## ISBA Priorities for 2024

# **Positioning**

ISBA is the only **body that represents brand owners advertising** in the UK. We empower them to **understand the industry and shape its future** because we bring together a **powerful community of marketers** with common interests; lead **decision-making with knowledge and insight**; and give a **single voice to advocacy** for the improvement of the industry.

## **Purpose**

To create an advertising environment that is **transparent**, **responsible and accountable**; one that can be **trusted** by the public, by advertisers and by legislators.

# Strategic Principles

ISBA will:

- Empower advertisers to create **media, agency and digital supply chain relationships** which deliver value transparently and sustainably.
- Lead the industry in creating an inclusive and sustainable advertising environment that delivers positive societal and economic impact.
- Deliver thought leadership and actionable learning, advice and guidance, working with our community of members and with partners.

## Our Big, Audacious Goal

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#### 2023

- Launch a global prototype of accountable cross-media campaign measurement in the UK in 2024:
  - Conduct Alpha and Beta Trials of Origin in 2023 and establish a commercial venture.
  - Secure ongoing Origin funding through the establishment of a Fractional Advertiser Contribution on media being measured.
  - o Ensure **full ISBA membership support** for Origin by implementing an exceptional, one-off subscriptions charge.
- Improve financial transparency and efficiency of programmatic supply chains by enabling independent, end-to-end audit:
  - Launch report on 2022 PwC Programmatic Supply Chain Study, evidencing positive movement since 2020.
  - o Identify **further improvements** and pursue through industry taskforce.
- Improve transparency of advertiser contracts with media agencies, enabling closer alignment of commercial interests.
  - Drive further industry adoption of ISBA's media services framework 2021, rolling out more tailored communication and learning for different audiences, particularly the procurement community.

#### 2024

- Successfully launch **Origin** in 2024 as a global prototype to meet the WFA's Industry Principles:
- Conclude trials and proceed to launch Origin's Minimum Viable Product.
- Ensure advertiser and agency adoption, based on user understanding of why and how to use Origin.
- Clarify Origin's role in the measurement of advertising effectiveness.
- Create a robust roadmap for expansion of market coverage.
- o Incorporate Origin and secure its long-term funding.
- Conduct further digital supply chain examination based on member priorities, focused on delivering best practice guidance.
- Thoroughly update both **media services and creative services frameworks** to reflect market developments, including generative AI.
  - Partner with WFA to drive understanding and global adoption of the media services framework.
- Follow up ISBA's Responsible Retail Media Framework with cross-industry agreement on further definition of standards.

To lead the industry in creating an inclusive and sustainable advertising environment that delivers positive societal and economic impact, ISBA will:

### 2023

- Achieve net zero emissions from advertising by 2030:
  - Ensure that Ad Net Zero measures and drives reductions in Greenhouse Gas emissions from advertising, working with the AA and across the industry.
  - Ensure that industry-agreed governance, policies, standards and methodology are developed and applied.
- Improve Diversity & Inclusion amongst advertisers, supporting the AA's All In and developing and rolling out implementation guidance and support for brand owners.
  - Develop the role of ISBA's Advisory Council in ISBA's governance and support it in demonstrating its impact.
- Continue to execute ISBA's Political Strategy, strengthening ISBA's relationships with legislators and with officials, leveraging advertisers' commitment to positive societal and economic outcomes.
  - Support the successful passage of the Online Safety Bill, endorsing amendments where necessary.
  - Support the introduction of the bill to provide the Competition & Markets Authority's Digital Markets Unit with statutory powers.
  - Respond to consultation on draft regulations to govern TV and online advertising restrictions for foods high in fat, salt or sugar from 2025. Press home arguments for alternative, effective measures to be taken to tackle childhood obesity.
  - Shape DCMS thinking on the future of the self- and co-regulation of advertising in advance of the response to the Online Advertising Programme consultation, reinforcing the role of the ASA and securing support for its longterm funding.
- Working across the industry, agree a coordinated advertiser position on platforms' delivery of age-assured audiences.
- Roll out training for members in the implementation of the brand safety playbook and tools developed through the **Global Alliance for Responsible Media**.
- Support the **industry imperative to attract and retain talent**, working with the AA.

#### 2024

- Meet brand owners' needs for sustainability in advertising:
  - o Ensure regulatory clarity from the ASA.
  - Deliver a common media emissions measurement framework, supporting WFA and GARM.
- Partner with WFA and with UDM in France to lead the **Advertising Accessibility Alliance**, creating standards and best practice from lead market adoption.
- Execute ISBA's **Political Strategy** against regime uncertainty;
  - Ensure ISBA is well-placed to advocate on behalf of brands given any outcome of a General Election, by continuing to strengthen ISBA's relationships with legislators and officials.
  - Chair Influencer and Age-Assurance Working Groups within the Online Advertising Taskforce action plan, securing commitment to industry action to protect young people.
- Continue to drive higher brand and user safety standards from social media platforms through active participation in the Global Alliance for Responsible Media.
- Drive **GARM adoption** with member training in the use of first- and third-party tools.

To work with our community of members and with partners to deliver **thought leadership and actionable learning, advice and guidance**, ISBA will:

### 2023

- Maintain **high member engagement** in ISBA through participation in and between working groups and governance bodies, facilitated by remote communication. Balance remote and in-person contact.
- Reinvigorate ISBA's member **procurement community**, working cross-functionally and across the full range of ISBA's supply chain priorities.

### 2024

- Increase **member engagement**, with more members actively involved in ISBA activity.
- Strengthen engagement with ISBA's **procurement** community, building relationships with key opinion formers.
- Produce further advice and guidance for brands in the use of **generative Al.**
- Develop ISBA's **media training** selectively, based on member demand for greater media expertise.