

Charity Conference 2019 Delegate Programme

**Tuesday 24th September 2019
All Nations Centre, Cardiff**

09:15 – 09:45

Registration

09:45 – 10:00

Welcome & Introduction

Geraint Davies CBE FCA

10:00 – 10:40

Baldwins

Resilience - in an ever-changing world what factors should we examine to create resilience and stability both for ourselves and our beneficiaries?

What are the factors that will ensure your organisation is here to deliver today, tomorrow and for as long as there is a need? This session will identify elements of your organisation that together create organisational resilience. We will consider the questions you should ask yourself and action plans for improvement.

- Sarah Case, Baldwins

10:40 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:40

Brewin Dolphin

Risk – what does it all mean?

There are a number of risks to a charity's finances. This session will identify those that are inherent in stock market investment, and, just as importantly, those outside of it. We will examine the factors you need to consider to build a robust financial strategy, and ask whether your organisation can afford not to take risk.

- David Myrddin-Evans & Paul Mathias

11:40 – 12:20

Geldards LLP

Geldards LLP & City Hospice

Bethan Walsh will provide an overview of the responsibilities of charity trustees and the safeguarding standards expected of them. Bethan will be joined by Liz Andrews, CEO of City Hospice, who will share her view of seeking to create a positive safeguarding environment.

- Bethan Walsh & Liz Andrews

12:20 – 12:45

Q&A Panel session

Partnering Firms

12:45 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:10

Workshop #1

Baldwins & Centurion VAT

Management information, making it work for you – including an update session on Making Tax Digital

In this session we look at the importance of producing the right management information for the right people at the right time, ensuring you make the right decisions. Additionally, Centurion VAT will provide an update on Making Tax Digital for the third sector.

Workshop #2

Brewin Dolphin & Charity Finance Group

Good investment governance – constructing a robust investment policy

Your Investment Policy Statement (IPS) is a great opportunity to fit the investment piece into the jigsaw of your overall strategy. We will discuss the Charity Commission's requirements in this area, and how you can go beyond simple compliance to producing a clear, considered document that your Trustees and Senior Leadership Team can understand and refer back to.

- David Myrddin-Evans & Roberta Fusco

Workshop #3

Geldards LLP

Growing Legacy Donations and making them count...

Run by Claire Johnson, head of the Private Client team along with one of Geldards contentious probate specialists, this workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss:

- The challenges around growing legacy donations and what works;
- Maximising legacy donations - problems with the Will
- Maximising legacy donations - probate pitfalls

- Claire Johnson

14:15 – 14:55

Workshop #4

Brewin Dolphin & Baldwins

Reserves – there is no magic answer!

The age old question “how much do I need?” can be quickly followed by “how long is a piece of string?”. This session will look at the statutory obligations of reserves, explain their interplay with cash and the methods of calculating how much you need. We will look at the role of your excess reserves, and how taking a nuanced approach can make them work harder for your organisation.

- Paul Mathias & Claire Thompson

Workshop #5

Fundraising Session

Workshop #6

Geldards LLP

Employment Risk - Fit for the future

Lowri Phillips, Partner of the Employment Team will provide a general employment update of relevant case law and legislative developments, keeping you right up to date with recent and proposed changes.

14:55 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:00

Plenary Session -

**Neal Green, Strategy and Insight Manager,
Charity Commission**

The limits of rules-based regulation, and why the Charity Commission is talking about trust, behaviour and culture.

In this session, Neal will give an overview of the Charity Commission's 5-year strategy, some of the thinking behind it and discuss what it means for charities.

Neal Green is Strategy and Insight Manager at the Charity Commission. He uses research and analysis to inform policy and strategic planning.

Neal specialises in charity governance. He represents the Commission on the Charity Governance Code Steering Group. Commission publications he has written include It's Your Decision (decision-making for trustees), and The Essential Trustee (2015 edition), the Commission's guide to trustees' responsibilities. His current work includes developing the Commission's approach to enabling trustees to perform their role effectively, and promoting behaviours in charities that foster public trust.

16:00 – 16:15

Beneficiary -

**Karen Ozzati, Chief Executive – WCADA
(Welsh Centre for Action on Dependency and Addiction)**

Karen began her career with WCADA as a volunteer in 1995, after completing a BA (Honours) in Psychology at Swansea University and has more recently completed an ILM Level 5 Diploma and M.Sc. in Forensic Psychology.

She was a 12-Step Minnesota Model Abstinence Counsellor for seven years sharing her time between WCADA and the South Wales Probation Service where she was seconded as a DAROP (Drug and Alcohol Referral for Offenders Project) Worker.

16:15 – 16:30

**Closing Remarks - conference round up and thank you
Geraint Davies CBE FCA**