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Name of the work: Environmental campaign for children "Hunt for tealight cups" Category: 5.2. Strategic/corporate communication

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Aim of the project

Kuusakoski AS is the largest scrap metal handler in Estonia. As a successful company Kuusakoski wanted to be positively distinguished from its competitors and thus organized an environmental campaign focused on school children. The aims of the campaign are:

- to raise awareness in connection with recycling and waste treatment among the younger school children;
- to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly behavior among the younger school children;
- to support the image of Kuusakoski as an environmentally friendly and responsible company.

Project budget (includes both consultation fee and all the expenses): 5800 euros

Brief description of the chosen strategy

Involvement is the best strategy when it comes to raising environmental awareness of children. Thus we have decided to organize a national competitive event for school children called "Hunt for tealight cups" in which children of the target group were able to participate on their own. In the process of the "Hunt for tealight cups" during Christmas season 2013/2014 children of 1st-6th grade had to collect as many empty cups of tealights as possible.

Brief summary of the achievements

The campaign was announced in November 2013 and its culmination was the award ceremony for the winners held in March 2014. Our communication activities were focused on the following:



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- ✓ direct communication with schools we have personally invited all Estonian schools to participate in the event and informed them about results of the campaign;
- ✓ traditional media spreading information on necessity of recycling and waste treatment in the media / through the messages tailored for the target group. Special attention was paid to the local media;
- ✓ social media continuous information flow on the campaign results on Kuusakoski Facebook page;
- ✓ final event at the end of the campaign we organized an event at Kuusakoski Tallinn service station for the most successful schools and the press. We awarded the best participants and demonstrated how much tealight cups were collected during the event;

- ✓ PR messages manufacture of raw material from scrap metal requires ca. 95% less energy than obtaining new aluminum from ore. Getting empty tealight cups for recycling is a notable contribution into preservation of nature. Our messages included examples of what can be produced from empty tealight cups from soda cans to various plane parts;
- ✓ spokespersons with regard to PR activities were: Kuusakoski brand manager Mari-Liis Kallismaa, the chairman of the management board of Kuusakoski Kuldar Suits and (as an external spokesperson) the leader of The Night of Ancient Bonfires (Muinastulede Öö) Mairold Vaik.

Overview of the project's results

- ✓ The number of participant and the results exceeded every our expectation. In three months 3,699 children from all over Estonia have gathered 766,255 tealight cups with the total weight exceeding one ton. 220 classes from 93 schools took part in the event.
- ✓ Children were able to involve their families and local communities. In the overall ranking the best result belongs to 4b form pupils of Kilingi-Nõmme High School, who gathered 15,840 cups with the total weight of 17 kilos. The second place award went to 2a form of Türi Basic School (14,950 cups) and the third place award to 6 form of Väike-Maarja High School (14,855 cups).
- ✓ Significant media coverage and increased visibility for Kuusakoski. The event has been covered in media ca. 70 times (on TV and radio, in national and regional newspapers, in online media). Regional newspapers from all Estonian counties published their stories about the event. In all the coverage Kuusakoski was mentioned as the organizer of the event.
- ✓ Children are very interested in continuation of the project. Due to the success of the campaign it was decided to continue the event in 2014. Available preliminary data shows that the number of participants is setting the new record.

Evaluation of the project's cost efficiency

Efficiency of the project with the limited budget was very high.

Evaluation of creativity and originality of the solution

It was the first campaign of such kind in Estonia. Success of the campaign was largely supported by timely RP actions and their connection with events and spokespersons external to the campaign. Success was also ensured by adaptation of information contained in press-releases to specifics of particular media and target group.

