# Creating impact for the UK around the world The GREAT Britain Campaign brand guidelines April 2017 Version 4 WELCOME

# Introduction

# The purpose of this guide

The GREAT Britain brand (called GREAT in this document) showcases the very best our nation has to offer to encourage the world to visit, study and do business with the UK.

These guidelines are a quick introduction to the brand and aim to provide direction as well as inspiration of how the brand can live across campaigns and initiatives.

This document provides an essential set of rules for anyone actively engaging, promoting and creating with the GREAT brand. From brand vision and control, brand front of house, brand strategy, brand delivery to brand producers. For ease of use, this guide has been divided into two main sections:

# **Core Guidelines**

This is an overview of the essential brand elements, including visual assets and messaging.

# The Modules

In this section you'll find a selection of applications to help inspire your initiatives, as well as a break down of how to apply the brand across campaigns, digital, social media and partnerships.

We hope this information will enable you to make your events and campaigns even more effective by taking advantage of the worldwide awareness of the GREAT brand.

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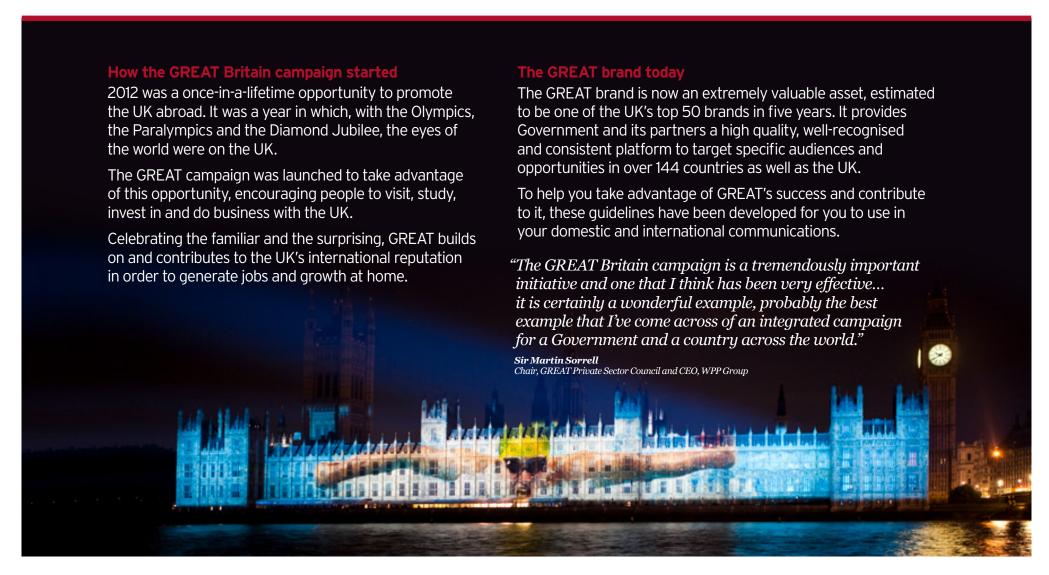


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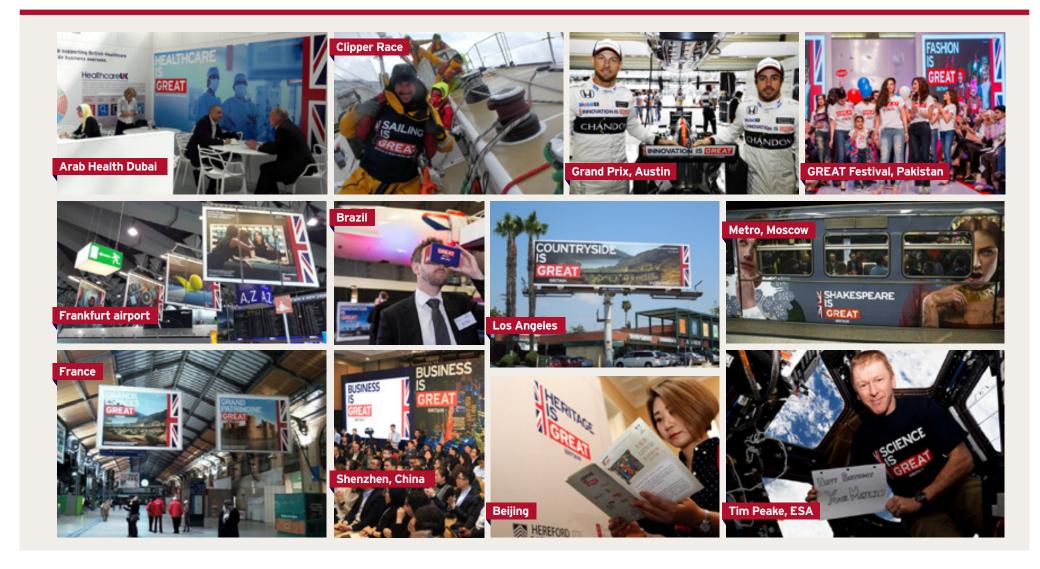


