

Day one

9.15am Hot Topics in Financial Reporting

Peter Herbert

- Financial reporting challenges in the current economic climate
- Practical challenges with IFRS financial statements
- Recent changes to UK GAAP
- Other developments in corporate reporting
- Good and bad practice in statutory accounts – latest feedback from the Financial Reporting Council
- Top tips for surviving your annual audit

11.15am Break

11.30am Mental fitness

Clare Haynes

Do you wonder if there are limits to your stamina for change?

Are you questioning how you (and your team) will adapt to hybrid home-office arrangements?

Can the sense of having control, and losing it, feel like a rollercoaster?

In this session we'll be guided by science, backed up by practical, simple techniques. You'll take away your own Mental Fitness Programme to help you manage, even when the odds seem against you.

We'll cover:

- Deconstructing what we know
- Knowledge is power: The role of chemicals and understanding our reactions
- Brain and body dynamics: Using biology to outsmart itself
- Energy Saving: Your LED Plan

1.30pm Close of day one

Day two**10.00am Tax Update**

Claire Beaumont

A round-up of the latest developments in personal and corporate direct taxation in the UK, and an update of key international tax issues affecting multinationals.

11.45am Break**12.00pm Money: From Barter to Fiat and Crypto**

Ted Wainman

From a white paper in 2009, Bitcoin now has a market capitalisation of over a trillion dollars (at the time of writing!). Is this the biggest bubble in history that will only end in tears? Or perhaps cryptocurrencies are bricks – the building blocks that represent the future of money?

In this workshop we will examine a brief history of money. We will assess the implications of the last great financial experiment in 1971 and how Fractional Reserving and Quantitative Easing are (or might be) linked to the rise in populism. We will look at the narrative of Bitcoin – the advantages and disadvantages of this new asset class - and consider whether crypto really is a bubble or a brick.

What will I learn?

- What is money? From the barter economy to fiat currencies
- Fiat currencies: “In God We Trust”
- How Commercial Banks create money
- How Central Banks create money
- Money creation & unintended consequences
- Cryptocurrencies – a natural evolution?

1.30pm Close of day two

Day three

9.30am **Communicating with Impact and Influence - How to use communication and influence to create value**

David Klaasen

As the role of management accounting evolves into finance business partnering there is an increasing need for highly effective and impactful communication. As technology increases automation, there is a growing need for quality interactions including empathy and influencing skills. This engaging and interactive workshop will explore how to identify and use below conscious motivators in a way that helps people feel understood and more open to your ideas. It will also explore how to navigate the paradoxes of effective communication so you can influence, collaborate with, and add value to a broader range of people.

By the end of the workshop you will be able to:

- Explore and learn the mindsets, habits and behaviours of expert communicators.
- Identify what is most important to your key stakeholders and use it to positively influence them.
- Understand your own communication preferences and how you can adapt them to have even more impact.
- Understand the barriers to effective communication and how to overcome them.
- Identify the below conscious motivators of others and utilise a number influencing techniques to get your message across.

1.00pm **Close of day three**