Running an Effective
Net Promoter Score
(NPS) Campaign

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Net Promoter Score (NPS)

NPS is a powerful metric for measuring customer loyalty and predicting business growth. By asking customers a simple question, How likely are you to recommend our product/service to a friend or colleague?

NPS provides actionable insights into customer satisfaction and brand loyalty.

This guide offers a structured approach to implementing and optimising an NPS program, ensuring you can leverage it to drive meaningful improvements.

Benefits of Tracking NPS

Customer Loyalty Insights: Provides a clear metric for understanding customer loyalty, enabling businesses to identify their most loyal customers (Promoters) and address issues for unhappy ones (Detractors).

Predictive Indicator of Growth: Strong correlation between high NPS scores and business growth, as Promoters are more likely to generate referrals and repeat purchases.

Actionable Feedback: Follow-up questions help businesses gather specific insights into what's working well and where improvements are needed.

Benchmarking: Allows comparison against industry standards and competitors, helping businesses understand their position in the market.

Simple and Scalable: Easy to implement across touchpoints (e.g., email, in-app, point-of-sale), making it adaptable for companies of all sizes.

Improved Customer Retention: Helps identify and address pain points for Detractors, reducing churn and improving long-term customer retention.

Increased Referrals: Promoters are likely to recommend the brand, driving organic growth through word-of-mouth marketing.

Cross-Functional Utility: Insights from NPS surveys can guide improvements across teams (e.g., product development, customer service, marketing).

How NPS Works

NPS is calculated based on customer responses to a single key question rated on a scale from 0 to 10. Customers are grouped into three categories:

	Score	
Promoters	9 - 10	Loyal customers who are likely to recommend your brand
Passives	7 - 8	Satisfied but unenthusiastic customers.
Detractors	0 - 6	Unhappy customers who could damage your brand reputation.

NPS Survey Structure:

NPS is designed to gather actionable feedback efficiently. It includes the primary NPS question and follow-up prompts for deeper insights.

1. **Primary Question**:
   o On a scale of 0-10, how likely are you to recommend our product/service to a friend or colleague?
2. **Follow-Up Questions**:
   o Introduce the follow-up question by acknowledging their score on the primary question and tailoring the explanation:
     - For Promoters (9-10): What do you love about our product/service?
     - For Passives (7-8): What could we improve to make your experience excellent?
     - For Detractors (0-6): What is the main reason for your score?

Distributing NPS Surveys:

Timing: Send surveys at key moments, such as after a customer support interaction, post-purchase, or at the end of a service call.

Channels:

- Email: Automated surveys sent post-interaction.
- In-App: Pop-up surveys after completing specific actions on a website or App.
- Point-of-Sale: On-site surveys using kiosks or tablets.
- SMS: Short, direct surveys for quick feedback after service or in-store visits.

Tips for Effective NPS Surveys

Keep Surveys Short and Focused:

- Use one primary question (NPS) and a maximum of two follow-up questions.
- Avoid overwhelming customers with unnecessary or unrelated queries.

Ask at the Right Time:

- Send surveys immediately after key touchpoints (e.g., purchase, customer service interaction) to capture fresh feedback.
- Avoid over-surveying the same customer to prevent fatigue.

Ensure Anonymity:

- Assure respondents that their feedback is confidential to encourage honest and accurate responses.

Use Clear and Simple Language:

- Avoid jargon or technical terms that could confuse respondents.
- Write questions in a conversational and relatable tone.

Personalise When Possible:

- Include the customer's name or reference specific interactions to make the survey feel more relevant.

Choose the Right Channels:

- Leverage email, in-app prompts, or point-of-sale systems based on where the customer interacted with your brand.

Offer Incentives Thoughtfully:

- Provide small rewards (e.g., discounts, gift cards) to boost response rates without biasing feedback.

Analyse and Act on Feedback:

- Ensure that all feedback is reviewed, categorised, and addressed promptly.
- Use insights to create actionable improvement plans.

Close the Feedback Loop:

- Inform customers about changes or improvements made based on their input to build trust and loyalty.

Calculate the NPS Score

NPS is calculated by subtracting the percentage of Detractors from the percentage of Promoters.

Categorise Respondents

Based on their responses, customers are grouped into three categories:

- **Promoters (9-10):** Loyal enthusiasts likely to recommend the brand and drive growth through positive word-of-mouth.

- **Passives (7-8):** Satisfied but unenthusiastic customers who may switch to competitors if they perceive better options.

- **Detractors (0-6):** Unhappy customers who may discourage others from engaging with the brand through negative feedback.

Formula: NPS = Percentage of Promoters - Percentage of Detractors

The NPS score ranges from -100 (if all respondents are Detractors) to +100 (if all respondents are Promoters).

Example:

If 70% of respondents are Promoters, 20% are Passives, and 10% are Detractors:

NPS = 70 - 10 = 60

NPS Score Ranges and Interpretation

Excellent (70 and above): Indicates a strong base of loyal customers and high brand advocacy.

Good (50-69): Shows a solid level of customer satisfaction with a strong potential for growth.

