

# Accounting and Business Update Seminar

Technical refresh for accountants in business

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# Keeping technically up to date in an ever changing enviroment...

We are delighted to launch our first ever Grant Thornton Northern Ireland, Accounting and Business Update Seminar, which is a one-day refresh for accountants in business.

The seminar provides a comprehensive update on recent and forthcoming developments and on topical issues in IFRS, UK GAAP and taxation.

Our presenters have first-hand experience of dealing with the practical issues faced by companies in applying existing complex accounting standards and in interpreting the implications of new standards. The seminar will cover not only recent IFRS and UK GAAP changes, but also provide a focus on existing accounting complexities and year end reminders.

In tax the burden and complexity of the corporate, indirect and personal tax system continues to grow at a rapid rate. Accountants need to understand how these changes will impact their businesses and employees. This is compounded by the impact of Brexit and the tax sessions will explore some of the potential changes under Brexit, depending on the outcome of the final negotiations and the length of the transition period.

We will explore the people and operational aspects of Brexit as well as other hot topics including:

- an economic update from Conor Lambe at Danske Bank;
- a legal update from Anna Beggan at Tughans;
- an overview of the latest developements in Cyber Fraud and IT Security.

## **Date and Venue**

Wednesday 17 October 2018 – 9.00am to 4.30pm  
Dunadry Hotel, 2 Islandreagh Drive, Dunadry, Antrim.

**This event may qualify for 6 hours CPD by Chartered Accountants Ireland, if this is relevant to your role.**



**Patrick Gallen**

Head of People and  
Change Consulting

# Programme



## UK Financial Accounting update

A general accounting technical update including FRS 102, IFRS 15 and 16 and an overview of year end reminders.



## Corporate tax update

An update on the UK government's initiative on Making Tax Digital. Guidance on the Corporate Interest Restriction rules and details of the tax reform for carried forward corporation tax losses.



## Personal tax update

An update on the latest developments in respect of "off payroll working" (also known as IR35) and the implications for private sector businesses. The changes to the taxation of termination payments. Changes to the taxation of benefits in kind, including processing benefits through the payroll system. Key options for incentivising key employees/directors.



## Economic update

An overview of the current economic climate facing NI business during these changing times.



## Brexit and Indirect taxes update

This session will start with an overview of where we are in the negotiations (including the position on the Northern Ireland "backstop" in the withdrawal agreement). There will be a short indirect taxes update, followed by an overview of VAT and Custom changes post-Brexit for cross-border trade in goods and services.



## Brexit update Operations and People

We will explore the trade implications of Brexit including the impact on supply chain. Developing a talent strategy in the face of Brexit and engaging your workforce as an employer of choice will be even more important in this new operating environment.



## Legal update -

An overview of recent case law, including pending judgements and a review of the latest changes impacting businesses across NI.



## Cyber, Fraud and IT Security update

This session will cover employee fraud risks; how to investigate and more importantly how to prevent.

# Speakers



## **Conor Lambe, Danske Bank**

Conor Lambe is the Chief Economist at Danske Bank in Northern Ireland. In this role, Conor is responsible for Danske Bank's Quarterly Sectoral Forecasts and Consumer Confidence Index. Conor's recent articles have touched on the future path of the UK interest rates, Northern Ireland's productivity rates and Brexit.



## **Louise Kelly**

Louise is an Audit partner with 20 years' experience working on public sector and privately owned companies of all sizes. Louise worked in our Professional Standards department for a number of years where she gained extensive knowledge of UK GAAP and Company Law. She is also the author of Advanced Auditing and Assurance, which is the audit textbook, used in Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI) final auditing exams.



## **Neal Taylor**

Neal was appointed as Audit and Business Risk Services partner in Grant Thornton in 2016. Prior to this, he was an audit partner in a mid-tier practice for nine years, where he developed a broad client base. He has delivered a number of financial accounting seminars adapted for particular industry sectors and has delivered a significant number of internal training courses.



## **Mark Bradley**

Mark is a director in the corporation tax department of Grant Thornton with over 13 years' experience advising many of Northern Ireland's leading owner-managed companies and various multinational businesses. He is a member of the Association of Taxation Technicians and Chartered Institute of Tax.



## **Alan Gourley**

Alan is a Tax Director with more than 25 years' experience of advising private business owners. Alan is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser and currently chairs the Northern Ireland Tax Committee of Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI).



### **Lee Squires**

Lee is a Director and leads our Northern Ireland VAT and indirect tax practice. He advises clients in a number of industry sectors on a wide range of VAT issues, as well as customs and excise duties, with a particular recent focus on the implications of Brexit. He also has extensive experience in resolving disputes and litigation with HMRC.



### **Anne Phillipson**

Anne is a Director in our People and Change Consulting practice. Anne has worked with organisations across many sectors to help them align their talent strategy to deliver their corporate strategy. Anne works with boards and senior leaders to develop a succession plan and develop a pipeline of future talent.



### **Robbie Milliken**

Robbie is a manager in our Corporate Finance team. He has over 10 years' experience of working with mid corporate businesses in Northern Ireland. In Grant Thornton Robbie is actively involved advising clients on disposals, mergers & acquisitions, due diligence, fundraising, strategic development, financial appraisal and business planning.



### **Anna Beggan, Tughans**

Anna is a highly regarded lawyer in Northern Ireland and specialises in employment law covering both contentious and non-contentious issues. 2018 saw Anna inducted into the Legal Hall of Fame (with Legal 500) after being ranked Tier 1 and named as a leading individual for 10 consecutive years with the legal directory.



### **Sinead Watts**

Sinead is Manager of the Forensic and Investigation Services department. Her experience includes investigating whistle-blower claims and investigations across a range of sectors. Sinead is a member of the Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI), Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and Fraud Advisory Panel.

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