

## Letter From The Editor

Hello and welcome to the June issue of the FDM Consultant Newsletter! We are now into summer and world cup fever is in the air, although a disappointing end for England, with over 50 different cultures in FDM at least one of us is bound to be celebrating when it's all over.

Actually, according to a recent survey by The IT Job Board:

Just 14% of IT professionals had booked annual leave to watch the football and only 8% admitted they would throw a sickie to stay in for the match.

So it seems that the IT industry is made up of a very dedicated bunch of people - or maybe just not that into football?

In other news, Inclusion Day is back at FDM and taking place on Friday 2nd July. If you were in training last summer, you will remember London, Brighton and Manchester offices celebrated diversity within the workplace by dressing up in traditional wear, and bringing in their culture's traditional food to sell. Last year's event was extremely successful and we raised £462.20 - but I think we can do even better this year. All funds raised will be going towards The Prince's Trust which, as you most likely know by now, provides support, skills and knowledge to disadvantaged young people.

Unfortunately we received no testimonials last month, so I have attached the form again and hope that you can spare a few minutes to fill it in and send back to me, so we can share your experience of FDM with other potential applicants and clients.

**Bring on July and with it the sun!**



## Engagement Announcement!

We are delighted to announce that Daniel Horan, our Manchester Trainer, proposed to his long-time girlfriend Liz in June and they are now engaged to be married. They plan on having the wedding this December.

Congratulations to you both!

## FDM Consultant of the Month

**This award has been established in order to recognise consistently high performers within FDM. Ram Natarajan's excellence at Macmillan has exceeded expectations and we're extremely pleased with his work. These are just some of the things his Manager had to say about his performance:**

"Ram has risen to every task we have set him and has excelled in the output and quality of his work. He is a very rare species of Developer in that I can give him a very brief description of what is required and he will produce the goods. He is surrounded by Developers with excellent knowledge of the Macmillan business and systems but that does not stop him from being an equal amongst his peers. I can trust Ram to deal directly with any of my internal customers, which is a great asset for me, I am always able to trust and rely on him.

If all FDM Consultants are like Ram, then I will definitely recommend this service to colleagues and external contacts.

I would be surprised if other Consultant of the Month nominees have made a greater difference to a business at an individual level than Ram has!"

**- Head of IT, Macmillan**



## FDM in the UK's Top 50 Training Companies

For the 4th year running, FDM features in the annual league table of The UK's Top 50 IT Training Companies. We've progressed from 43rd in 2008 to 21st in 2009 and 15th in 2010!

It has to be said: the 2010 Top 50 IT Training Companies list presents a rather gloomy picture overall, with 60% of the top 50 making a loss in revenue this year due to the tough economic climate. Nevertheless, FDM continues to break the mould even in tough times. The full list can be found here: <http://www.pardofox.com/top50/top50-2010.html>

So, where will we be in the league table next year!? Top 10?!

**Bring it on!**

A graphic with the word 'TOP' in black and the number '50' in large red font, set against a white background.

## June's FDM IT Consultants

Congratulations to all those who have been placed this month. You are now professional IT Consultants and we wish you the very best of luck whilst on site. Plus you will now receive this newsletter every month!

What more could you ask for?

Chen Cao  
-Trafigura

Chris Campbell  
-HSBC

Maarut Chandegra  
-UBS

Daria Dimitriu  
-HSBC

Chi Chung  
-UBS

Sajan Patel  
-Schroders

Andrew Kariuki  
-Credit Suisse

Rahul Bhargava  
-LSG

Yousaf Mohammed  
-Schroders

James Gibson  
-Credit Suisse Securities



Anju Chhabra  
- Markel International

Ittar Waqas  
-Channel 4

George Addison  
-Reed (RBI Sutton)

Hanna Rusom  
-Markel International

Luke Ellis  
-UBS

Sajad Ali  
-UniCredit

Andrew Barker  
-Barclays Capital

Sean Thurgood  
-FDM Academy Trainer

Saleem Munir  
- RBS

Fredah Mawadzi  
-RBS

Urvish Shah  
-LSG