

# Event calendar 2024

Charity and not-for-profit



# Welcome to our 2024 events calendar.

Designed to provide valuable support for trustees and finance personnel alike.

Whether you represent a grantmaking organisation, social enterprise, religious institution, international charity, or mainstream charity, our curated events cater to your unique needs. Immerse yourself in our in-person events (enhanced with networking sessions that offer opportunities to engage with our experts and connect with fellow attendees) or join one of our webinars; all our events are offered free of charge and are facilitated by our team of dedicated sector specialists.

## Accounting and finance update for housing associations

 1 hour  Webinar

**Wednesday 21 February 2024**  
10:30 – 11:30

[Book your place](#)

Designed with finance directors in mind, this event provides essential updates to consider when preparing for your 2023/24 year-end accounts and audit, as well as planning for the future.

Our panel of experts will provide invaluable insights into emerging accounting standards, regulatory changes, audit considerations and financial best practices. Attendees can expect practical examples and actionable takeaways that support financial decision-making within the housing association sector.

## Basic charity VAT training

 3 hours  In-person

**Thursday 29 February 2024**  
14:00 – 17:00

[Book your place](#)

Charity VAT is one of the most complex areas of tax with exemptions, partial exemptions, and zero-ratings available but differing per charitable sector and charity size. And, as a finance director or member of finance staff, it's your job to navigate this tricky terrain.

Presented by our expert Charity VAT team, this in-person event will provide you with the opportunity to reset, rebuild, and grow your charity VAT knowledge to ensure that your organisation reaps all the benefits. As an attendee, you'll gain practical insights that you can immediately apply to your organisation and leave with an increased understanding of the current VAT landscape and the implications that it brings.



## Trustee training workshop

 2 hours  In-person

Thursday 25 April 2024

14:00 – 16:00

[Book your place](#)

Our series of Trustee training workshops offer new and existing trustees the opportunity to delve into topical sector issues, working with our experts and your peers to discuss tangible solutions to complex issues. All our Trustee training workshop events will be conducted under Chatham House Rules, giving you the confidence to share ideas and learnings specific to your organisation.

Specific topics will be released closer to the time of the event, but expect themes including fraud, internal assurance, funding and more... all to ensure you're equipped with the knowledge to provide effective charity governance.

## VAT for housing associations

 2 hours  In-person

Thursday 9 May 2024

15:00 – 17:00

[Book your place](#)

Recognising the unique challenges faced by housing associations, we've crafted this event to deliver specialised support, because as funding dynamics shift and regulations tighten, your role in the finance team demands not just compliance but proactive, informed decision-making.

Optimising VAT structures can be a lucrative asset if done properly, but those involved must be careful not to fall foul of the complex rules and exemptions. This in-person event will provide an overview of the latest VAT legislation as well as address areas including VAT liability and partial exemption calculations, providing you with the support you need to save both time and money.

## Managing charity property

 2.5 hours  In-person

Tuesday 14 May 2024

10:00 – 12:30

[Book your place](#)

In this event, Buzzacott, Stone King, and Gerald Eve will come together to highlight the intricacies of balancing changes in the property market with managing a property portfolio alongside charitable endeavours.

If you manage or oversee charity properties, this event is for you. Following the presentation, you'll have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session and network with industry experts, ensuring your specific queries are addressed, and allowing you to benefit from shared insights.



## Demystifying charity investments

 2 hours  In-person

Thursday 6 June 2024

10:30 – 12:30

[Book your place](#)

Bringing together experts from Buzzacott and Rathbones Investment Management, this in-person event is designed for trustees and key finance personnel within charities. Whether you're a trustee seeking to enhance your fiduciary responsibilities or a finance professional keen on refining your investment strategy, this event is your gateway to informed decision-making.

Attendees will receive the latest updates on the charity investment market and associated financial matters as well as an overview of effective governance and stewardship of investments. The event will help you understand the crucial role governance plays in safeguarding and optimising charitable funds, providing practical strategies to ensure that your charity's investments align with its mission, values, and financial goals.

## VAT update for charities

 2 hours  In-person

Thursday 13 June 2024

15:00 – 17:00

[Book your place](#)

Back by popular demand, is our VAT update for charities event. Tailored specifically for finance directors and managers, this session will provide an overview of the latest developments impacting the charity VAT landscape.

We'll delve into recent case law affecting charities, offering an analysis of precedents that directly influence VAT considerations. The event will help you stay ahead of the curve with updates from HMRC, ensuring that you're well-versed in the regulatory changes and compliance requirements that shape the charitable financial landscape.

## Trustee training: Impact management

 2 hours  In-person

Thursday 19 September 2024

10:30 – 12:30

[Book your place](#)

This event will be relevant and beneficial to any trustees or others who wish to gain a greater understanding of how charities collect and use data on impact.

In an era where transparency, accountability, and demonstrable impact are paramount in the charitable sector, this session provides an invaluable resource. Participants will gain not only practical insights into the intricacies of impact data management but also a broader understanding of how charities can use this data for decision making and reporting.



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 2 hours  In-person

Thursday 17 October 2024

10:30 – 12:30

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## Working Groups

We also run regular working groups for specific sectors, bringing together like-minded individuals to share ideas, concerns and discuss resolutions.

## Governance for trustees

Created in partnership with Bond, this working group is for trustees of international development organisations. Meeting once a quarter (both online and in-person) members discuss a range of governance issues including safeguarding, decolonising, business models and more.

If you're interested in joining our forum or would more information, please email [marketing@buzzacott.co.uk](mailto:marketing@buzzacott.co.uk)

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