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Enabling Change

Stakeholder alignment in large-scale UX projects

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Basis

Premium-Vorteile



Aktivitäten

Businessdaten

Kontakte (533)

Zur normalen Ansicht >



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“ Looking forward to UXcamp this weekend! <http://www.uxcampeurope.org> ”

▼ Meine Anmerkungen zu Stefan Freimark

Persönliches

Ich suche

neue Kolleginnen und Kollegen, Konzepter und UX-Spezialisten zwecks Erfahrungsaustausch, nette Leute, Privat: Cineasten, Fotografen

Ich biete

mehrjährige Erfahrung in User-centered Design und Website-Konzeption. Konkret: Ich Sorge für User Experience die in guter Erinnerung bleibt, dass Nutzer finden was sie suchen, Anwendungen die leicht zu bedienen sind und dass Unternehmen ihre Geschäftsziele im Web erreichen. Stichworte: UX, UCD, IA, IxD, CMS, eCRM, Research, Strategie, Grobkonzept, Feinkonzept, Roll-out, Informationsarchitektur, Interaction Design, Interface Design, Usability, Web 2.0, Social Media

Interessen

Kino, Fotografie, explizite Lyrik (Ellis Palahniuk, Bukowski)

Hilfe & Kontakt Abmelden

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Optionen

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Als Kontakt
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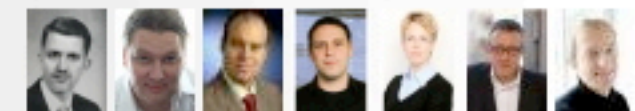


Person
merken

Warum ich auf XING bin

- Neue Mitarbeiter finden
- Interessante Personen kennenlernen
- Mein Netzwerk pflegen
- An Events teilnehmen

Bestätigte Kontakte: 533



> Mehr

Statistiken von Stefan Freimark:

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100%

Aktivitäts-Index: **100%**



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Content on the Web today is often bad.

- ▶ Outdated
- ▶ Different voices (various styles, bad style, conflicting information)
- ▶ Hard to find: Too much "needle in haystack", metadata not maintained
- ▶ Inappropriate for the Web and the target audiences
- ▶ Irrelevant
- ▶ Inside-out perspective

It's all about the content.



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High quality content should become the norm.

- ▶ Current across multiple levels and sections
- ▶ One voice (text, images, no conflicting information)
- ▶ Findable by structured browsing and metadata
- ▶ Adequately written for the Web and the target audiences
- ▶ Relevant for the target audiences
- ▶ Outside-in perspective



Projects today require efforts by multiple departments.

Example: Descriptions of degree courses at a university

- ▶ Student Advisory Service
- ▶ Department of Student Affairs
- ▶ International Office
- ▶ Faculties – all of them!
- ▶ General Students' committee
- ▶ Students' "group representative"
- ▶ Faculty management
- ▶ Faculty board

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...it ain't that easy.

People in departments rarely talk to each other.



People sometimes fight against each other.



People have their own agenda – greater good has low priority.



People might not feel the users' pain.



People are afraid of change.



What happens if we just "do our job"?

Here are the templates. Thanks for
the money, good luck, and have a
nice life.

”



The result?

- ▶ No support from within the organization – or even resistance ("Nobody asked me, but they should have")
- ▶ Editors don't talk to each other – or aren't even aware of each other
- ▶ Content starts to wither the day after the launch – if it was good content at all
- ▶ Proliferation of bad content

= useless website

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wrong approach!



We have to take people seriously to earn their trust.

Be there.



Be a listener.



Be transparent.



Be neutral.



Changing people's beliefs and behaviors
begins with ourselves.

