



Game changing...

We're right in the heart of summer and whether you're soaking up some sunshine or powering through a busy season, our August insights edition will keep you in the loop with what's happening now and coming up. Kick-starting with celebrating the Women's Rugby World Cup! More on that below.

This month, we've also jumped into some huge and game-changing topics that are shaping the way we work - from **Modern Workplace** practical tips to the looming **PSTN switch-off** and what you need to do so you're fully prepared.



Guide

Modern Workplace

Modern Workplace – the what, the why and the how!

Buzzword or the true answer to keeping pace? Our latest blog cuts through the jargon to show you what a “modern workplace” actually means for your business - and why it's worth making the move.

We're talking better collaboration, happier teams and way less time wrestling with outdated tech. Whether you're in retail, healthcare, professional services or education, we'll provide practical tips on how to get started without the headache.

[Modern Workplace guide](#)



10th September at 10:30

Webinar

PSTN switch off

The big PSTN switch off is coming!

The UK-wide PSTN switch off is close... Openreach has initiated a stop-sell of legacy services, meaning you can't purchase or modify legacy services that rely on ISDN or PSTN.

Unsure if this impacts your business? We have the answers! **You're invited to join our FREE webinars** covering everything about upgrading from PSTN to next-gen technology.

Sign up for the webinar on 10th September at 10:30.

[Join the PSTN webinar](#)



Focus Tech Academy

Engineering the future

At Focus Group we believe in nurturing and building tangible and adaptable skills, for a fast-evolving world of work. So we're excited to announce the launch of the Focus Tech Academy, in partnership with Apprentify.

As a leading digital and tech training provider, Apprentify specialises in bespoke skills, including AI, data, tech, and IT, which is perfect for our teams delivering next-gen tech to our customers.

This new initiative aims to offer our engineers an apprenticeship route to further develop their skillset and gain industry-recognised qualifications, so they are empowered to support the rapidly-evolving cloud comms and IT needs of our customers.



[Focus Tech Academy](#)



Emily Tuttosi

Rugby World Cup

The Women's Rugby World Cup is now underway and, as official kit sponsors of the Exeter Chiefs, we'll be cheering particularly loudly for the Chiefs players selected to represent their home nations, namely;

	England: Maddie Feaunati & Claudia Moloney-MacDonald
	Canada: Alex Tessier, DaLeaka Menin & Emily Tuttosi
	Ireland: Nancy McGillivray, Edel McMahon & Cliodhna Moloney-MacDonald
	Italy: Francesca Granzotto
	New Zealand: Amy Rule
	USA: Hope Rogers, Gabby Cantorna

We took the opportunity to catch up with Emily Tuttosi, hooker for Chiefs and Canada, ahead of the World Cup. **You can read the full interview here:**

[Interview with Emily Tuttosi](#)

Behind the World Cup scenes, the Focus Group team will also be playing an important part at Sandy Park in Exeter and the Amex in Brighton – powering the stadium WiFi to keep fans connected through the scrums, touchdowns and tries!



Unleash your inner hero!

Fancy a team building challenge that will really make a difference? Join us to take on Dartmoor like never before.

11th October 2025 | 1 day | 13.5 miles | 6 challenges!

The Focus Foundation is proud to partner with Dartmoor Search and Rescue Ashburton Team to bring you a unique, team challenge designed to test your resilience, teamwork, and determination across rugged moorland terrain. From climbing three rugged Dartmoor Tors, to responding to emergency situations, this is a chance to step into the boots of those who save lives on the moor.

Thanks to Focus Group covering all operational costs of this event, 100% of funds raised will be split equally between the Dartmoor Search and Rescue Ashburton Team, and Focus Foundation, supporting grassroots charities across the South West.

Assemble your team and sign up here:

[This way to Dartmoor](#)



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