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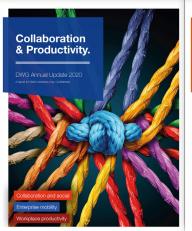
















# 2025 Research Programme.

DWG members have exclusive access to our extensive research library, including reports on key topics such as Al and automation, strategy and governance, engagement, future trends, and many more. In 2024, 88% of members told us that access to research and case studies is one of the best things about DWG membership.

Our members regularly use our research for decision making, as a source of ideas and as the basis for rich interactions and knowledge sharing.

Recent additions to the library include papers on AI readiness, futuring, product management and ESG.

- You can download free reports and executive summaries in the Resources area of our website.
- To take advantage of this rich knowledge, contact us to join DWG today.

In 2025 we will investigate six core areas of digital workplace practice via our best-practice research programme and also cover a wide range of other topics.

#### **Quick facts:**

- Exclusive library of 100+ reports
- Around 6 new reports per year
- Member-led topics
- Basis for decision making
- Rich source of ideas and case studies





# 2025 topics.

#### 2025 Research Papers

As well as keeping members abreast of core practice areas, we also know they want to explore new topics and niche areas of practice. That's why we'll be diving into the following topics this year:

#### Intranet futures 2025-2030

Intranets are at a critical juncture in their evolution. Intranet professionals, perhaps more than ever before, are trying to understand the role of the intranet both now and in the near future. In the context of Al and other digital workplace advances, will the intranet continue to flourish as a critical 'front door' to the digital headquarters and 'one-stop-shop' for resources and more, or recede as other technological affordances render it less important?

This report will explore the current situation as well as what will come next for intranets, by first briefly taking stock of how intranets and intranet practice have evolved up until now. Considering both the present and looking forward to the 2025–2030 horizon, the report will bring together 'signals' apparent in the industry to understand the direction of travel for intranets. It will build on DWG's recent 'The road ahead: A practical guide to futuring' report to help intranet teams integrate futuring into their strategic planning process.

#### **Al-ready workforce**

The rapid advance of Al capabilities in workplace technologies is raising concerns among digital teams about the readiness of the workforce to understand and adopt them safely and optimally. Inadequate Al literacy may be a significant barrier to organizations realizing potential benefits in productivity and innovation.

This research will investigate the current state of Al literacy in the workforce, explore the specific skills and competencies needed, and set out approaches to addressing gaps and weaknesses. In doing so, it will use a broad understanding of literacy that encompasses confidence and mindset, as well as attitudes and behaviours. Building on DWG's earlier research on raising the organization's digital IQ, the report will investigate how Al literacy fits into a bigger picture of digital and data literacy, and the need for organizations to support staff across these skills areas.

#### Digital workplace teams and careers

High-performing digital workplace teams are critical to delivering successful digital employee experiences. In this research we will focus in on the evolution of the digital workplace team and the professionals that lead these teams. It will highlight progress and patterns for establishing and growing the team as well as promoting it successfully across the organization. The report will delve into the skills needed for the digital workplace team, especially in the context of Al developments, as well as the unfolding career paths for digital workplace professionals.

This report will build on insights from previous research we've done into leading and managing the digital workplace effectively, most recently in 'Digital workplace management: Teams, structures and methods'.





# 2025 topics.



#### Digital workplace business cases

This critical examination of how to build a robust digital workplace business case will fold in both data-driven decision making and powerful storytelling for digital workplace leaders. It will be the latest in DWG's measurement and analytics research track, most recently represented by papers on 'Engaging with data: New perspectives on digital workplace analytics' and 'How to demonstrate digital workplace impact: Crafting a story from the data'.

Executive selling is identified as a weak spot for many digital workplace leaders and teams, and an area where a comprehensive 'playbook' would be highly beneficial. The research will consider the optimal use of data and analytics to power strategic decisions, as well as the increasing reliance on data analytics for strategic planning and operations. It will also provide practical guidance on using the power of stories to engage hearts and minds of stakeholders/staff, bolster the business case and demonstrate impact.

#### New approaches to change management

In this report we'll investigate the latest techniques in the digital workplace change manager's toolkit. It will build on existing DWG research on digital workplace adoption and engaging employees. Approaches to enhancing change agility, especially in light of rapid adoption of AI, will be under the spotlight. The report will draw on insights from areas such as adaptive learning, behavioural science, storytelling, cultivating champion networks - and more - with a view to developing resilience and engagement as the digital workplace evolves at speed.

#### Toolkit for creating human-centred digital experiences

Building on previous DWG research on setting up a UX programme, this paper will provide a compendium of tools and techniques that place the employee at the centre of the digital workplace strategy. It will cover the approaches that help teams to minimize friction and road bumps in the employee digital experience, such as user research techniques, journey mapping and personalization approaches to radically enhance the experience. Illustrative examples and vignettes will bring these practices to life, signposting useful resources to explore them in greater depth.