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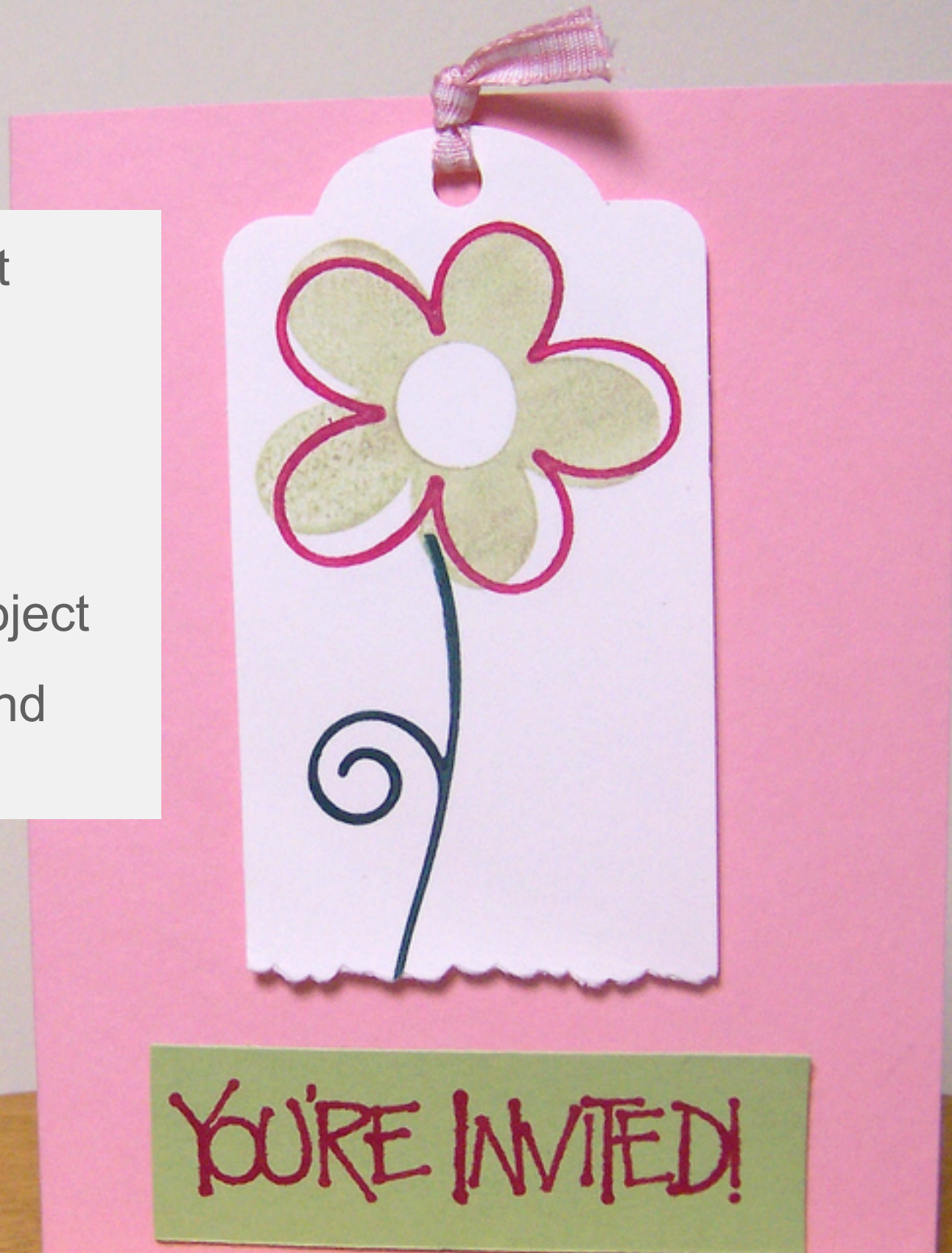
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Establish a sense of urgency.



Invite stakeholders to participate.

- ▶ Do questionnaires up-front
- ▶ Conduct stakeholder interviews to gather requirements
- ▶ Let them participate in workshops during the project
- ▶ Encourage feedback – and answer it



Start conversations between silos.

