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John is an external strategic advisor with Advanced Strategies.

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John Bale is Willmott Dixon Professor of Construction Management at Leeds Metropolitan University (LMU), and Director of the Construction Knowledge Centre for Yorkshire and Humber. He was elected President of the Chartered Institute of Building in June 2000. In 1971 he joined University College London as a part-time postgraduate student, obtaining the degree of MSc in Architecture (Building Economics and Management) in 1973.

In parallel with a further and higher education completed entirely by part-time study, John worked successively in a medium-size building company (A.F.R Godfrey & Co Ltd of Wolverhampton), the Civil Engineering Department of British Railways, and Alfred McAlpine Plc. (While at BR he studied alongside railway track maintenance staff – yet more evening classes – to pass BR's own permanent way examinations).

Professor Bale's past appointments include: Head of School and Dean of Faculty at Anglia Polytechnic University, and ultimately to appointment as Dean of Health and Environment at Leeds Metropolitan University.

While at Anglia, John Bale was appointed to a Chair of Construction Management sponsored by Willmott Dixon Ltd in 1989. The sponsorship followed him to Leeds, and he has worked closely with the company (and with Sir Ian Dixon in particular) on a number of projects, including the development of construction management education in Poland. This activity led to John being awarded the 50th Anniversary Gold medal of the Cracow University of Technology in 1995.

John Bale has been active in CIOB throughout his career. He chaired the Institute's Essex Centre in the early 1970's and served on Eastern Region Council for many years. In 1984 he wrote the paper "Towards a Strategy for Higher Education in Building" which led to the formation of the Lighthill Committee on Building Education (1986) on which he served. He has been an external examiner in construction management at many universities and colleges in the UK, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

From 1997 to 2000, John was Chair of the Education and Professional Development Forum of the Construction Industry Council, leading the development of CIC's Education Manifesto which was published in November 2000.

Professor Bale works closely with directors of Willmott Dixon Construction Northern, and has been active in the development of support services to the construction industry in the Yorkshire and Humber region. This work has now led (January 2001) to the formation of a regional Construction Knowledge Centre (CKC) based at Leeds Metropolitan University, with John as its first Director. He is also the Building and Surveying Director of CEBE (the Centre for Education in the Built Environment) and a director of AXIS (the visual arts information service, based at LMU), and CONCOURSE (the Yorkshire Centre for the Built Environment).

In addition to being a Fellow of CIOB, John Bale is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Member of the Institute of Management.