# Where we are now A brand that delivers



# **Core GREAT in action**

# The scope of the brand









What we are building towards:

# **Great Britain** Where creative minds\* inspire the world.

\*Creative minds are all that consider themselves curious, intelligent, thoughtful, entrepreneurial; restless minds from all walks of life.



# What the GREAT brand stands for

# The core values of the brand:

# **Creative**

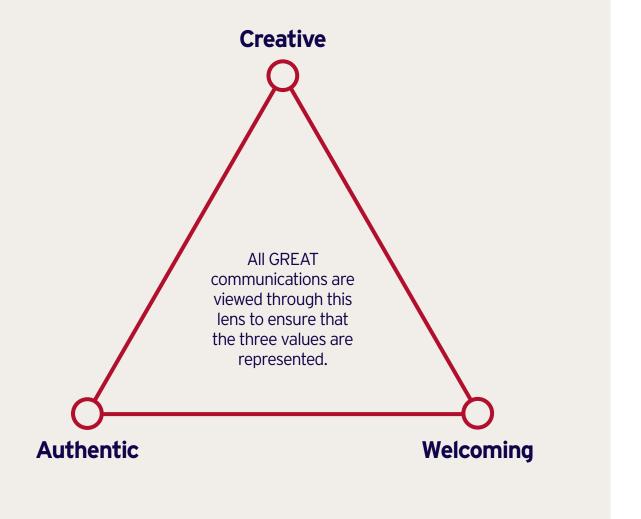
The UK as a nation, is creative. We are creative through innovation and ingenuity in our services, as well as in industry and manufacturing.

# **Authentic**

We show authenticity in our products and services as well as our heritage. Authenticity speaks of our originality as well as our quality and stability.

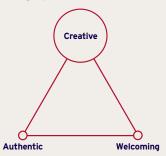
# Welcoming

We embrace all backgrounds traditions. We are open to cultural diversity and every walk of life.



# Delivering initiatives 'on-brand'

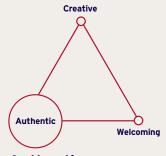
# Key questions to deliver 'on-brand':



# **Creative**

Is this idea, initiative, content, execution or message:

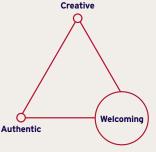
- Imaginative?
- Intriguing?
- Refreshing?
- Innovative?
- Surprising?



# **Authentic**

Is this idea, initiative, content, execution or message:

- Genuine?
- Real?
- Original?
- Iconic?
- Of a high quality?



# Welcoming

Is this idea, initiative, content, execution or message:

