# **Engaging Employees in Customer Experience**

Lessons from Beyond the Utility World

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# **Your guides**



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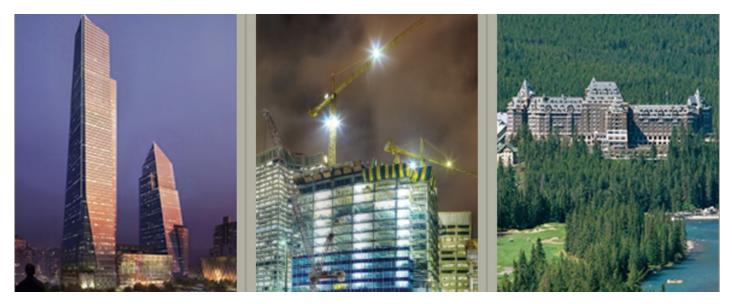


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#### The 6 E's of Employee Engagement





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Every body persists in a state of rest or of uniform motion in a straight line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces having impact upon it.

Isaac Newton

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Leadership commitment & values Brand promise People: Inspire & reinforce People: Focus on culture People: Recognition & celebration **People: Empowerment** People: Customer Champions





# To strengthen our relationships with customers, partners and the industry at large.

Earn the respect of all of our customers and partners in every interaction, every day.

#### The Oxford Commitment





We work with purpose We earn your respect in every interaction, every day We consistently deliver a worldclass experience We empower our teams to deliver effective solutions fast We take great pride in leading the industry



## THE OXFORD WAY – INSPIRE AND REINFORCE

# "Culture eats strategy for lunch."



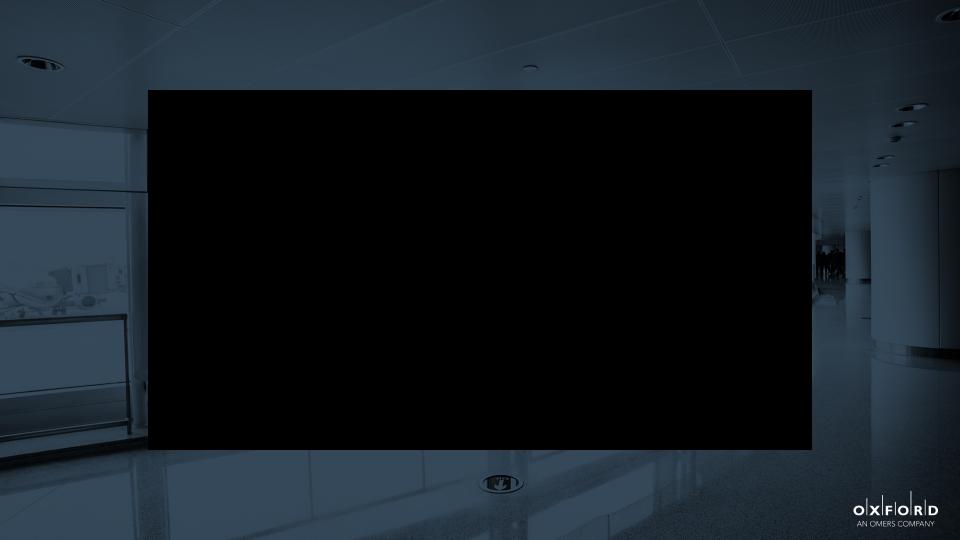
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**Peter Drucker** 

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#### **Empathize and Engage: Focus on Culture**

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The Dialogue Series:



- 2,000+ employees and contract staff
- 20 to 25 per session
- Every 6 months
- Professionally facilitated
- VoE, models, training, koolaid
- Team commitments
- Expected to keep the conversation going between sessions

#### **Empathize and Engage: Focus on Culture**

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The Dialogue Series success factors:

- Co-designing the series with Oxford site leaders
- Engaging employees in interactive sessions
  - Based on employee needs
- Involving leaders in co-facilitation with professionals
- Development of team commitments after each session

#### **Educate - Guidelines**

#### DELIVERING THE OXFORD COMMITMENT TO YOUR CUSTOMERS

#### Brief description of the scenario:

 A customer approaches you to report a building escalator malfunctioned while they were riding it. The customer claims clothing was caught in the escalator and damaged. The customer wants to know what can be done about it.