- ▶ Bring them together in workshops (mixed groups!)
- ▶ Show them the bigger picture...
- ▶ ...but also suggest small and specific steps
- ▶ Start a project within a project
- ▶ Establish new structures (eg. bi-weekly cross-dept. meeting of editors)



Keep people in the loop.

- ▶ Publish a project newsletter
- ▶ Present results to everyone interested – on a regular basis
- ▶ Hold Q&A sessions
- ▶ Embrace new stakeholders (but keep the core team small)

We can facilitate networking between departments with change management methods.

These methods help bring people to the table – so that they work collaboratively on a project for the same goals.

Methods – what are your experiences?



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For the love of money!



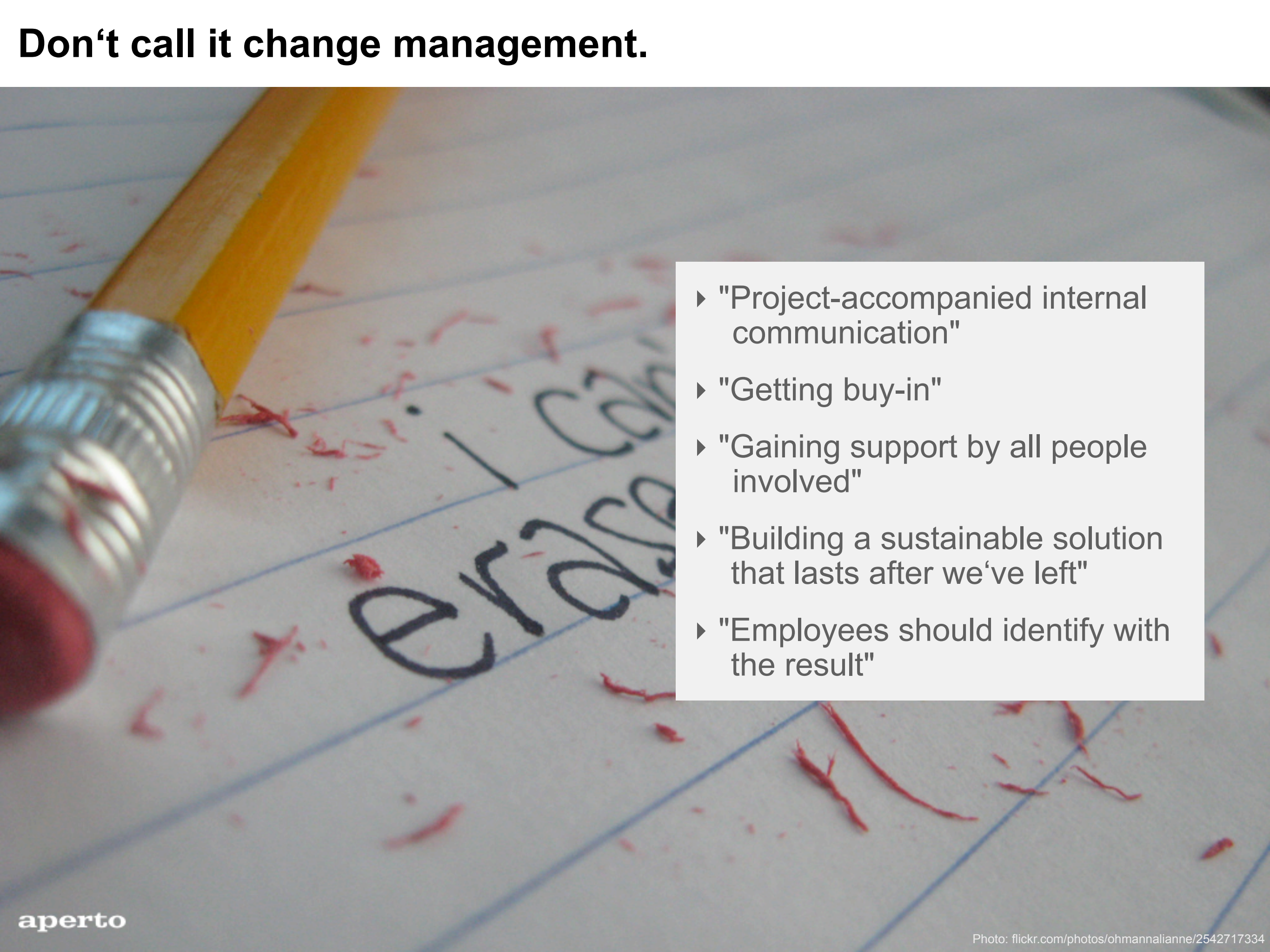
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Don't call it change management.