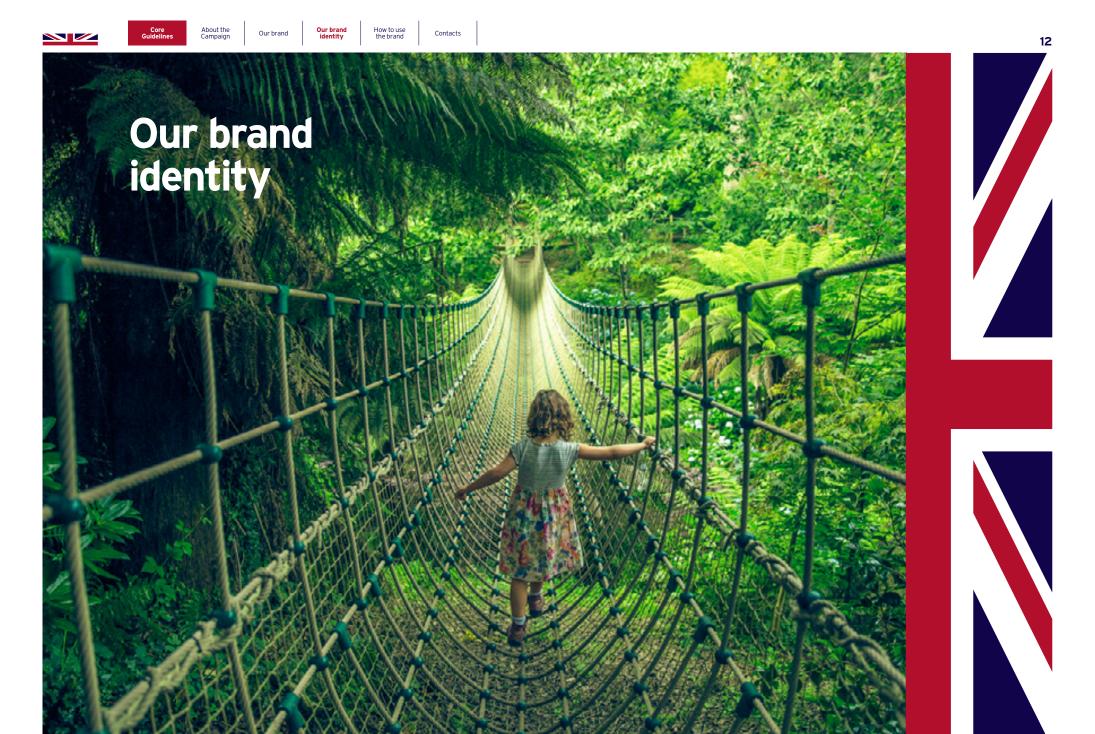
- Open?
- Warm?
- Inclusive?
- Human?
- Does it make people feel welcome?
- Does it celebrate collaboration?



# What is 'off-brand'

If you answer yes to any of the below, your initiative is off-brand. Is your idea or execution:

- Absolute?
- Bossy?
- Passive?
- Mundane?
- Empty?
- Vague?
- Cliché?
- Patronising?
- Condescending?
- Worthy?



Contacts

# **Brand core elements** Six core elements that make the brand

How to use

There are a number of key elements that make up the GREAT brand. You can bring these together in different ways depending on the audience and application. The logo and flag must be used on all our communications.

The most important element is intangible. Any communication featuring this brand must be of the highest quality.



Logo



This is our primary message used on every piece of communication.

See page 14.

Pillar headline

# **CREATIVITY**

Our logo is usually combined with a Pillar headline that communicates a key theme or message.

These are available as artwork files on the brand library. See page 15.

The GREAT flag



The custom-built section of the Union Flag is used on all our material, it can vary in size and it can be used locked to the logo.

See page 16.

**Brand colour palette** 







White

Stone

Our core palette is built on our flag and logo colours to deliver recognition.

See page 17.

Typography

Interstate

Georgia

**Bold** | Regular | Light

Italic | **Bold Italic** 

# Simple, strong typography

This helps our message come across clearly and it's easy to read. See page 18.

**Imagery** 







It is essential that all imagery supports the core values of our brand Creative, Authentic and Welcoming. See page 19.

# Logo

# **Overview of logo versions**

There are a number of different versions of logo lock-ups with Pillar headlines and the flag. They can each be used on light or dark backgrounds.

## Always:

- Check you are using the correct logo version, use the information on the right as a guide.
- Use the artwork files available from the Brand Library.

## Don't:

- Re-create any of the elements, always use the logo artwork.

## Logo colour profiles

Always use the appropriate colour profiles.

## **CMYK - Print use**

Standard colour profiles used for printed material.

