

Welcome

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A recent newspaper report claimed that the British are following the French in signing off from work for the month of August. For academics it marks the interval between farewell to one cohort of students and welcome to another. For the Centre of Management Consulting Excellence it offers the opportunity to provide you with some summer reading, reporting on our activities in July and our autumn programme.

M&C Saatchi Transform hosted a seminar in early July on '[Is culture change a busted flush?](#)' Journalist Mick James – a well-known commentator on consultancy matters – reports on the conclusions of a lively panel discussion.

Later in July the Centre ran a Showcase event in conjunction with the Oxford Group of City & Guilds reporting on new research '[Leading in a digital world: are we really prepared?](#)' Our correspondent Simon Davey – who has colourfully reported on many of our previous events – was there and gives his own inimitable take on the evening.

Looking towards the autumn our parent, the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants, is holding its annual Change Lecture on 8 October at Armourers Hall, where the speaker will be Lord David Willetts on '[The challenge of intergenerational inequality](#)'.

Later, on November 12, we will be holding a conference at which the [CMCE Research Awards](#) will be presented. One of the aims of the Centre is to promote research of interest and value to management consultants, and the awards will be for outstanding research papers; nominations are now open for this.

We are also doing some research into the value add that consulting firms bring to the consultant-client relationship; [you can find more details here](#).

Finally, we have uncovered a book of consulting proverbs by our correspondent Jethro, [some of which are at the end of this newsletter](#).

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

best regards

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