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- ▶ "Project-accompanied internal communication"
 - ▶ "Getting buy-in"
 - ▶ "Gaining support by all people involved"
 - ▶ "Building a sustainable solution that lasts after we've left"
 - ▶ "Employees should identify with the result"

Emphasize the Return On Investment.

- ▶ "You invested so much for research, strategy, IA, IxD, visual design, frontend and backend code...
- ▶ ...shouldn't be sunken money
- ▶ ...success depends on the participation within your organization
- ▶ ...should invest some more to build a sustainable solution
- ▶ ...the earlier the better!"



Fly under the radar.

- ▶ Stakeholder research
- ▶ Invite multiple departments to a kick ass kickoff workshop



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Kick Ass Kickoff Meetings

by KEVIN M. HOFFMAN

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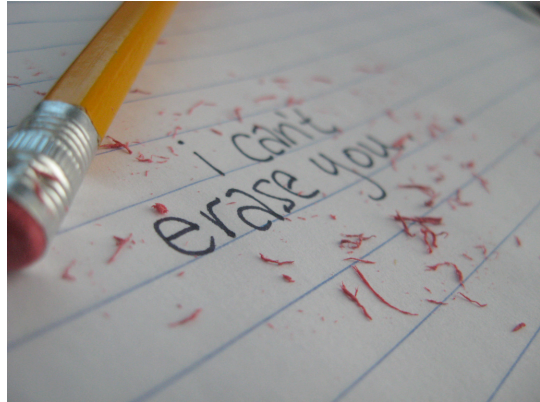


During project-based work, every freelancer, agency, or internal department has "the kickoff meeting." In theory, this meeting should have all the energy, excitement, and potential of the

alistapart.com/articles/kick-ass-kickoff-meetings

We can put change methods to good use and sell them – by underlining their need or by sneaking them in.

Selling change management – what are your experiences?