### **RGB** - Web use

Digital screens and web banner outputs require different separation values.

# Newspaper and magazine reproduction

Newspaper and magazine outputs require different separation values.

# Standard logo





All logos are available for use on light or dark backgrounds.

## Logo and flag together (no Pillar headline)

This combines the logo and flag as a single unit for use as a standalone element.

### VB tourism logo

**WELCOME TO** 



VB tourism pillar headline



This logo lock-up with 'Britain' can only be used by VisitBritain. This also applies for Pillar headlines.

### Pillar headline



# Logo with Pillar headline and flag locked together

This combines the logo, Pillar headline and flag in a single unit. It can be used as a standalone element or at a smaller scale as an endorsement.

### Minimum size

To ensure 'Britain & Northern Ireland' is always legible we have defined the minimum size at which it should be used.

### Print



25mm wide

Digital



85px wide

# CREATIVITY





## Logo with Pillar headline and separate flag

The logo should be used with a Pillar headline lock-up to communicate. It should always be used with a separate flag.

### Clear space

To protect the logo from other elements a clear space has been defined, equivalent to the height of the 'T' in GREAT on all sides.

All Pillar headline lock-ups are supplied as artworks. Where the logo is used with a headline, the clear space on top must be the height of the bar on the 'T' from GREAT.



How to use Contacts



Pillars enable us to organise messages, events and narratives around a series of strategic themes which are based on research into the most compelling reasons for audiences to visit, invest, trade or study in the UK.

To understand how to make your initiatives and campaigns more powerful through the use of Pillars, please refer to the 'In-depth look at Pillars' section.

Kind	Pillars		
Primary What we are and what we want to be known for.	Business Countryside Creativity Culture	Entrepreneurs Heritage Innovation Knowledge	Sport Technology Welcome
Secondary What we do best that supports our Primary pillars.	Adventure Craft Design Education Engineering English Exporting	E-exporting Fashion Film Food Green Healthcare Invest	Literature Luxury Manufacturing Music Research Science Shopping
Opportunistic* Pillars used to make the most of a one-off opportunity.	Art Bond Downton Equality	Football London Love Paddington	Pubs Rugby Shakespeare Tea
Bespoke* Pillars relevant to a tailored audience.	GREAT for Collaboration This is GREAT Made GREAT in Britain		

<sup>\*</sup>Only when approved by the Central Brand Team.

# **\**

# 3. The GREAT flag

The GREAT flag has been created by cropping the Union Flag to create an iconic, powerful and tailor-made graphic. You should use it on all GREAT communications.

### Always:

- Use the flag artwork that is available as artwork in CMYK, RGB and Newspaper and Magazines colour profiles.
- Use the flag artwork with bleed if it is to be used edge to edge, without a white border.
- Rotate the flag to change its orientation, it should never be flipped.











Flag is flipped



When using the flag vertically, the red bar should always point into the content.

### Don't:

 Create a full Union Flag.
 The cropped version should always be used.

# Flag artwork without bleed



This version is used when the flag is positioned within a white border.



# Flag artwork with bleed



This flag has been extended so that it can 'bleed' off the edges in print, when a white border is not used.



# Large use on different formats

There are standard positions for the flag, depending on the format.



Portrait (LV1)



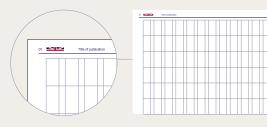
Landscape (LV1)





Small use in running header

The flag is used discreetly in the running header. To add a touch of the GREAT brand on single pages it can be used on either the left or right, on spreads it can be used on both.



Pull-up (LV1)

# Locked to the logo

Where a large, impactful flag cannot be used, there are versions of the logo with the flag attached, either with or without a Pillar headline.





# Flexibility to apply to 3D objects

The flag can be adapted to fit around 3D objects, such as vehicle livery.





# 4. Brand colour palette

# Core and supporting colours

The colour palette draws its influence from the Union Flag.

## Always:

- Use these colour definitions.
- Use the colours as listed below:

**GREAT Red** should only be used for the GREAT logo.

**GREAT Blue** is used for type where possible, if not black can be used.

Flag Red is used for red lines and can be used in type.