SCENARIO: ESCALATOR INCIDENT - OFFICE PROPERTIES

#### How your customer may be feeling:

- Hurt/sore if an injury was also involved
- Embarrassed that clothing is damaged
- · Frustrated that this issue occurred during work time
- Angry that our equipment caused this to happen
- · Doubt that anyone will be able/willing to help

#### Considerations:

- Coordinate shut-down of escalator and the maintenance call to the building's escalator service provider if necessary
- Involvement of site security staff for reporting, inquiry, first aid for customer (if required). Will EMS be required?
- · Offer to contact/call someone for the customer if help is required
- Offer of repair or replacement of damaged clothing
- If declined, a small token from Oxford (gift card, movie tickets, other voucher) to recognize human side of incident
- Observe for possible causes footwear loose clothing etc. A potential insurance claim could follow therefore
  ensure everything is recorded in your note books.

#### Health and safety considerations:

- On which escalator did this incident occur? Ride up or down?
- · Was the customer or others injured during the incident (i.e. is medical attention required)?

#### Probing questions to help determine potential solutions:

- When did the incident occur (approximate date and time) What were the circumstances. Have the customer describe exactly what happened?
- · Is the customer a tenant or visitor to the building? What is their name? Obtain contact details.
- Is the customer able to continue to work wearing damaged clothing (meaning: is replacement clothing required immediately)?

#### Financial Guidelines

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- All Oxford and contract employees are empowered to make decisions to compensate customers for damaged
  personal property. We encourage all employees to make the right decision as if they were the customer
- · Ask yourself ... if I was this customer, what would I expect from Oxford?
- Resolving a customer issue is priceless! You are empowered to spend an amount not to exceed \$500. Resolve
  issues in a way and at a cost that makes sense and is reasonable under the circumstances.
  - If there's nothing to repair or replace, consider a gift card (in an amount you deem reasonable given the
    details of the scenario) as a token of our appreciation for their understanding and our regret for their
    inconvenience.
- When you make a decision the management team will support your decision. That's their commitment to
  you!

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# RESPECT

TREAT EVERYONE LIKE A VIP

#### Smile at everyone

- Greet everyone by name (if known)
  - Be friendly, honest, and considerate
  - Listen and be helpful to everyone

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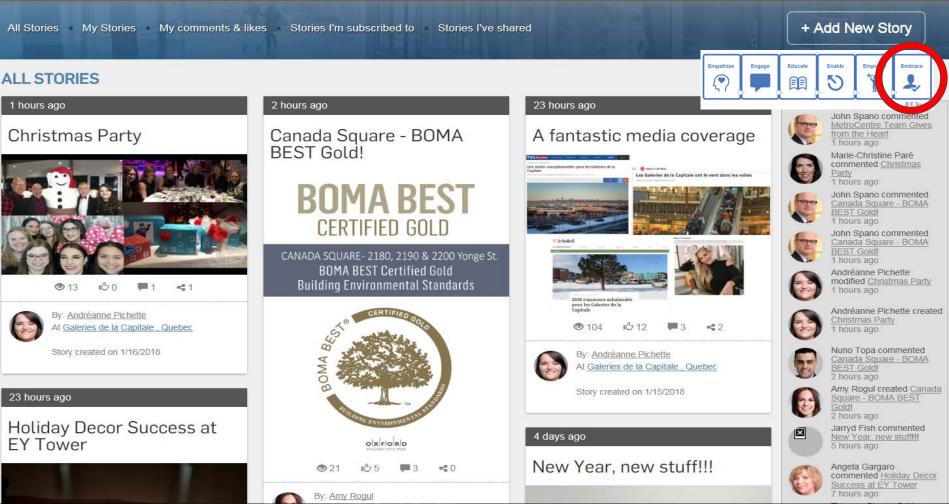
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#### **Contractor Engagement - Objectives**

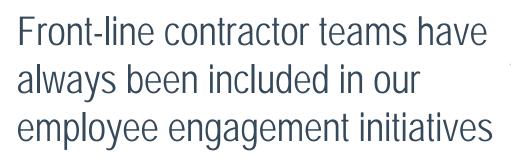
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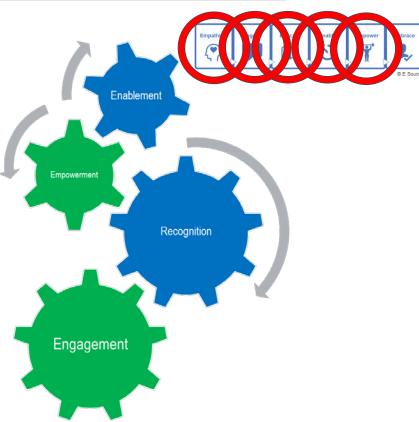


- Improved/consistent delivery of The Oxford Commitment by the front-line teams
- Contractor staff engagement
- Partner leadership understanding/commitment
- Action plans
- Action plan implementations

#### **Contractor Engagement**

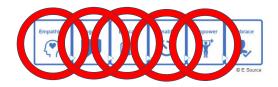
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Contractor Engagement: What have we agreed so far?





