The Future of Tax Professionals Committee: A new year, a new name

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A big thank you to all those who took part in our Linked In poll and voted by email to choose a new name – as you may have guessed, the Future of Tax Professionals Committee (FTP for short) came out on top!

The FTP Committee (previously called the New Tax Professionals Committee) is aimed at helping students or members of the ATT and/or CIOT who are in the first ten years of their career with the awareness that these individuals will be tomorrow's tax leaders. The committee hosts events covering technical and development skills, networking, social events and general interest topics that are particularly relevant to those in the early part of their career.

The FTP Committee works collaboratively with the Branch Network to geographically widen the scope of their committee and the members they support.

Meet the committee members

Each committee member contributes their skills, insights and ideas, helping to drive the committee and the support that we provide members and students. They describe the committee as collegiate, supportive, enthusiastic and enjoyable!

Do you want to hear more about the future of tax professionals committee or about joining the committee? Email us at ftp@tax.org.uk or reach out via LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/ftp-committee-a614511a5

Toyin Oyeneyin (Chair)

Tax product technical lead and investment product manager at Octopus Investments
Joined: July 2016

I joined the committee because I wanted to give back to the tax community, particularly supporting those in the early part of their tax career – it's a pivotal time. I also wanted to build my tax network. The tax community works best when we are consistently collaborating, and I wanted to engage with a broad range of tax professionals. There are so many things I enjoy about the committee – speaking to attendees at our events, seeing the committee grow over the years, having a group of committee members who are always ready to bring great ideas about how to deliver the best for the FTP
community. I could go on!

Makayla Combes (Vice Chair)

Tax Accountant at Canopius Group, mainly focusing on Corporation Tax
Joined: January 2020

I joined because I wanted to help other people who were starting out in the profession to further their career and build their knowledge and skills. It can be really challenging to know 'what's next' after you've finished your exams, and I love that the committee is there to support members with their continuing development. I love getting to speak to and work with so many different people – members who

join our events, people at CIOT and ATT, my fellow committee members and external speakers for our events. You can get involved in so many types of activities – social media marketing, event organisation, joining meetings across Europe with our CFE colleagues and volunteer engagement.

Harry Donaldson

Accounts assistant manager at Kreston Reeves LLP, focused on corporates
Joined: August 2024

I joined because I wanted to be part of a team that makes a positive impact in our community. I enjoy collaborating with passionate and dedicated individuals in a supportive, purposeful and impactful team.

Flossie Skinner

Private client tax disputes at Joseph Hage Aaronson
Joined: December 2024

I joined the committee to get involved with and contribute to the tax community. I enjoy the opportunity to take on responsibilities outside my normal day-to-day in an interesting and varied environment.

Sharlene Rowley

Private Client Tax Director at Wilson Wright LLP
Joined: April 2019

I joined because I wanted to play a small part in shaping the future of the tax profession. I've enjoyed meeting new members and supporting them in the early phase of their careers, and have found the committee collaborative and supportive.

Amanpreet Purewall

Personal Tax Senior Manager at Saffery LLP
Joined: January 2019

I was serving on a different committee when I was introduced to the FTP Committee by the CIOT, as I was in the first 10 years of my tax career and was keen to collaborate with like-minded individuals over a common interest in tax. I enjoy working with a diverse range of people to try and anticipate the needs and wants of professionals in the first ten years of their tax careers, helping to guide them and expanding my network.

Connor Whelan

Group Tax Manager at Porsche
Joined: January 2024

I had finished my CTA studies and wanted to represent the newly qualified population while continuing to develop my own skillset. The FTP Committee was a great platform to do this. I enjoy working with it because it is different from my day job and allows me to think more holistically.

Dannielle Phillips

Senior Tax Reporting Analyst
Joined: May 2022

We are all new tax professionals at one point and there’s so much to learn to grow within our roles and within the tax world. I wanted to be a part of welcoming and helping tax professionals in their careers where I could, ensuring they have access to events and information that could help them grow and become more comfortable in the world of tax. I not only love helping to organise events but I love that, more often than not, we all learn something new at those events too!