**Stone** has been introduced for use as a pale background colour on pages and tables.

# **Supporting colours:**

Purple, Mid Blue and Aqua can be used alongside the Flag Red and GREAT Blue in charts, graphs and symbols. Black can be used as a text colour if GREAT Blue is not appropriate, e.g. in long documents.

## Always:

- Use full-strength colours where possible. Tints of these colours should only be used when additional differentiation is required.

## Core colours

GREAT Red	Pantone® <b>485C</b>	HEX <b>E41F13</b>	C 0 M 96 Y 100 K 0	R <b>228</b> G <b>31</b> B <b>19</b>
GREAT Blue	Pantone® <b>2765C</b>	HEX 1 <b>E1348</b>	C100 M100 Y10 K55	R <b>30</b> G <b>19</b> B <b>72</b>
Flag Red	Pantone® 187C	HEX BOOD23	C2 M100 Y79 K28	R <b>176</b> G <b>13</b> B <b>35</b>
White		HEX <b>FFFFF</b>	C O M O Y O K O	R <b>255</b> G <b>255</b> B <b>255</b>
Stone	Pantone® <b>7528C</b>	HEX DFD5C5	C <b>5</b>	R <b>223</b> G <b>213</b>

## Newspaper and magazine reproduction

Newspaper and magazine outputs require different separation values. Here are our recommendations:

GREAT Red	GREAT Blue	Flag Red
C 0	C 93	C 0
M 100	M 90	M 100
Y 95	Y 0	Y 65
K O	K 36	K20

B**197** 

Y 15

K 9

# Supporting colours

Purple	Pantone® <b>2607C</b>	HEX <b>4F0B7B</b>	C83 M100 Y0 K2	R <b>79</b> G <b>11</b> B <b>123</b>
Mid Blue	Pantone® <b>2945C</b>	HEX <b>00549F</b>	C100 M60 Y0 K5	R <b>0</b> G <b>84</b> B <b>159</b>
Aqua	Pantone® <b>633C</b>	HEX <b>007EA3</b>	C100 M0 Y10 K25	R <b>0</b> G <b>126</b> B <b>163</b>
Black	Pantone® Process Black	HEX 000000	C 0 M 0 Y 0 K 100	R <b>0</b> G <b>0</b> B <b>0</b>

Tints of Stone	RGB break	HEX	
90%	R226 G21	7 B203	E2D9CB
80%	R229 G22	21 B204	E5DDD1
70%	R233 G22	26 B214	E9E2D6
60%	R236 G23	30 B220	ECE6DC
50%	R239 G23	34 B226	EFEAE2
40%	R242 G23	88 B232	F2EEE8
30%	R245 G24	12 B237	F5F2ED
20%	R252 G25	51 B249	FCFBF9
10%	R253 G25	3 B252	FDFDFC

# 5. Typography

Our brand

# How to use the typefaces

We use Interstate as our primary typeface because it is easy to read, strong and simple.

Georgia Italic is our secondary typeface. It is used in a supporting role for introductory text, pull-outs and quotes.

The way we use our typefaces helps to ensure our communications have a consistent and recognisable look and feel.

### Always:

- Use Interstate for all main headlines and body copy, text should be left aligned.
- Use Interstate Bold in upper/lower case for headings and subheadings.
- Use Georgia Italic in a supporting role for pull-outs and quotes.
- Use GREAT Blue, or black for body copy.
- Use Flag Red where emphasis is **required**, for example in headlines, captions and key facts.
- Follow the guidance on typographic **styling,** letter spacing and line spacing, to ensure a consistent feel.

# Fonts for other languages

Adobe Heiti Std Chinese Helvetica Bold Greek Japanese Kozuka Gothic Pro

Arabic GE SS Cyrillic Keivit Pro

# Primary typeface

# Interstate

# Bold

To be used for large headlines and headings within body copy and any other areas to distinguish prominence.

# Regular

To be used for headlines within body copy.

# Light

To be used for body copy across communications.

### Secondary typeface

# Georgia

# *Italic*

To be used for introductory text, quotes and pull-outs.