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Our Iceberg Is Melting*



a sense of
urgency

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WHEN CHANGE IS HARD

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Change Management

Veränderungsprozesse erfolgreich
gestalten – Mitarbeiter mobilisieren

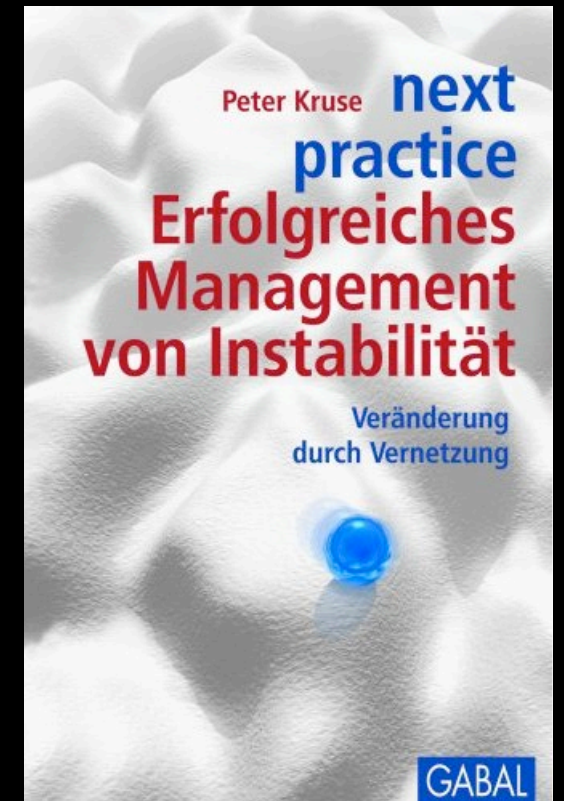
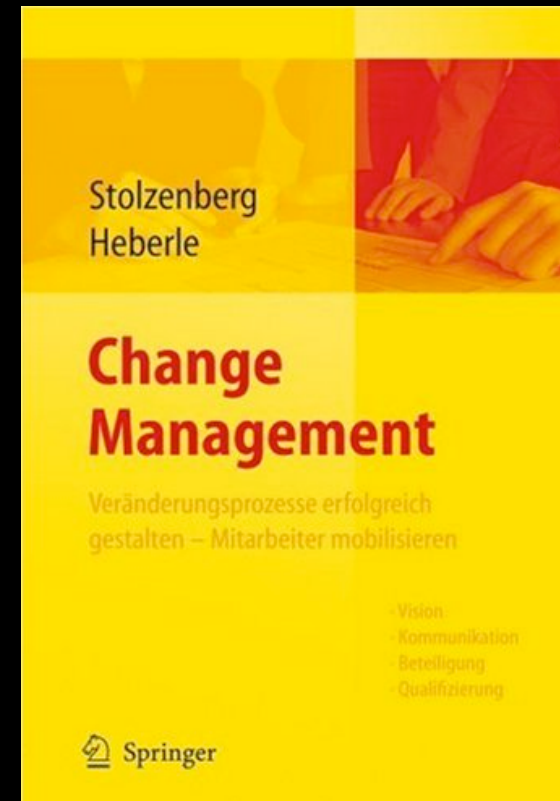
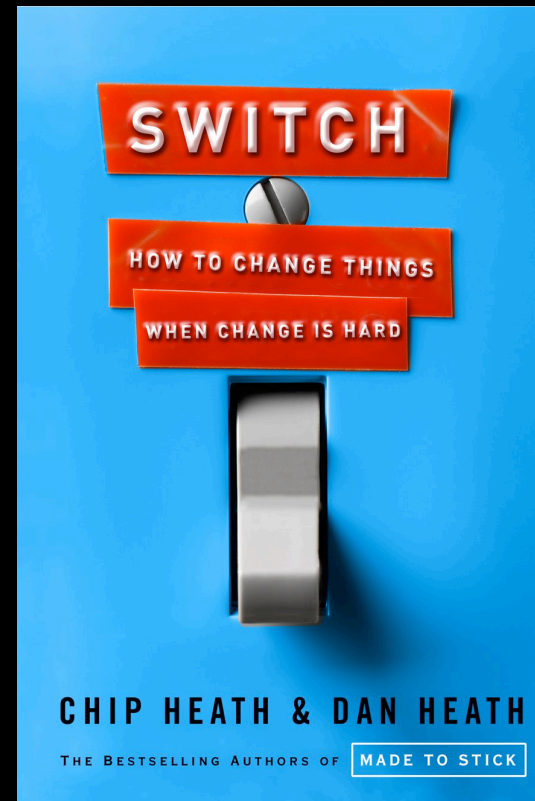
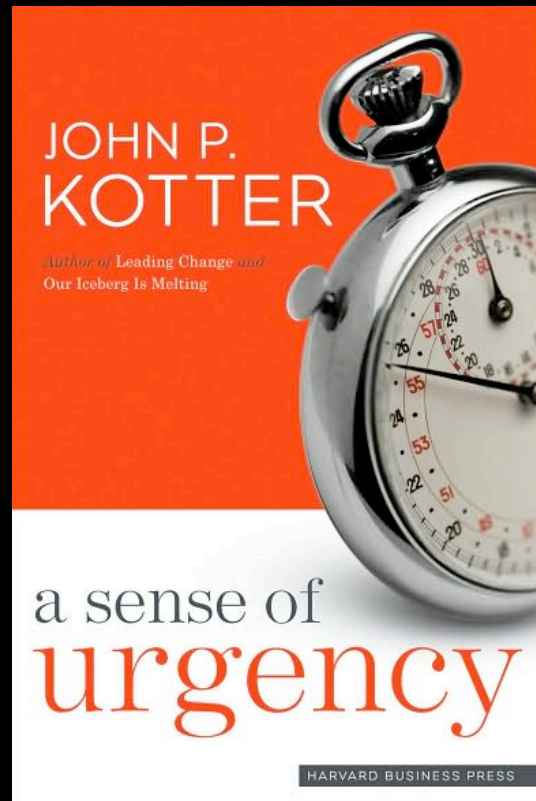
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- Kommunikation
- Beteiligung
- Qualifizierung

