

Professional Courses

ACCA Charity Finance Conference 2015

ACCA UK's annual charity finance conference provides an excellent opportunity to keep up-to-date with the latest developments and best practice within the sector, but also allows delegates to network with other professionals outside the office environment.

The Details

Date: Thursday 8 October 2015
Time: 09.30 –16.30
Venue: Novotel City Centre Hotel,
 70 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HT
Fee: £255
CPD Units: 7

Who should attend?

Finance professionals working in or advising charities, trustees and treasurers. The conference is also a useful refresher for those who only deal with charities occasionally.

What will I get out of it?

- an update on recent and important developments in the charity sector
- guidance on best practice
- the opportunity to exchange your views and experiences with other professionals working in the same field.

Programme

09.00–09.30	Registration
09.30–09.40	Chairman's Welcome Richard Martin
09.40–10.30	Getting your Board on Board with the Numbers Caron Bradshaw
10.30–11.15	SORP and Regulatory Framework Update Nigel Davies
11.15–11.30	Break
11.30–12.30	Charity VAT Update Ellen Main-Jeffrey
12.30–13.30	Lunch
13.30–14.00	Panel Discussion
14.00–15.00	Employment Law Update Stephen Jenkins
15.00–15.15	Break
15.15–16.15	Charity Tax and Gift Aid – Beyond the Basics Bill Lewis
16.15 –16.30	Chairman's Closing Remarks and Questions

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Session Details

Getting your Board on Board with the Numbers

Caron Bradshaw

The buck ultimately stops with the Trustee Board, but often knowledge of the day to day workings of a charity either leads to the Board diving into too much detail on the numbers or stepping back and not so much delegating authority as abrogating responsibility. This session will explore the importance of engaging the trustee at the right level.

SORP and Regulatory Framework Update

Nigel Davies

This session will look at the changes to the SORP framework applicable from 2016, updates in Charity Commission publications and guidance, key findings from the Commission's regulatory work and will discuss the planned changes to the independent examination framework.

Charity VAT Update

Ellen Main-Jeffrey

This session will look at topical developments in VAT affecting charities. It will cover the changes in the place of supply for certain services provided via the internet which came into effect on January 1 2015 and how they affect the charitable sector, and give an update on the direct mail issue and recent Tribunal cases.

Employment Law Update

Stephen Jenkins

This session will look at the main employment law issues that have arisen for employers over the last year, focusing on shared maternity leave and additional parental leave, and holiday pay. Stephen will summarise the most recent developments in these areas and how they are likely to impact on charities this year and beyond.

Charity Tax and Gift Aid – Beyond the Basics

Bill Lewis

This session will focus on gift aid, charities and trading. Bill will examine the HMRC audit tactics and how to stand up to them, claiming gift aid on items you might not expect, and the use of trading companies (when to use a trading company to legitimately avoid a tax charge). He will also look at making use of the tax exemptions available to charities and the opportunities and pitfalls that come with this.

The Speakers

Bill Lewis

Consultant, Bates Wells Braithwaite LLP

Stephen Jenkins

Partner, Geldards LLP

Ellen Main-Jeffrey

Director, Buzzacott LLP

Nigel Davies BA (Hons) CPFA DChA ACCA

Head of Accountancy Services, Charity Commission

Caron Bradshaw

Chief Executive, Charity Finance Group

Chair's Details

Richard Martin

Richard Martin is head of corporate reporting at ACCA, and is responsible for monitoring developments in integrated and narrative reporting, financial reporting, analysing the impact of changes and developing ACCA's policy on these issues. He speaks regularly on accounting standards internationally and in the UK.

He is a member of the Accounting Working Party of the Federation of European Accountants (FEE) and of FEE's Corporate Reporting Policy Group. He is Chairman of the Accounting Expert Group at EFAA, the European federation of accountants for SMEs. He is also a member of the accounting and reporting group of experts at the United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD), particularly involved with developing their reporting guidelines for small and medium-sized businesses.

Speaker Biographies

Caron Bradshaw

Caron Bradshaw is Chief Executive of Charity Finance Group. Caron joined CFG in June 2010 from the ICAEW, where she was Head of the Charity and Voluntary Sector. Caron is a member of the NCVO's National Assembly, sits as an observer of the Charity SORP Committee and is on the board of the Directory of Social Change.

Having trained as a Barrister, Caron held a variety of roles at the ICAEW during 16 years including shaping the ICAEW's engagement with the charity sector, delivery of technical and member support, and providing technical/policy input as a Business Law Manager.

Nigel Davies

Nigel Davies is a qualified accountant and is head of accountancy services at the Charity Commission and Joint Chair of the Charities SORP Committee. Prior to taking up his new role in August 2014, he was technical secretary to the charities SORP Committee, preparing technical papers on accounting and reporting issues, and he co-drafted the new SORPs. Nigel leads for the Commission on accountancy-related collaborations with umbrella organisations, professional accountancy institutes, technical panels and working parties. He regularly speaks at events and conferences on charity accounting issues and publishes articles on charity accountancy matters. Nigel joined the Commission in 2001.

Ellen Main-Jeffrey

Ellen is a Director heading up Buzzacott's VAT Consultancy practice. Ellen joined Buzzacott in 2012 and has specialised in VAT for over 30 years, including 10 years with HMRC before moving into the profession. Ellen advises all sorts of charities on the issues they face day to day as well as on those larger projects where commercial specialised support is essential. Ellen's portfolio includes a number of household name charities including religious orders, charities operating in the health and welfare and education sectors and those providing international relief.

Ellen writes extensively for the sector and is a regular speaker and has spoken at the Charity Finance Group and Civil Society VAT and Tax Conferences as well as hosting and speaking at regular Buzzacott client training events.

Stephen Jenkins

Over the years, Stephen has advised the full range of the firm's clients, in both public and private sectors, across the full spectrum of employment issues. He has advised on complex TUPE matters, including outsourcing projects. He has also acted for several clients, including schools and local authorities in relation to performance and disciplinary issues, including acting as an independent investigating officer in relation to disciplinary issues relating to senior employees, up to and including chief officer level.

Stephen is also an experienced advocate and has represented clients at Employment Tribunals and the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Bill Lewis

Bill advises on all aspects of taxation affecting charities (VAT, PAYE, corporation tax). Typical work undertaken includes reviewing the VAT structure of charities, advice on VAT & property construction and property leases, advice concerning PAYE taxes, PAYE investigations, expenses policies, and employed/self-employed status issues, gift aid reviews and gift aid audits, corporation tax and charities - making use of tax exemptions, use of trading subsidiaries, and general VAT and income tax issues affecting businesses, charities, and individuals.

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