# **Bold Italic**

To be used for the first line in the caption.

# System font equivalent for Interstate

# **Bold** | Regular

## System fonts

System fonts are available on all computers and typically used for Word, PowerPoint and digital. Arial should be used in place of Interstate in these applications. Georgia is also a system font, so can be used to support Arial in the same way.

System fonts should never be used for print advertising or above-the-line communications.

## Typographic styling (for Adobe InDesign)

# Large Headlines

Tracking should be set between -30 and -60 letter spacing (kerning) set at Optical to make it more legible.

Line spacing (leading) should be set at 0 to 2pt above the face point size to ensure the type doesn't clash. All main headlines are initial upper case and then lower case.

# Body copy and subheadings

Tracking should be set at -30 and kerning set at Optical to make it more legible. Leading should be equal to face point size.

# *Introductory text, quotes and pull-outs*

Tracking should be set at -20 and kerning set at Optical to make it more legible. Leading should be set at 2pt above the face point size.

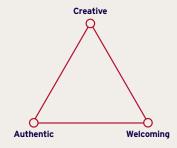
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# 6. Imagery

GREAT is an image-led brand that shows the best of the UK to the world.

Our imagery should encourage our audiences to think and feel differently about our country: seeing us as a small island with big ideas where creativity and innovation thrive, with world-class businesses and universities, fascinating places to discover and warm, welcoming people.

It is essential that all imagery supports the core values of our brand Creative, Authentic and Welcoming:



# Always:

- Make sure the image relates to your Pillar and the supporting proof-point.
- Make sure you have obtained the necessary permission to use the image.
- All imagery to be approved by the Central Brand Team.









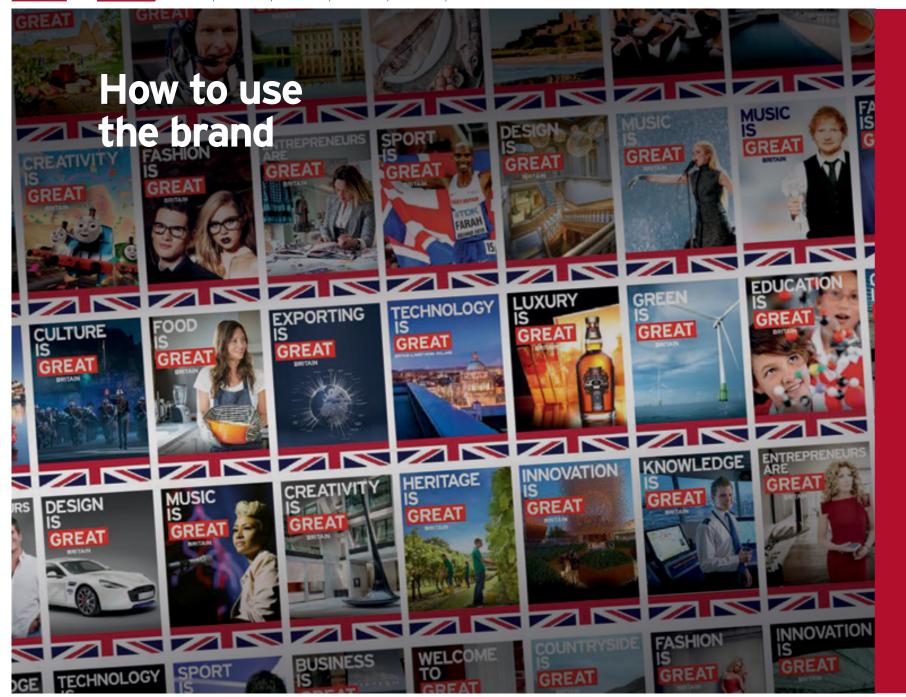












# Levels of branding How to choose the right one

There are three levels of branding you can use on your communications:

## Level 1

### Lead with a Pillar

Use this option to build awareness of GREAT in new markets or of new offers.

### Level 2

## Sign-off in less mature markets

This is a more engaging option to help increase consideration and purchase whilst providing recognition through the flag.

### Level 3

## Sign-off in mature markets

This is the most flexible option and should only be used in mature markets that know the GREAT brand well and in Domestic communications.