#### **DWG** membership

DWG research is available exclusively to DWG members.

Find out more about membership options on our website.

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#### DWG Research Team

The DWG Research Programme is run by Elizabeth Marsh, Director of Research across Digital Workplace Group. The DWG Research Team includes a range of industry experts and thought leaders. Regular contributors to the programme include:

- Steve Bynghall
- Mirsad Capric
- Nicole Carter
- Shimrit Janes David Lucas
- Agnes Molnar
- Kevin Olp
- Chris Tubb
- Lauren 'L' Vargas

Find out more about the DWG Team on our website.



### Research library.

#### 2024 Research Programme

- Al readiness: Unlocking value through organizational alignment
- The road ahead: A practical guide to 'futuring'
- Digital workplace product management: Roles, structures and practices
- ESG and the digital workplace: A primer on integrating and amplifying the organization's mission
- Viva, Teams or SharePoint: Understanding how they fit together
- What tool when: Helping users make the most of digital workplace tools

#### 2023 Research Programme

- How to demonstrate digital workplace impact: Crafting a story from the data
- The integrated digital workplace: Creative approaches to weaving together tools
- Engaging with data: New perspectives on digital workplace analytics
- Employee engagement: Harnessing insights that shape the digital workplace
- Generative AI: Unlocking value and managing risk inside organizations
- Digital channel matrix: Omnichannel approaches to employee-focused internal communications

#### 2022 Research Programme

- Celebrating the best digital workplaces:
   5-year trends from DWG's awards
- Creating user-centric content: 6 principles for digital workplace teams
- Viva, Teams or SharePoint: Understanding how they fit together
- The inclusive, ethical digital workplace: How to promote accessible, diverse, inclusive experiences
- Evolving the employees experience of mobile: Six key approaches to success
- Intranet 2.0 and enterprise social networks:
   How they've changed the way we work
- The Findability Playbook: Bringing together all the critical elements

#### 2021 Research Programme

- Organizational readiness: What digital workplace teams need to know
- Digital workplace resilience: Key practices in a (post) pandemic world
- Digital workplace anthropology: Making sense of how humans work digitally
- Decade of Courage Manifesto Season 2: The year of change that matters

- Low-code and no-code solutions: What digital workplace teams need to know
- Hybrid work reimagined: Advanced practices for connected workplaces
- Connected learning: The role of the digital workplace in the learning organization
- Understanding business intelligence: An introduction for digital workplace teams

#### 2020 Research Programme

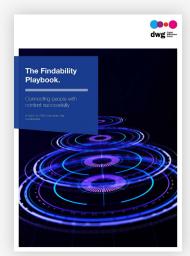
- Employee experience: How digital workplace teams can enhance the employee journey
- Remote working 2020: Distributed working in times of disruption
- Communicating in real-time at work:
   The promise and the perils
- Digital workplace overload. How to reduce employee technostress
- Partnering with HR to digitally enable the employee journey: An integrated view
- Digital workplace management: Teams, structures and methods
- Al and automation today and tomorrow:
   What digital workplace teams need to know
- Communications & Content: DWG Annual Update 2020
- Collaboration & Productivity: DWG Annual Update 2020

#### 2019 Research Programme

- Collaborating in the digital workplace:
   How to have and measure impact
- Nature of Work: Designing at the interface of the physical and digital workplace
- Office 365: Making use of the extended suite of products
- Office 365 search: A guide for digital workplace teams
- Harnessing the creativity of your workforce:
   How digital workplaces facilitate innovation

#### 2018 Research Programme

- Digital workplace adoption strategies:
   Proven approaches to bring users on board
- Knowledge management lessons for digital workplace practitioners: How to avoid reinventing the wheel
- The eight phases of content migration: How to make the move
- Digital literacy in the workplace:
   How to raise the organization's digital IQ
- Successful intranet migrations: Strategies, approaches, tactics
- The intelligent DW assistant: What teams need to know now about artificial intelligence







### Our members.

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Among DWG's members are:

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#### **Michelin**

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#### Nestlé S.A.

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#### PNC Financial Services

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#### **PwC US**

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#### **Range Resources**

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#### **Schneider Electric**

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#### **Scottish Government**

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#### **About Digital Workplace Group**

Digital Workplace Group (DWG) is a strategic partner, covering all aspects of the evolving digital workplace industry through membership, benchmarking and consultancy services.

DWG provides expert advice, peer connections, research and insights to guide and support organizations globally on their journey towards digital workplace success.

Don't journey alone.

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