# **Useful Resources**

#### AB-here to help

- Our managing director, Katie Macaulay, is host of the awardwinning The Internal Comms Podcast. Listen on iTunes, Spotify and all podcast platforms.
- If you'd like to discuss your IC challenges and test your thinking, Katie offers 30-minute free consultations to IC practitioners. Email consultkatie@abcomm. **co.uk** to arrange your call.
- Need to write a communications strategy? Plan the first new days in a new role? Write a better creative brief? Visit the new **downloads** section of our website for free guides and reports.

- For regular IC insights and newsy nuggets **sign-up** for our monthly newsletter I Saw This and Thought of You.
- Our new workshops offer IC training in small, supportive groups. Learn new skills, boost your confidence and find fresh inspiration. Learn more here.
- IC Wine & Cheese is a networking and discussion group for senior communication practitioners hosted by Katie Macaulay. Email her directly to find out more at katie@abcomm.co.uk
- Get a **free download** of From the Corporate to the Employee Voice,

Chapter 6 of From Cascade to Conversation, by our MD Katie Macaulay. The book challenges organisations to rethink how they communicate with their employees. It examines the shift from a one-way, instructional style of communication to something more participative and involving.

### **Professional and industry bodies**

- The International Association of Business Communicators is the largest global professional body for communicators. We highly recommend its World Conference held in the US every June.
- The Institute of Internal **Communication** is the only

professional institute in the UK dedicated to furthering internal communication knowledge and practice. It holds an annual conference every May, and runs an annual awards programme and seminars throughout the year.

- CIPRInside is the division of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations focused on internal communications. It runs an awards programme and annual conference.
- IC Crowd runs a popular 'unconference' entitled the Big Yak. The next one being held in June 2020.

## Newsletters

- The Institute of Internal Communication produces a printed monthly magazine called The Voice and a weekly ezine for members and nonmembers. Find out about both here.
- Shel Holtz is a communications consultant, author and speaker. Check out his daily curated selection of articles, blog posts and videos, entitled The Shel Holtz Daily
- Billed as the 'Future of Work Magazine', Gloria Lombardi launched Marginalia in May and is already attracting thousands of readers. Ten new articles are published every Friday.

- CEB is a best practice insight and technology company. Its Marketing and Communications team offer "insights that upend conventional wisdom and change the way executives address long-standing and emerging business challenges". Sign up for its bi-monthly newsletter.
- Rachel Miller's consultancy All Things IC complies a weekly newsletter. Subscribe here.

#### Who to follow

The @IC\_Kollectif asked communicators worldwide to nominate their top IC thought leaders. Check out them out here.

### PR Insights compile a useful summary every Friday of content that's published across all communication disciplines in the UK. Follow @ PRPlaceInsights or use #ThisWeekinPR



### LinkedIn groups

There are many groups on LinkedIn dedicated to employee communications. We recommend:

- Employee Communications and Engagement, "dedicated to the art and practice of employee communications and engagement", with more than 32,000 members.
- Internal Communication, with a focus on publications, intranets and events, which has

### Newsletters

#### 21,000 members

 Internal Communications and Engagement about "the practice and theory of colleague engagement", with more than 17,000 members.

#### Read, watch and listen

- The Guardian & Observer
  Style Guide is a writer's best friend – its editorial guidelines are widely recognised as industry-standard.
- The communications consultancy Gatehouse produce The Journal of Internal Communication, billed as "the professional journal where industry experts share their

secrets". Always a good read.

- We believe a subscription to the Harvard Business Review is one of the very best ways to invest in your career if you have an interest in business, management and leadership.
- The Inquiry, produced by the BBC World Service, describes its format as "one pressing question from the news. Four expert witnesses. Challenging answers".
- ICology is a podcast dedicated to interesting people doing interesting things in the world of internal communications. Its founder, Chuck Gose, says: "If internal comms is your passion, this is your podcast."

 Talks to spark your curiosity – TED Talks – are renowned for their powerful brevity and ability to inspire.

## Thank you

Thank you for taking AB's IC Health Check. We hope it's given you food for thought. If you would like to discuss any aspect of our feedback, email contact AB's Head of Client Services, **Abi Terry**.