### **Domestic**

For guidance on using the brand domestically, see 'GREAT in the UK' guidelines available on request from the Central Brand Team.

# LV1:

The most impactful use of the Pillar headline logo and flag.



Portrait (LV1)



Pull-up (LV1)

### LV2:

Uses the flag at a large scale, for impact, with a smaller Pillar headline logo.



Portrait (LV2)



Pull-up (LV2)

### LV3:

Pillar headline logo and flag together at a smaller size.



Portrait (LV3)



Pull-up (LV3)

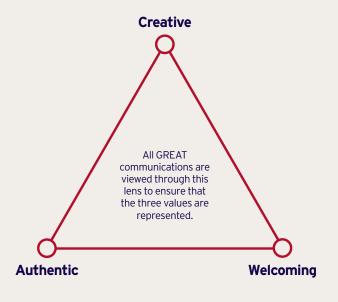
Social post (LV3)



# Messaging

# **Basic communication principles**

The GREAT core values inform how we write. We should always assess our messaging against them.



# Below are a few hints to help you create effective, on-brand, messages:

- Use unique and surprising facts that can be proved. Don't make claims without supporting facts.
- Put your reader at the **centre** of the communication, and talk directly to them.
- Write in the third person, for example: We say 'Explore Britain's heritage'. We **don't say** 'Explore our heritage'.
- Use inspiring descriptors, such as: Breathtaking, stunning, awe-inspiring, moving, cutting-edge.
- Finish with a call to action that either tells readers what to do or is an intriguing invitation. For example: 'Choose the UK for your next research project' or 'What will you discover in Wales?'.
- Finally, where possible, professionally translate our messages into the language used by our audience.

# There are some things that are off-brand and we must avoid:

- Puns or wordplay (e.g. 'The UK's automotive industry is in top gear' or 'UK fashion is a fusion of fun and function').
- Unnecessary exaggeration (e.g. amazing, incredible, wonderful, fantastic).
- Industry-specific or marketing buzzwords (e.g. 'Critical path' or 'Bandwidth').
- **Acronyms** (e.g. 'C.A.N' Controlled Area Network or 'Alt' - Alternative).
- Phrases international audiences may not understand (e.g. 'Raining cats and dogs' or 'Finding a needle in a haystack').
- Clichés (e.g. 'Think outside the box').

# Principles for partnership and sponsorship

# Brands are judged by the company they keep.

As GREAT Britain we want to partner with brands that share our values and behave in similar ways to us - those who are innovative, intelligent, imaginative and inclusive.

For co-brands to endure beyond the superficial level, both brands need to be realistic about goals and how they will co-create value.

# **Key principles**

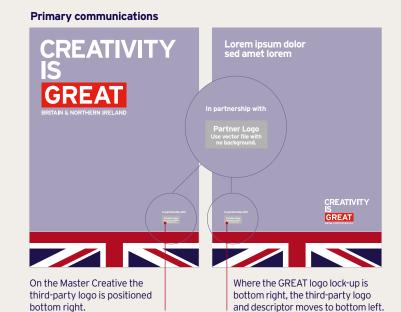
- Agree who is leading the communication:
  - the partner as endorser, or
- GREAT as endorser.
- All GREAT primary communications should only feature two logos: the partner's logo (and supporting descriptor) and the GREAT Pillar logo.
- Use the approved supporting descriptor
- 'In partnership with' positioned above third-party logo.
- 'Proud to support' lock-up with GREAT logo.
- Position the logos as indicated on the following pages.
- Multiple partnerships do not appear together on the front of primary communications.
- Ensure that the visual used is representative of the partnership.
- Opportunistic and Bespoke Pillars can be created for partnerships, but they must be approved by the Central Brand Team.

Contacts

# Practical tips on implementation

# Always:

- Use GREAT branding.
- Place the third-party logo on the GREAT layout.
- Use an image that represents the partnership and links with the appropriate pillar.
- Use a descriptor to explain the relationship if possible.
- Position the third-party logo in an 'endorsement' position, e.g. at the bottom of a communication.
- Use the third-party logo at a smaller size than the GREAT branding, so that it doesn't dominate.
- Consider the placement of the third-party logo. It should be clearly separated from any GREAT brand messaging.





