OK with small!

People focus a bit too much on quantity. I suggest readjusting that and focusing on quality, so **starting small and scaling**, but also **focusing on those** individuals and small groups who are **adding the most value** – the ones driving traffic to your website and generating leads and relationships.

Head of Social Media, Standard Chartered Bank

Source: Your Digital Reputation (Nov 1, 2023)



But you might surprise yourself

49%

Of Gen-z post their own content about their employer weekly

Source: 2023 Edelman Trust Barometer: Trust at work



Ok, but how do we ask employees to get involved?



Tip #1 Let them know honesty is ok

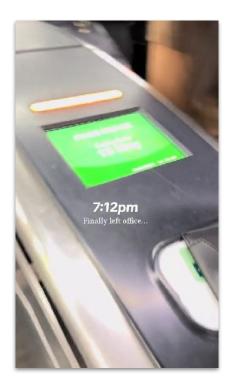




Tip #2 Anonymous content is OK too





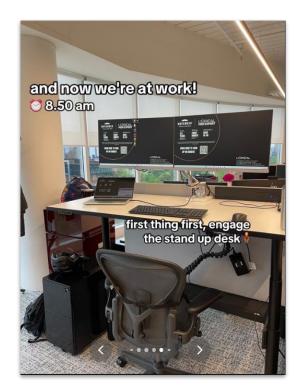


Source: @janstravel (TikTok)



Tip #3 Make it easy for them to say yes









Tip #4 Celebrate those who participate!





But what if my employees aren't good at making content?



Their content doesn't have to be your cup of tea

The reality is that the **stakeholders and decision-makers are not the target audience that we're trying to attract**.

If they feel the video is not to their liking because it seems too 'trendy', I would respond by saying, 'I'm glad it doesn't resonate with you because you're not the audience. If it did, I wouldn't be doing my job correctly'.

Poncho Rivera-Pavon Employer Branding Consultant, Deloitte



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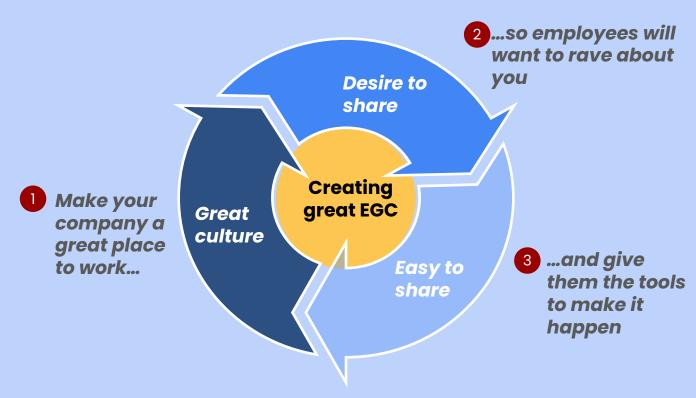
Let's recap



GGC is a powerful tool to bridge the trust gap

- Gen Z trust their peers, not institutions
- **2 GGC can help to bridge the trust gap** make the most of it!
- 3 Leverage a range of GGC reviews, forums & social media
- 4 Make it authentic don't force it or fake it

It starts with having great things to share





Thank you!

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And don't forget to stop by our booth!