**Expectations: Decisions based on CX metrics** 

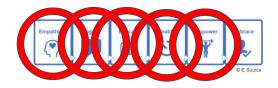
KPIs: Contractor ownership and accountability

Rewards and recognition: Partnership on recognition

Employee engagement: Contractors to hire customer-centric teams

Contractor Engagement: What have we agreed so far?





Engagement survey: Contractors to share results

Orientation: Oxford provided orientation

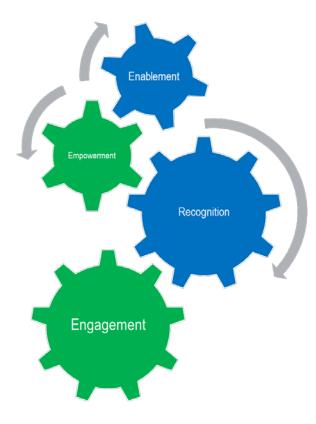
Communication: Oxford to share applicable o+ stories

Innovation: Contractors should bring forward innovative CX ideas

#### **Results Matter**



# Is any of this working?



### Our efforts are showing in the data

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NPS Score Summary	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Office Building	44%	42%	44%	46%	47%
High	74%	64%	75%	75%	74%
Low	-30%	5%	-17%	-4%	-25%
Retail	32%	49%	51%	53%	51%
High	54%	62%	62%	66%	60%
Low	-22%	-10%	-10%	15%	5%
Residential		3%	-1%	4%	3%
High		58%	52%	50%	67%
Low		-76%	-42%	-45%	-37%
Industrial		36%	36%	36%	43%

		Oxford		
(% Strongly Agree / Agree)	2018	2017	2016	
Number of Respondents	1557	1406	1427	
Providing superior customer service is a high priority for us		99%	98%	
have the skills and training to effectively meet customer needs		98%	99%	
I have the resources to meet customer needs	95%	95%	94%	
am recognized for considering our customers in my day-to-day work	86%	87%	86%	
I have the authority to make decisions necessary to meet the needs of the customers I serve		90%	89%	
am aware of the Customer Service Empowerment guidelines (% Yes)	96%			
In the past year, I have acted based on the Customer Service Empowerment guidelines given to all Oxford employees (% Yes)	89%			
When I acted based on the Customer Service guidelines, my decision was positively supported by management (% Agree, Strongly Agree)	94%			

# OUR EFFORTS ARE NOTICED BY CUSTOMERS



John Koopman, Partner **Spencer Stuart** 





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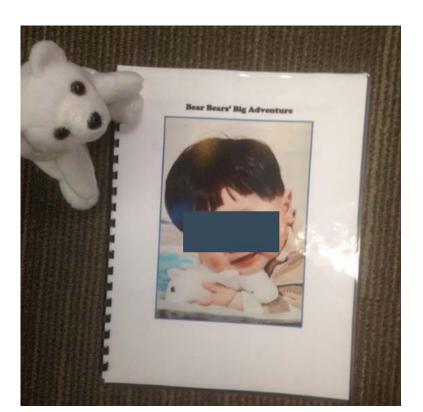
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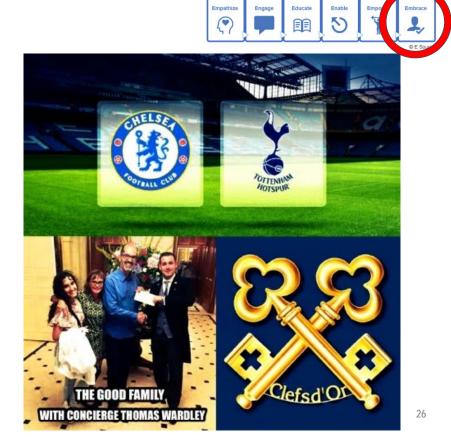
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#### We Have Great Stories









We are very good, with pockets of great We can be proud of our accomplishments We have built a solid foundation We now have deeper partnerships







# Good is the enemy of great.

Jim Collins

#### Our Vision – To Be the Four Seasons of Property Management

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# CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE is the next competitive BATTLEGROUND IT'S WHERE BUSINESSES ARE WON OR LOST.

- TOM KNIGHTON -







Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot nothing is going to get better. it's not. 🖬 dr. seuss

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