CEO Welcome: Reaching out to members (November 2025)

Welcomes



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Last month, CIOT President Nichola Ross Martin and ATT President Graham Batty were delighted to host the Joint Presidents' Reception at the Buffini Chao Deck at the National Theatre on the South Bank in London. The evening was a celebration of our Council, Branch and committee representatives and all our other volunteers who devote time and expertise to the CIOT and ATT. We truly appreciate all their knowledge and support, and we hope they enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

The CIOT Presidential team and Helen were delighted to welcome 160 members to our Cambridge autumn conference. Next year's conference will be held on 18-20 September.

Nichola Ross Martin, Vice President John Barnett and Head of External Relations George Crozier hosted debates at the Labour and Conservative party conferences. Focused on whether we can design a tax system that taxes wealth and capital fairly and is pro-growth, both events proved popular and were standing room only!

On Thursday 26 November, Rachel Reeves will deliver her second Budget statement. Proposed changes to capital taxes, pensions and the taxation of private residences have all attracted attention, but we'll have to wait and see exactly what she announces. Both the CIOT and ATT have made pre-Budget representations, and our technical teams will closely monitor how many of our recommendations are taken forward.

We value the chance to celebrate the incredible contributions of our volunteers, and it's encouraging that even our external partners recognise and support our mission. As part of this effort, the ATT's Step into Tax campaign was nominated by our marketing agency, DTW, at this year's Memcom Excellence Awards in the category of 'Best Use of Video'. Whist we didn't take home the top prize, we were proud to be 'Highly Commended', a testament to the creativity and hard work that went into our campaign.

Many ATT members are now making use of a valuable new benefit: one year's free digital access to Claritax's Essential Tax Library, starting in September. This includes five key titles, ranging from *Income tax* to *Capital allowances*. Other ATT member benefits include an annotated copy of the Finance Act, *Tolley's Annual Tax Guide*, *Whillans's Tax Tables*, our Weekly Newsletter – and our handy mouse mat! ATT members and students can also join our Mentoring Programme.

CIOT members can join the ATT without sitting any exams and will enjoy all the above benefits at a reduced subscription rate. You can find out more at tinyurl.com/msbd3n6e.

For those seeking to increase their CPD, on 3 and 9 December the ATT, in collaboration with the AAT, will present two Sharpen Your Tax Skills events. ATT Deputy President Barry Jefferd and the ATT technical team will provide a topical tax update, plus sessions on sole traders, employee benefits, and an update on penalties and getting help from HMRC. As always, the sessions will include plenty of practical and interactive examples. Register at tinyurl.com/53anhhsb.

For those members who specialise in indirect taxes, the CIOT Indirect Taxes Annual Conference 2025 is a must to attend. This year's full day conference takes place on Wednesday 12 November 2025 at One Great George Street, London. It will include sessions on International VAT and Land, property and construction, as well as a Case law update. Find out and register at tinyurl.com/yxk3vsvz.

Finally, to the thousands of students sitting our CIOT and ATT examination papers this month, we wish you all the very best, and look forward to welcoming you into membership at some stage in the future.