

**Annual Conference, 5th May 2022 (Via Zoom)
Theme: Views on the Future of the Accounting Profession:
Implications for Higher Education**

Time	Event	Location
9.30 – 9.45	Introduction and Context: Professor Joan Ballantine, Ulster University	Main Room
9.45– 10.45	Phil-Fitzgerald, Director of Financial Reporting Lab, Financial Reporting Council: “Changing landscapes in corporate reporting and impact on accounting education.” Including a Q+A session Session Chair: Joan Ballantine	Main Room
10.45-11.00	Virtual Coffee/Tea Break	
11.00-11.30	Break out rooms & Feedback What are the implications of developments in corporate reporting for Accounting and Finance Departments?	Breakout Rooms
11.30 –12.15	Alan Nelson, accountingcpd.net: “Practitioner’s perspectives on the Finance Function of the Future – implications for higher education.” Including a Q+A session Session Chair: Lisa Weaver	Main Room
12.15 – 1.15	Virtual Lunch and Informal Discussion	
1.15 –2.00	Lara Gee, Associate Dean, Aston University: “How do we make PG accounting and finance programmes relevant and attractive to UK students?” Session Chair: Darren Sparkes	Main Room
2.00-2.30	Break out rooms & Feedback	Breakout Rooms
2.30 – 2.45	Virtual Coffee/Tea Break	
2.45–3.30	Alan Sangster: “Revolutionizing the Accounting Curriculum in Higher Education: A vision of the future” Session Chair: Paul Jennings	Main Room
3.30 – 4.00	Group discussion: In light of today’s discussion, how do you perceive accounting and finance departments might change in the future? What are the implications for our teaching - curriculum, assessments? How will research be impacted – new areas of focus?	Main Room
4.00 – 4.15	Annual General Meeting Session Chair: Sarah Jones	Main Room
4.15 – 4.30	Closing Remarks by Professor Joan Ballantine Closing Drinks Reception (bring your own)	Main Room