

ACCA and Common Purpose

■ ACCA is working with Common Purpose to support members wishing to improve their leadership skills.

Are you an inspirational leader – or in need of inspiration? Increasing specialisation, mounting work pressures and long hours weaken a leader's capacity to see opportunities, broaden networks and refresh their vision for themselves and their organisations. Common Purpose leadership development programmes provide that vital context.

Common Purpose was founded in 1989 and now runs more than 70 programmes in 10 countries around the world. Over 120,000 leaders have been involved in our programmes. In the UK, more than 70% of FTSE 100 companies, as well as many smaller organisations, have used Common Purpose to develop their leaders. They and their organisations consistently report:

- better strategic thinking and decision-making, dramatically enhanced leadership competencies and a greater ability to apply them in new situations

- an increased ability to produce real change, wherever it is needed
- Common Purpose develops the knowledge, connections and inspiration of leaders from all backgrounds. It is a not-for-profit organisation that runs unique leadership development programmes that equip leaders with the skills they need to make a difference – at work or in society.

The leadership programmes for experienced leaders include:

- 20:20 – if you are a leader whose sphere of influence is expanding to a regional, national or international level
- Matrix and Focus – for experienced leaders in town and smaller city locations
- TheKNOW – a flexible, personalised programme for leaders in cities and city regions
- InsideOUT – for leaders from several locations around the South and East of England who want to see the bigger picture.

Plus, there are shorter programmes for those with specific needs:

- Profile – is a two day briefing for leaders who want a fast-track, behind-the-scenes view of the place where they operate
- Power Dynamic is a challenging one-day event for those who need to know more about how power works at a national or European level, and how to influence it.

ACCA has teamed up with Common Purpose to offer members a 10% discount on these unique leadership development programmes. This offer is valid from now until the end of 2009. To take advantage of this offer, please e-mail karen.mackley@commonpurpose.org.uk

To find out more about Common Purpose, your nearest programme location or the next start date, contact Karen Mackley or visit www.commonpurpose.org.uk. ■

Autumn 2008 programme for Financial Services Network

■ Our lectures for the September to December period will cover a range of topics and venues as we work in partnership with our partner bodies and employers. More details and booking forms will be made available on the Financial Services Network website in August. An outline of the upcoming programme can be found below.

Wednesday 10 September 18:00 – 20:00, Cavendish Conference Centre (NB Please note different time and venue)

"The influence of the Mayor and Lord Mayor on London's economy". Speakers - Tim Parker, the new chief executive and first Deputy Mayor of London and a representative from the Lord Mayor's Office.

Wednesday 1 October 12:00 – 14:00, Cinema 2 - Barbican Centre (NB please note different venue, provided courtesy of the SII)

Inflation – the next great meltdown? A panel discussion following on from the Credit Crunch debate.

This debate is being run in conjunction with the SII. Panellists will include James Buchan, a columnist, leading novelist and historian whose most recent work is a study of the circle of Adam Smith and David Hume in Enlightenment Edinburgh, *Capital of the Mind* (2003); Brandon Davies, Managing Director GARP Risk Academy, and Martin Wolf, associate editor and chief economics commentator of the *Financial Times*. Chair will be Christopher Jones Warner.

Tuesday 11 November

Edinburgh Financial Services Lecture
Venue and time TBC

Thursday 20 November 12:00 – 14:00, American Express, Victoria (NB please note different venue)

Background to and implications of the Single European Payments Agency (SEPA). A presentation by Dr David Doyle, ACCA's head of EU Parliamentary Affairs.

This event is being hosted by our Approved Employer partner American Express.

Thursday 11 December 08:00 – 10:00 Barclays Canary Wharf (NB please note different time and venue)

EU update and debate - the implications of the new regulations on the credit crisis

Panel and presenter TBC