Event Marketing Checklist

Strategic Setup Phase								
Task	Done?	Assignee	Due Date	Notes				
8–10 Weeks Before the Event: Build the Foundation								
Set clear event marketing goals, such as registrations, attendance, or brand exposure.								
Identify and segment your target audience based on behavior and relevance.								
Develop the core event message and promotional theme.								
Finalize the event name, tagline, and tone of voice for communications.								
Create the visual identity, including the logo, banners, and social media graphics.								
Write content for the event landing page with clear value and a call to action.								
Build the registration or ticketing page and connect it to tracking tools.								
Set up analytics systems such as Google Analytics and UTM tracking.								
Create or update an email list specific to the event audience.								
Secure a unique and relevant event hashtag across all social platforms.								
Plan the marketing timeline and assign roles to your internal team.								

Choose primary marketing channels based on your audience and goals.		
Draft first versions of email campaigns, ads, and social media posts.		
Organize a shared folder with marketing assets like images, speaker bios, and logos.		
Align with internal stakeholders on messaging, approvals, and access needs.		
6-8 Weeks Before the Event: Launch & Announce		
Publish the event landing or registration page and test all links.		
Announce the event across your website and primary social media platforms.		
Send the first email campaign to your segmented event list.		
Post a save-the-date or teaser post to all social channels.		
Submit the event to online calendars and industry directories.		
Create and publish a Facebook event with full details.		
Upload an event cover image and pin it to your social media profiles.		
Launch internal communication for staff and affiliates to help promote.		
Send event materials and copies to sponsors or partners for coordinated outreach.		

Schedule organic social media posts through your content calendar.		
Publish a blog post or article to introduce the event and its benefits.		
Add social share buttons to your event page to encourage referrals.		
Include a banner or link in your team's email signatures.		
Activate lead capture tools on your site or landing page if applicable.		
Begin tracking RSVPs or ticket sales.		
Monitor metrics from early email and social campaigns.		
Use early feedback or reactions to refine key messages or content.		
Start planning and booking paid ad placements if they're part of your strategy.		
4–6 Weeks Before the Event: Drive Engagement		
Launch your second email campaign with event highlights or incentives.		
Post speaker, performer, or featured guest spotlights on social media.		
Share behind-the-scenes content to humanize the event and build hype.		
Promote early bird pricing deadlines if applicable.		
Start an engagement-based contest or giveaway tied to event awareness.		

Launch paid ad campaigns across selected platforms.		
Collaborate with partners and ask them to share co-branded posts.		
Use countdown posts or story graphics to build anticipation.		
Reshare positive attendee comments, quotes, or early signups.		
Share testimonials or photos from past events to build credibility.		
Publish a short video teaser or highlight reel.		
Send personalized reminder emails to partially registered users.		
Monitor ad and post performance to refine targeting or creative.		
Encourage team members to comment on or reshare posts from the brand account.		
Create and schedule FAQ-style posts to address common attendee questions.		
Use hashtags consistently and monitor related engagement.		
Highlight any sponsors or key partners in public posts to increase reach.		
Test paid creative variations to find top-performing formats.		
Make sure all platforms link directly to your registration or RSVP page.		
Rehearse speaker handoffs, content transitions, and screen switching.		

Final 3 Weeks Before the Event: Maximize Reach &	Convert			
Send a final email series with countdown messaging and last-chance CTAs.				
Highlight limited availability or ticket inventory in all promotional content.				
Launch retargeting campaigns for abandoned visitors or partial registrants.				
Use high-frequency posting on social media with stronger urgency.				
Post clear reminders about registration cutoffs, pricing deadlines, or capacity limits.				
Share attendee testimonials or speaker quotes with strong calls to action.				
Publish short-form video clips with emotional or high-energy appeal.				
Run time-limited offers or bonus perks to drive signups.				
Reshare partner and sponsor posts with countdown framing.				
Encourage speakers, performers, and hosts to post personal invites.				
Activate paid boosts on top-performing organic posts.				
Use Instagram and Facebook Stories for daily updates and promos.				
Create shareable stories or reels featuring behind-the-scenes prep.				
Tag pre-registered attendees in thank-you or welcome posts.				
Reach out to the press, bloggers, or influencers for late-cycle features.				

Add a pop-up or banner to your website promoting the final registration window.				
Monitor all campaign metrics daily and optimize spend or messaging as needed.				
Reply promptly to social comments and inbox inquiries to reduce hesitation.				
Event Day	: Activate	Live & Onsite	Buzz	
Share real-time updates using Instagram Stories, Facebook, and Twitter.				
Use your event hashtag consistently in all posts and visuals.				
Tag speakers, sponsors, and participants in live content.				
Repost attendee content that includes your event hashtag or mentions.				
Capture high-quality images, video clips, and crowd shots for post-event use.				
Post short live videos or behind-the-scenes reels to show energy and authenticity.				
Run live polls, emoji sliders, or Q&A features to boost interaction.				
Encourage attendees to post using the hashtag and tag your account.				
Use your event's location tag on Instagram and Facebook Stories.				
Share speaker quotes or memorable moments in real-time graphics.				

Create a live "Thank You to Sponsors" post during peak attendance.				
Monitor comment sections and DMs to engage quickly and publicly.				
Highlight trending attendee posts in your official stories.				
Save active stories to highlight folders for extended visibility.				
Monitor the story and post performance to see what's resonating in real time.				
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Post a public thank-you message across all active platforms.				
Send a follow-up email to attendees with a thank-you and recap highlights.				
Share a curated photo album or video reel from the event.				
Publish a recap post or blog article summarizing key moments.				
Tag attendees, speakers, and sponsors in post-event content.				
Share notable social posts from attendees using your hashtag.				
Create short-form video clips for continued social engagement.				
Add new leads to your email marketing list for nurturing.				
Launch a feedback survey to gather insights and testimonials.				

Highlight top-performing posts or content in a "best of" series.		
Archive all social media highlights into folders or pinned posts.		
Share positive attendee quotes or screenshots as social proof.		
Offer a next step, such as future events, a discount, or a content download.		
Analyze email, social, and registration data to evaluate campaign results.		
Meet with the team to review metrics and key learnings.		
Document successful tactics for future marketing playbooks.		