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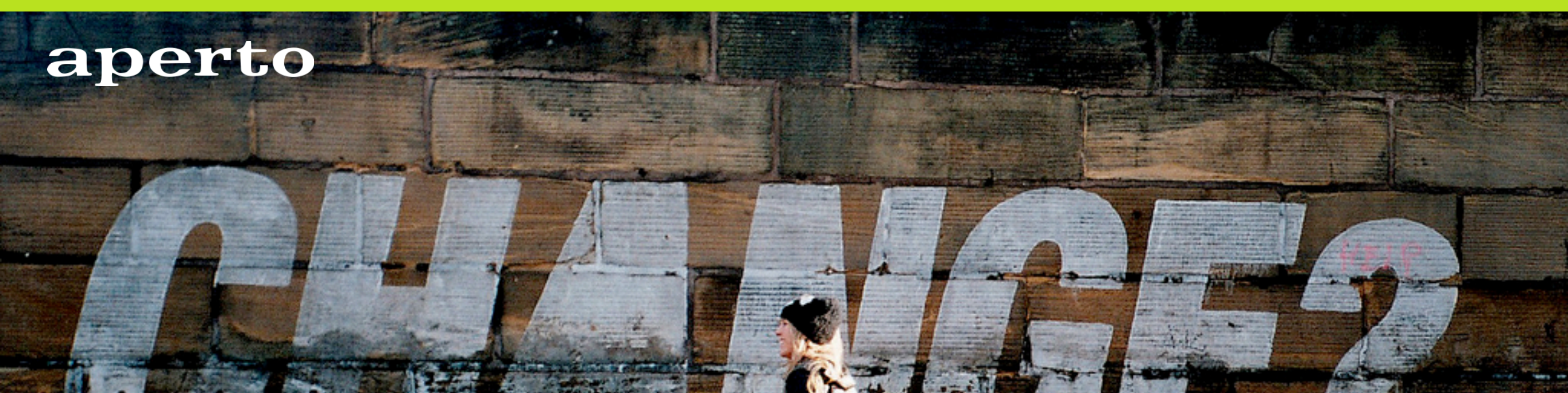
What are your reading recommendations?

Going the extra mile beyond classic UX work leads to sustainable solutions.

- ▶ Allows for a common understanding during the start of the project (and beyond)
- ▶ Helps people identify with the project
- ▶ Facilitates networking across department borders
- ▶ Allows them to implement a content strategy

= enables change

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Start making a difference!

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John P. Kotter: Leading Change

1. Establish a sense of urgency
2. Form a powerful guiding coalition
3. Create a vision
4. Communicate the vision
5. Empower others to act on the vision
6. Plan for and create shortterm wins
7. Consolidate improvements and produce more change
8. Institutionalize new approaches