Average (0-49): Indicates room for improvement, with a mix of happy and unhappy customers.

Negative (-100 to -1): Suggests significant customer dissatisfaction, with a high percentage of detractors.

Strategies for Acting on NPS Feedback

Addressing Detractors (0-6):

o   Action Plan: Investigate root causes and resolve issues promptly.

o   Example: If customers cite poor support, improve training or reduce response times.

Engaging Passives (7-8):

o   Action Plan: Identify and address their concerns to convert them into Promoters.

o   Example: Offer tailored discounts or address product gaps.

Amplifying Promoters (9-10):

o   Action Plan: Encourage referrals, reviews, and testimonials.

o   Example: Implement a referral program with rewards for recommendations.

Feedback Analysis Template:

Response Category	Feedback Theme	Action Plan	Owner
Detractors	Long wait times	Streamline customer support processes	Support Lead
Passives	Missing product features	Conduct customer needs assessment	Product Manager
Promoters	Exceptional service	Encourage referrals through loyalty programs	Marketing Lead

Tools and Integration

Recommended Tools:

o   SurveyMonkey (£25+/mo): Customisable surveys with robust analytics.

o   Delighted (£44+/mo): Simplified NPS implementation.

o   Qualtrics (£1,200+/mo): Enterprise-grade survey and feedback solutions.

o   Zendesk (£19+/mo per user): Integrates NPS into customer support workflows.

o   Hotjar (£32+/mo): Behavioural insights and survey tools.

Integration Tips:

o   Sync NPS data with CRMs like HubSpot for personalised follow-ups.

o   Use visualisation tools like Tableau or Power BI for analysis.

Continuous Improvement Framework

Checklist for Ongoing NPS Optimisation:

1. **Regular Monitoring:**
   - Weekly: Review scores to address immediate issues.
   - Monthly: Analyse trends and identify recurring themes.
2. **Actionable Insights:**
   - Develop targeted improvement strategies for Detractors and Passives.
3. **Feedback Loop:**
   - Communicate improvements to customers to build trust and loyalty.

Example:

- If Detractors cite limited features, develop and communicate updates addressing those needs.

Key Metrics to Monitor

NPS Success Indicators:

1. **Response Rate**: Percentage of customers who complete the survey.
2. **Churn Rate**: Reduction in customer loss over time.
3. **Referral Rate**: Increase in new customers from Promoter referrals.
4. **Retention Rate**: Higher retention of Passives and Promoters.

Common Pitfalls and Solutions

1. **Low Response Rates**:
   - **Solution**: Simplify surveys and offer participation incentives.
2. **Survey Fatigue**:
   - **Solution**: Limit survey frequency and focus on key touchpoints.
3. **Biased Feedback**:
   - **Solution**: Use multiple channels to ensure diverse responses.

Real-World Example: Leveraging NPS for Growth

Scenario:

- A SaaS company observed a stagnating NPS of 55.

Approach:

1. **Feedback Collection**:
   - Detractors: Highlighted poor onboarding experience.
   - Passives: Desired more advanced tutorials.
2. **Action Plan**:
   - Created a dedicated onboarding team.
   - Developed a video tutorial library.
3. **Outcome**:
   - NPS improved to 70 within six months, driving a 15% increase in referrals.

Workshop Framework

<u>**Workshop Agenda**</u>:

1. **Introduction** (10 minutes): Overview of NPS, its importance, and goals for the session.
2. **Survey Design Discussion** (20 minutes): Identify key questions and segmentation criteria.
3. **Data Collection Plan** (20 minutes): Determine collection methods (email, in-app, etc.) and tools.
4. **Feedback Analysis** (30 minutes): Discuss methods for categorising and interpreting responses.
5. **Action Planning** (40 minutes): Develop strategies for addressing Promoters, Passives, and Detractors.
6. **Review and Assign Ownership** (20 minutes): Finalise next steps and assign tasks.

<u>**Facilitation Tools**</u>:

- Use [Miro](#) or [Lucidchart](#) for brainstorming feedback themes.
- Track action items with [Trello](#) or [Asana](#).

NPS vs. Other Metrics

Customer Satisfaction Score (CSAT) measures satisfaction with specific interactions, it is a vital metric for measuring customer satisfaction and improving loyalty. It evaluates specific touchpoints or overall experiences through a simple, scalable question. (See Resource Hub - Running an Effective Customer Satisfaction Score (CSAT) Campaign)

Customer Effort Score (CES): Assesses how easy it was for customers to complete an interaction (e.g., finding information, resolving an issue). CES focuses on reducing friction, while CSAT focuses on satisfaction. (See Resource Hub - Running an Effective Customer Effort Score (CES) Campaign)

Together with NPS, CSAT and CES provide a well-rounded view of customer satisfaction, loyalty, and ease of experience.

By measuring NPS at critical touchpoints, brands gain actionable insights into customer loyalty and areas for improvement, helping to foster stronger advocacy and retention. Regularly tracking NPS enables businesses to identify shifts in customer sentiment, address concerns highlighted by Detractors, and amplify the positive experiences of Promoters, ensuring a balanced and proactive approach to enhancing customer relationships.

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