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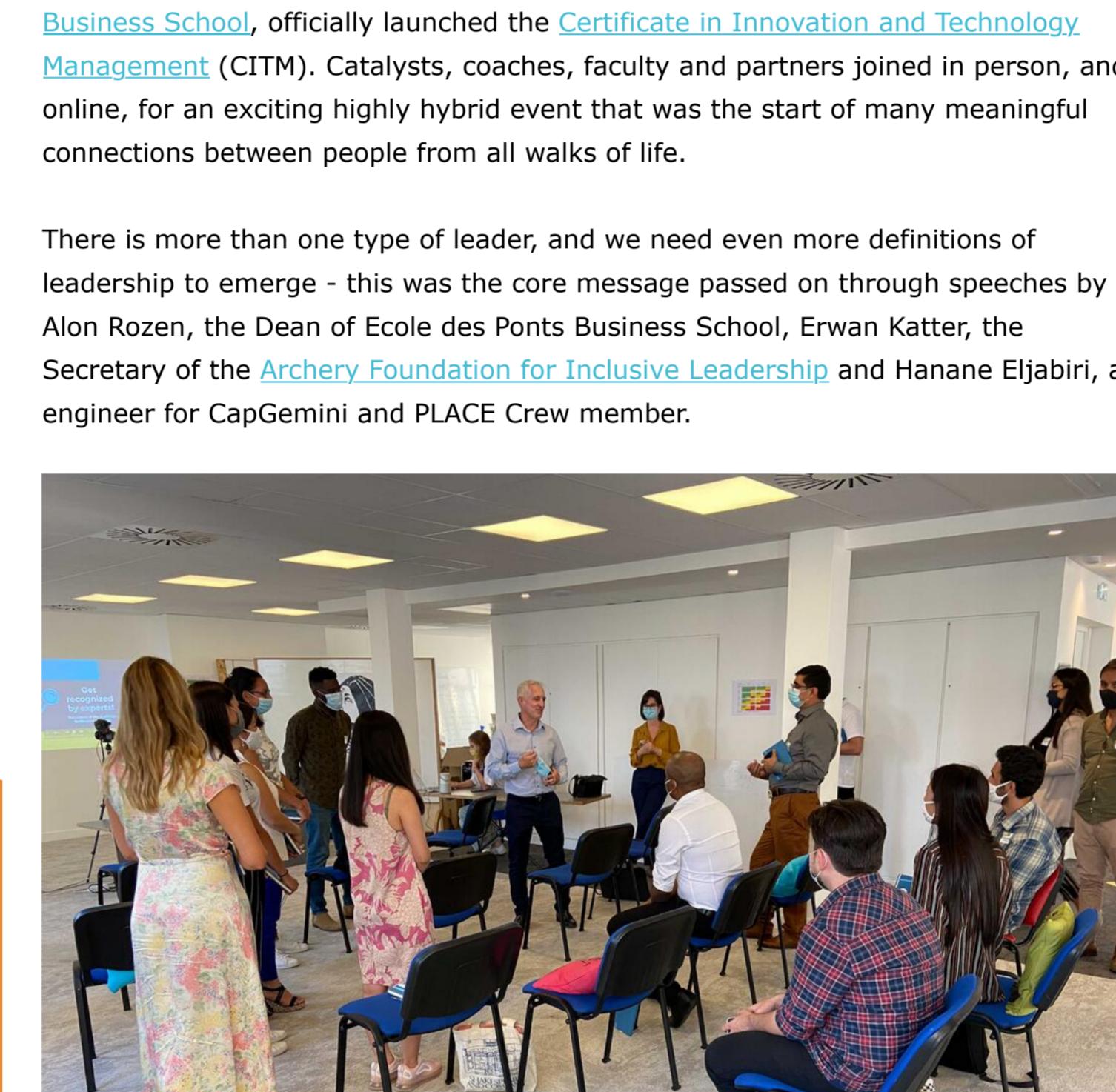
Setting up an **innovative exhibition** in a leading arts venue in Paris, closing an **entrepreneurial acceleration program** during a heatwave, kicking off a first-of-its kind certified program to bring together **future of work needs in the private sector** with newcomer talent, all while continuing to nurture public leadership skills for emerging **newcomer leaders**: another month in the **life of PLACE** :-)

Many of you have taken part in these events, as partial deconfinement gave us the opportunity to share these moments together. What a joy to see you! For the others: **We wish you were here!** Please keep engaging from wherever you are, your energy is feeding our enthusiastic community in many soulful ways in these hectic times.

