



Optimizing Teams for the Modern Communications Era

A structured process for communications leaders navigating disruption, talent gaps, and the demand for sustained competitive performance.

With rapid change in how information is shared and opinions are formed, the stakes for communications leaders have never been higher. Yet many organizations are running new and often inexperienced teams under operating models built for a different era — hierarchies misaligned with where growth actually lives, and strategies out of step with an audience landscape that has fundamentally shifted.

THE PROBLEM

The Agrarian Trap

Many high-performing communications teams fall into a reactive posture — focused on harvesting existing relationships and managing current workloads, spread too thin to be intentional. Growth stalls. Culture drifts. Talent disengages. The skills and operating models that proved effective historically become the biggest obstacles to future success.

“The biggest risk isn’t acting too boldly — it’s staying agrarian for too long while the rest of the marketing flywheel moves on without you.”

CURRENT STATE

Agrarian Mindset

Reactive. Relationship-harvesting. Busy rather than intentional. Spread thin across legacy channels. Resistant to discomfort and structural change.

TARGET STATE

Hunter Mindset

Strategic. Audience-first. Reinvigorated by new tools and aligned around reaching the constituents that matter — not just traditional outlets.

THE METHODOLOGY

A Five-Phase Journey — Not a Deck

Future Casting™ is not a one-off workshop or a delivered strategy document. It is a rigorous, data-driven program structured across five interdependent phases — each building on the last to translate insight into durable behavioral change. Programs are tailored to each client’s situation, from focused workshops to comprehensive operating model overhauls.

PHASE	FOCUS	DELIVERABLE & APPROACH
I	Discovery	Deep-dive review of team inputs and outputs, paired with deskside interviews across every level of the organization to surface hidden patterns and operational vulnerabilities.
II	Assessment & Alignment	All findings synthesized into a comprehensive written report — a cultural and structural audit that pinpoints precisely what is missing in the current operation.
III	Leadership Consensus	The program's anchor: a offsite designed to co-develop a new team charter and build genuine shared ownership over stretch goals and market moves.
IV	Beta-Testing	The North Star strategy is finalized with core stakeholders and pressure-tested against real-world market conditions before broader deployment.
V	Practice-Wide Rollout	Full launch of the new operating model across the organization — reinvigorating the team and catalyzing a sustained culture of winning.

EXPERT FACILITATION

Built on Rare Institutional Depth

Will Ludlam — Founding Partner, First Person Public Relations

Will's credentials in organizational transformation are rare and deeply specialized. While at Edelman, he was among only four trained facilitators globally selected to localize the firm's strategic vision across Europe and North America — an assignment that demanded both the fluency to translate global frameworks into local realities and the credibility to lead senior leadership teams through meaningful structural change. Over a 30-year career, Will has successfully implemented these programs across more than 20 P&Ls, with a consistent focus on two measurable outcomes: improved financial performance and elevated account team efficiency.

Global Methodology / Boutique Nimbleness

FPPR occupies a deliberate position in the market — the methodology and ambition of a global firm, delivered with the focus and accountability of a boutique. No junior teams. No unnecessary overhead. No institutional inertia.

Global-Caliber Methodology Built on 30 years of practitioner experience implementing change programs across the world's most demanding communications environments.	Boutique Accountability Founding-partner-led from discovery through rollout. No bloat, no junior teams, no overhead.
Co-Developed, Not Prescribed Strategy is built with leadership teams, not handed to them. The result is genuine ownership — and strategies that actually get executed.	Measurable Outcomes Every engagement is anchored to a comprehensive assessment and clear, actionable recommendations. Two outputs. Zero ambiguity.

“We don’t consult from the outside. We build from within — co-developing strategy with leadership teams until the vision is genuinely theirs.”

Ready for a reset?

Contact First Person to begin the Future Casting™ discovery conversation.
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