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This month's editorial '[Consultant Skills: Why We Need To Accelerate Technology Upskilling From Years To Months](#)' is written by David Barker, a Strategy and Innovation Consultant, Techcentre Consulting. David was also one of the panellists who took part in our [series of Next Gen discussions](#) on the post-pandemic world of work. In his piece, David shares his personal experience as a consultant in the technology sector and discusses the urgency for consultants to develop the skills required to support clients in today's fast-paced, rapidly-disrupted business world. In particular, he reflects on the importance of developing a new mindset that combines strategy, innovation and technology.

We are also delighted to announce our upcoming Showcases. We will welcome consultant and author Bruce Garvey to present the [Deconstructing Uncertainty: "We Should Have Seen It Coming!" Showcase](#) that will take place on 20 September and be based around his new book *Uncertainty Deconstructed*. During this interactive webinar, Bruce will argue that uncertainty is not really uncertainty at all but just demonstrates a lack of foresight, imagination, and vision.

We will also hold a [virtual Showcase on 6 October](#) focusing on quantum computing and its importance for the future of business. Look out for more details on this over the next few weeks.

In addition, we would like to remind you that this year there is an exciting opportunity for you to join our [Research Awards](#) judging panel and play a key role in identifying the latest thinking from the academic world. Find out more about how to get involved [here](#).

We have also recently published the [Excellence in Consulting Roundtable report](#) that provides a series of insights on themes like the concept of excellence from a client's perspective and the reasons for engaging a consultant. In his [piece](#) for this Newsletter, Jim Foster, member of the CMCE leadership team and author of the report, shares a few of the key takeaways from the roundtable discussion and from the 18 survey questions that we posed to our LinkedIn community over the last couple of months.

Our [In-Brief](#) section features a series of articles focusing on current topics that this month include consumer buying patterns, stakeholder management and digital transformation.

We would also like to draw your attention to [a training opportunity in systems thinking for mid-career consultants](#). SCiO, the UK professional body for systems practitioners, and apprenticeship provider Cherith Simmonds are offering a Master's level programme in systems thinking practice. This is likely to be of interest to practising consultants interested in developing their skills in applying systems thinking. The programme is offered as a high-level apprenticeship to take advantage of Government funding to upskill practising professionals.

Finally, if you are a subject matter expert and would like to share your knowledge and expertise on a specific topic, please [read further](#) to find out how to write an editorial contribution for the CMCE

Newsletter. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our varied audience of academics and practitioners in management consulting and related fields. If you have a content idea, feel free to [get in touch](#).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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