Looking back with joy, and looking ahead with excitement, here is a **snapshot** of what the past month has had in store and **what's next** for the PLACE community.

### Media & the arts: Not So Fragile, a daring exhibition to introduce a much-needed conversation

After months of preparation, the long-awaited artistic proposition *Not So Fragile*, developed by *WowLabs*, met its audience at the emblematic *Maison des Métallos* on September 27th, as part of the *No Frontiers Festival*. The aim? To "rethink traditional definitions of fragility, so that we can welcome strength from where it truly emerges: not from categories of people, but from a space within each one of us from which we can act."



Bringing together image and text, the 13 pieces of layered artwork based on portrait photography "speak of introversion, of exuberance, of passion for a profession, of loss, of emotional security, of the pressure of appearing strong, and of our deep need to connect with one another on a safe footing." Couldn't make it to the effervescent opening that brought so many of you together? We'll be bringing you a digital version of the exhibition this autumn... watch this space.

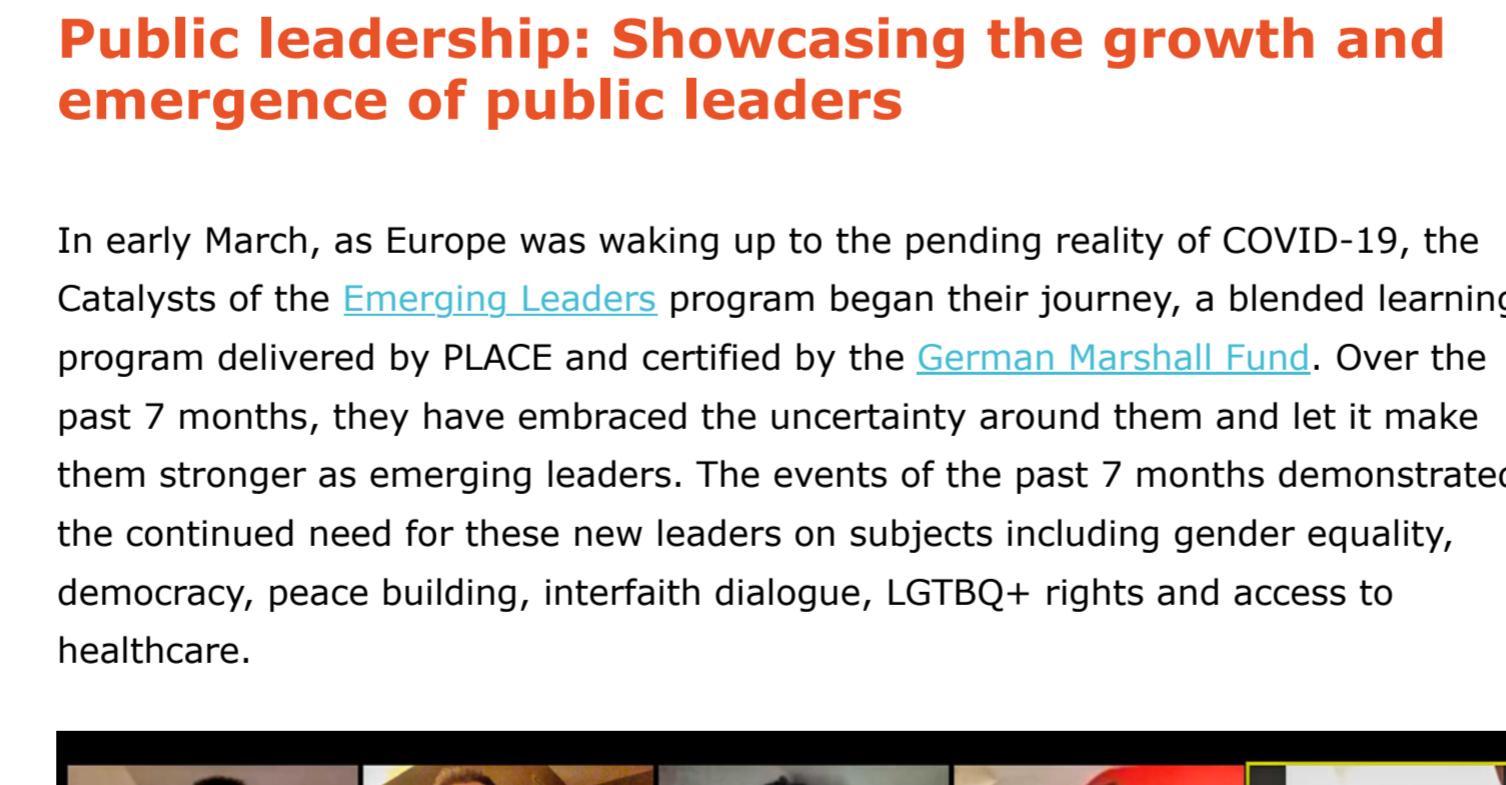
### Business: Accelerating the evolution of the private sector with newcomer talent

