

# **ATT / CIOT Influence and inspire**

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# Are you thinking of becoming a speaker?



Last month we welcomed 22 members and students to this CIOT/ATT event chaired by Giles Mooney. I was joined on the panel by Reshma Johar and Sofia Thomas who answered questions and shared interesting tips and anecdotes about the support available to help potential speakers into the role.

We had a couple of chuckles and there was a good flow of tips and anecdotes on how life as a speaker begins. I love meeting new people and I'm excited to be working with a raft of potential new speakers from across the UK who have a diverse range of specialisms, backgrounds and interests.

If you missed this event and would like to learn about how the CIOT/ATT can support you in your journey to become a speaker, please do not worry, we are intending to hold more sessions throughout 2021. If you cannot wait until our next event, do get in touch straight away by emailing me at [ebarklamb@tax.org.uk](mailto:ebarklamb@tax.org.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Emma Barklamb, Head of Member Services**

## Feedback was very positive...

'It was very encouraging to learn from the experiences of Giles, Reshma and Sofia on their personal journey in navigating tax lecturing. Also very positive to learn from Emma how CIOT/ATT is putting together a structure to allow budding lecturers to flourish using the CIOT/ATT platform, which I think is a fantastic opportunity for members.'

'I found it insightful and engaging, in particular the different paths taken by each speaker and the honesty in their answers, including touching on some of the negativity they have received. They also provided encouragement and shared stories of support from the tax community.'

'This session was a reminder to be the change you want to see in the (tax) world. This session has disrupted the status quo, and I applaud the CIOT/ATT in taking this step. I encourage anyone who wishes to find out more to reach out to the CIOT/ATT.'

