

BOOKING FORM

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Fees per delegate:

£95 plus vat (£111.63) for Co-operatives^{UK} members
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(includes hot buffet lunch and tea and coffee)

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THE ACCOUNTANTS' FORUM – PROGRAMME

- 9:30 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
- 10:00 Opening and welcome address from the Chair of PASC
- 10:10 **International Accounting Standards**
David Loweth (ASB) – *Introduction to convergence to IAS*
Steve Ridler – *A roadmap for IAS conversion*
- 11:15 TEA/COFFEE
- 11:30 **Collective activity in the Mutual sector, Progress or Procrastination?**
Philip Dearing (Mutual One)
- 12:10 **KPMG Technical update/Managing your pension fund liability**
- 13:00 LUNCH
- 14:00 **Growing through the credit crunch**
Sharon Flood (JLP)
- 15:00 TEA/COFFEE
- 15:15 **The Development of CRTG**
Richard Phillipson (CRTG)
- 16:00 QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION
- 16:30 CLOSE

the Co-operative Accountants' Forum

20 November 2008
Windmill Village Hotel
Birmingham Road
Allesley, Coventry
West Midlands CV5 9AL



GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Sharon Flood (John Lewis Partnership)
Richard Phillipson (Co-operative Retail Trading Group)
David Loweth (Accounting Standards Board)
Steve Ridler (Midcounties Co-operative)
Philip Dearing (Mutual One)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Accountants' Forum is into its second year and provides a platform for the important and demanding challenges faced by accounting professionals within the co-operative and mutual sector.

The forum will be suitable for all senior and middle ranking accountants and will provide networking opportunities throughout the day.

It will also be suitable for accountants dealing with co-operative businesses or those looking to learn more about co-operative accounting.

THE VENUE

Windmill Village Hotel, Golf and Leisure Club is a family managed luxury hotel within easy reach of national and international travel links to Birmingham.

The hotel has first class conferencing facilities and overlooks the impressive Coventry golf course and surrounding woodland.

For directions to the hotel and to check hotel room availability please visit

www.windmillvillagehotel.co.uk

GUEST SPEAKER PROFILES

Sharon Flood

Sharon is the Finance Director for the department store division of John Lewis Partnership having joined in June 2005. She is responsible for the finance and strategy teams at JLP. Sharon graduated with honours from the University of Bath in 1988 and started her career as a Management Trainee with Unilever plc, progressing to operational and finance management roles. After gaining an MBA at INSEAD, she joined OC & C as a strategy consultant specialising in retail and consumer goods. In 1997, she was appointed Head of Strategy at B&Q, during a period of rapid business growth and merger and acquisition activity. Sharon joined Woolworths' retail division as FD following its de-merger from Kingfisher. In the first half of 2005 she served as FD of Masterplug/BG Electrical, leading a private equity management buy-out. Sharon is also a trustee and treasurer of 'Kids in Need of Education', a small charity supporting educational projects in the Indian sub-continent.

Richard Phillipson

Richard joined the CWS in 1978 as Management Accountant to the Frozen Food Operation. During the 1980s and 1990s he moved on to project lead some major implementations of corporate data and information systems followed by the re-engineering of the category management business process. In 1999 Richard spent much of his time working closely with a number of co-operative societies through the CRTG integration process which led him into the current role of CRTG Process Development Manager. He continues to work closely with all independent co-operative societies and participates in the governance of CRTG through his chairmanship of the monthly CRTG Working Session.

David Loweth

David is the Technical Director at the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) and a member of the Senior

Management Team of the UK's Financial Reporting Council whom he joined in March 2004. Previously, David led the team at HM Treasury with responsibility for determining the financial reporting framework for central government. Before that, he held a number of policy jobs at the Treasury, after training as an accountant with the National Audit Office and working in local government. David is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

Steve Ridler

Steve is the Group General Manager – Commercial Services at Midcounties Co-operative. A graduate Chartered Accountant, he started his career as a trainee with KPMG progressing to Audit Manager before making his move to industry. He spent 11 years with the Manders PLC Group, a manufacturer and distributor of speciality chemical products worldwide, in a number of senior Finance Director positions. In 1998 Steve became Finance Director of the newly formed Holiday Hypermarkets company which rapidly expanded to become a £500m turnover, national retail travel agency. In 2000 Steve moved to the former West Midlands society as Chief Financial Officer and later added general management responsibilities for the Funeral and Residential Care Homes groups.

Highly respected within the co-operative movement Steve is a valued member of the Performance and Accounting Standards Committee of Co-operatives^{UK}.

Philip Dearing

Philip is a well-known figure in the mutual financial services sector and has held a number of senior roles including working for TSB Bank as well as Norwich & Peterborough and West Bromwich Building Societies. Philip was Chief Executive of Market Harborough Building Society from 1995 until July 2007 when he took up the role of Managing Director of Mutual One.