On Friday September 18th, longtime collaborators, PLACE and *Ecole des Ponts Business School*, officially launched the *Certificate in Innovation and Technology Management* (CITM). Catalysts, coaches, faculty and partners joined in person, and online, for an exciting highly hybrid event that was the start of many meaningful connections between people from all walks of life.

There is more than one type of leader, and we need even more definitions of leadership to emerge - this was the core message passed on through speeches by Alon Rozen, the Dean of Ecole des Ponts Business School, Erwan Katter, the Secretary of the *Archery Foundation for Inclusive Leadership* and Hanane Eljabiri, an engineer for CapGemini and PLACE Crew member.



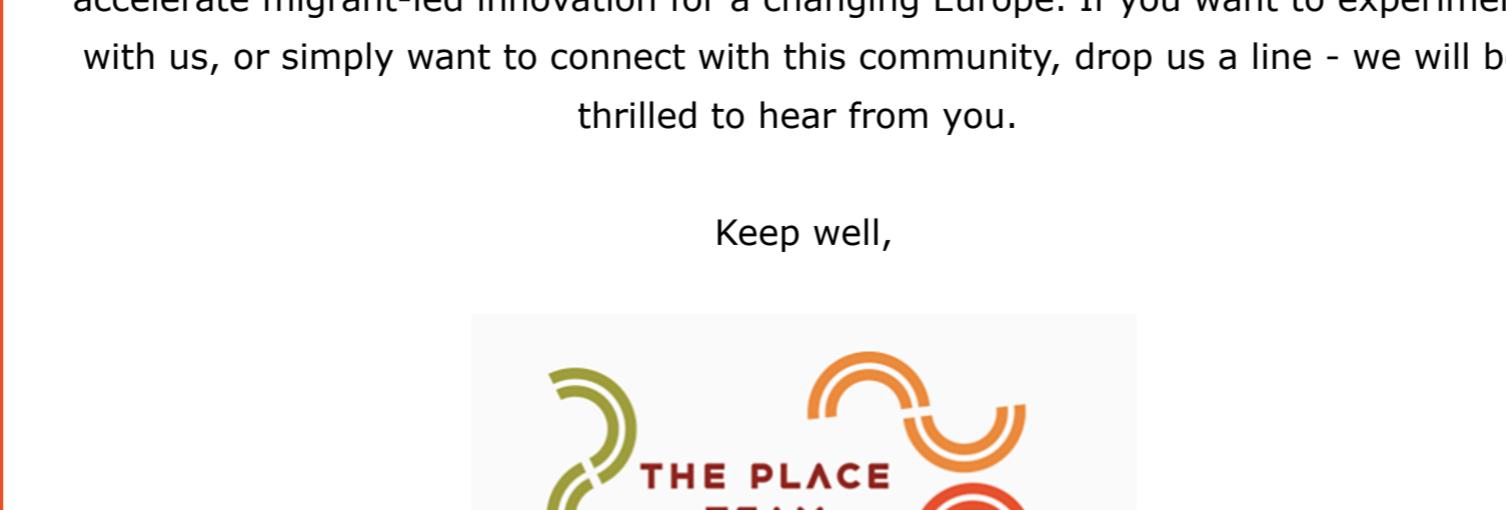
With these words in mind, the guests then connected for some **online networking** to exchange on how the **private sector** can seize the opportunity of newcomer talent. Hitting the ground running, the Catalysts kicked off their professional development a few short days later with their first **online Challenge** with PLACE.



