

Roadshow: London – The Future of Accounting

	Registration and Light Lunch
1400	<p>Panel 1 – Technology Health Check: Understanding how technological developments over the last decade, will affect the next decade and beyond</p> <p>Accountancy is on the brink of large-scale technological change; with the rise of AI, automation and the prospect of removing mundane and repetitive tasks. Accountants face the prospect of their traditional role transforming into one where their ability to provide value add and consultative business advice will be what sets them apart from competitors. We kick off discussions by taking the pulse of the industry and understanding where technology has taken us so far, so that we might look to the future to see where it can take us next.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a capability gap growing between small and large firms? • How far along the adoption journey is the “average” accountancy practice? • Identifying true ROI • Removing the white noise to gain perspective on the professional journey of an accountant • Learn what and how new technologies are impacting accountancy – Automation, AI, robotics, and Blockchain
1445	Coffee Stop (this will be a short break for delegates to grab a beverage before heading to their chosen roundtable)
1455	<p>Roundtables</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MTD check-in: Where are you now? 2. What are you advising your clients and what should you be advising your clients about Brexit? 3. Managing technological disruption: How has this affected your workforce? 4. Tackling “the expectation gap” in the UK audit market 5. Making positive steps on your adoption journey – what next? 6. Young workforce - Millennial's; engaging and retaining/Challenges of Agile work and how to deal with them
1540	Coffee Break and Networking
1605	Panel 2 – The future workforce: embracing diversity and technology in accountancy

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	<p>Technology and diversity are two key areas businesses should be focusing on in order to achieve growth but why is this? Countless evidence shows that embracing a diverse workforce always reflects positively on the growth of businesses. This means celebrating every single person for what they can offer, ensuring no barriers stand in their way, and understanding intersectionality so that people don't feel boxed off into categories. And it means using technology positively to help every employee do their job in the most efficient way possible.</p> <p>Key outcomes and takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How must businesses factor people into their technological development? What do their employees and clients expect? • Diversity is essential to business growth optimisation so how do businesses get this right? • How can businesses start bridging the people gap, between gender, sexuality, race, age, disability, and background?
1650	<p>Panel 3 – How will the future accountant feature in business landscape?</p> <p>Technology itself is not a new discussion, however the application of technology within accountancy is changing greatly. So, we must ask how are job roles being changed forever? And what should the profession be doing to actively facilitate better use of both technology and manpower. How will technology continue to change and evolve the accounting sector as we move into the next 20 years?</p> <p>Key outcomes and takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the skills that today's accounts will need to develop to succeed as business advisors? • How will the next generation of accountant need to train and be educated to meet customer need • Bringing together multiple investments to create a technology ecosystem • Developments in the next 20 years – what can we expect?
1735	Drinks Reception and Celebration of Accountancy Age's 50th Birthday
1900	End of Event