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PARTNER

### **Events**



# Multiple logos

Host and partner logos can appear horizontally or vertically as indicated on these applications.

# **GREAT** as the endorser in a partner's world

# Always:

- Use the visual style and communication of the third-party.
- Use the GREAT logo with flag, and ideally with a Pillar headline.
- Use the GREAT logo lock-up at a smaller size than the third-party logo.
- Consider the placement of the logo lock-up. It should appear in an endorsement position and be clearly separated from any third-party messaging.
- Where possible keep separate from corporate sponsors.

# Logo variants











Locked to Pillar linear

# Partners supporting GREAT



The GREAT logo lock-up should be used with the flag. 25

# Top tips



For correctly applying the GREAT brand.

# **General tips**

- **Do not redraw** any of the core assets.
- Use artwork files available from the Brand Library.
- ✓ Make sure you have the necessary permissions to use any imagery.
- ✓ All imagery and artwork to be approved by the Central Brand Team.

Pillar headlines Use approved pillars only. Do not recreate and use only assets from the Brand Library.

Logo Use the GREAT logo with 'Britain and Northern Ireland'. VisitBritain use GREAT logo with **'Britain'** only.

The GREAT flag Rotate the flag to change its orientation, it should never be flipped.



**Imagery** 

All imagery must support the core values of the brand Creative, Authentic and Welcoming.

Typography

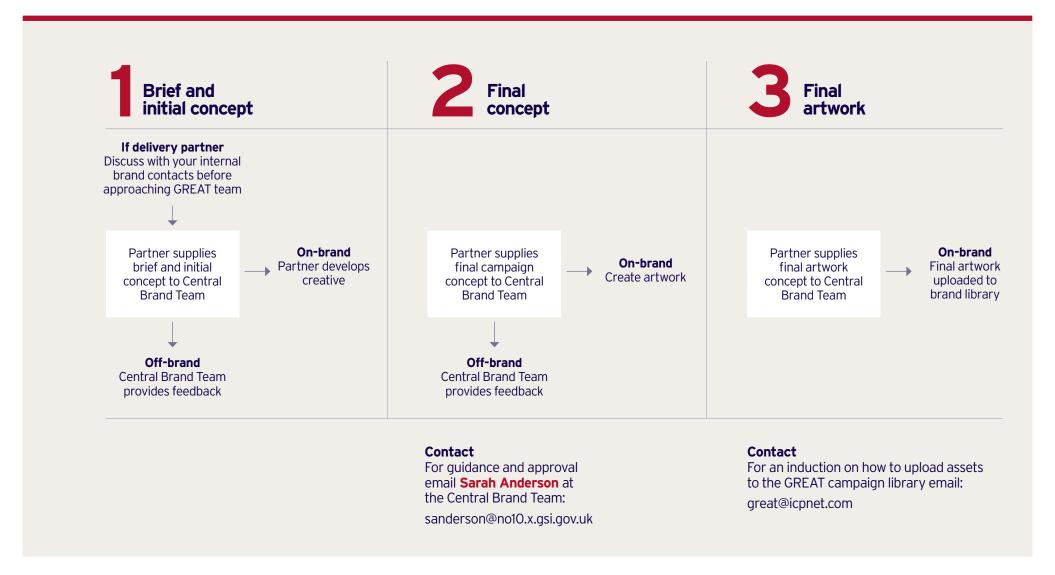
Use the correct typefaces and weights:

- Interstate Bold, Regular and Light.
- Georgia Italic and Bold Italic.
- **Brand colours GREAT Red** is strictly for use on the GREAT logo only.



# Developing creative and gaining approval

# A simple 3-step guardianship



Contacts

# Contacts

The brand and design guidelines for the GREAT brand are not meant to tell you where you're going wrong. They're to help you get things right easily. If you have any questions about the brand please contact us.

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### For assets and artwork:

# **GREAT brand library**

To register an account at the GREAT brand library

# www.brand.great.gov.uk

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