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Last month we were delighted to [announce the appointment](#) of Jim Foster as the Centre's new Director starting from January 2024. On behalf of the CMCE team, I'd like to ask you to join me in thanking our outgoing Director, Nick Bush for actively supporting and contributing to the growth of this Newsletter, and in welcoming Jim Foster. On a personal note, it was a true pleasure to work with Nick and benefit from his wisdom, experience, and wit. For this month's [editorial](#) we asked Nick to look back at his time as Director, while Jim will comment on his appointment and give some insights on his plans for the future of the Centre.

We have also been busy working on our 2024 events calendar and you can visit our [website](#) to see what we are planning for the coming months. We will hold the first event of the year, [Doughnut Economics: Can Management Consulting Save The World?](#), on Thursday 11th January. Our speaker, Erinch Sahan leads [Doughnut Economics Action Lab](#) (DEAL)'s work on applying Doughnut Economics to businesses. During the session, he will explore ideas and models for achieving the needed transformations in business to help meet the needs of all people within the means of the living planet.

In addition, we are also thrilled to announce the second series of CMCE Next Gen events that will consist of five on-line seminars between April and June 2024, held jointly by Manchester University and the CMCE. Dr Edmond Smith, Senior Lecturer in Economic Cultures at the University of Manchester will curate '**RISKY BUSINESS**', a series of interactive workshops with leading academics and practitioners to explore the fundamentals of behavioural economics, how they can be used reflectively to change how we think about business today, and what they mean for how we engage with the future of technology." Look out for further details on topics, speakers and dates in our upcoming newsletters and on our [LinkedIn channel](#).

In case you missed the latest in our series of events dedicated to exploring the application of AI tools on management consulting practices, you can read a [summary](#) of the key insights and takeaways from the discussion written by CMCE's new Director, Jim Foster. You can also watch the recording of the Showcase [here](#).

This month's [In-Brief section](#) includes a series of articles focusing on a range of current topics such as decision-making, strategy, teamwork and writing phishing emails.

Finally, we would like to thank you, our readers, for continuing to support the work of the Centre, and wish you a wonderful festive break on behalf of the CMCE team.

The Newsletter Editor

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