The Catalysts' learning experiences are accelerated by an international community of coaches and experts. We are currently calling on experts in the areas of career orientation, alliance building and social media optimization, all in the realm of the private sector. Does this sound like you? Do you want to connect with this group of emerging private sector leaders and accelerate their growth as an expert? If so, we would love to [hear from you](#).

### Entrepreneurship: The hottest entrepreneurial projects to come out of the summer of COVID-19

After three months of intense project development, the Catalysts of the *Ice Academy* showcased their final projects to an online and eager audience of incubator partners and the *Ben & Jerry's France* team. Upcycling furniture, an Afghani cultural centre, accelerating social connections through shared dishes - the projects were as creative and diverse as their founders.



After the national showcase, the Catalysts were joined by PLACE partners managing the *Ice Academy* cohorts of *London* and *Amsterdam* for an international celebration. Over the course of the evening, the emerging entrepreneurs found wealth in the experiences shared by such inspiring keynote speakers as Jerry Greenfield, one half of the iconic duo that created Ben & Jerry's, and Fatma Al-Baiti, a London-based entrepreneur whose business *Meet Me at Fatma's* was kick-started through the *Ice Academy* and prototyped through a PLACE Lab in London in 2018.

### Public leadership: Showcasing the growth and emergence of public leaders

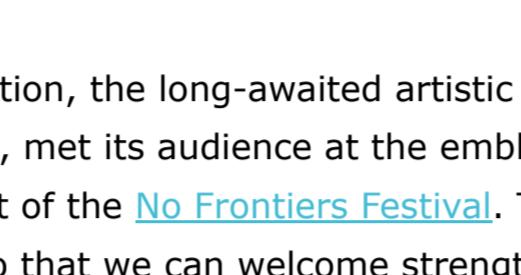
In early March, as Europe was waking up to the pending reality of COVID-19, the Catalysts of the *Emerging Leaders* program began their journey, a blended learning program delivered by PLACE and certified by the *German Marshall Fund*. Over the past 7 months, they have embraced the uncertainty around them and let it make them stronger as emerging leaders. The events of the past 7 months demonstrated the continued need for these new leaders on subjects including gender equality, democracy, peace building, interfaith dialogue, LGBTQ+ rights and access to healthcare.



This October the Catalysts will be celebrating their growth as individuals and a group during the Emerging Leaders Retreat. This hybrid event will bring together the international community of coaches and experts that supported the Catalysts on their journey. Do you want to know more about how the Emerging Leaders program played out during this pivotal year? Curious to know about "what's next" for Catalysts in public leadership? [Drop us a line](#) and we will let you know how you can be a part of the Emerging Leaders Retreat.

Everyday is a reminder that we are living in unprecedented times. For the PLACE team, the presence of the community - be it online, or from a safe distance - has been a foundation that has allowed us to continue to experiment new ways to accelerate migrant-led innovation for a changing Europe. If you want to experiment with us, or simply want to connect with this community, drop us a line - we will be thrilled to hear from you.

Keep well,



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