

## Public Sector and Not for Profit sector panel notes

**MEETING:** Public and Not for Profit Sector Panel meeting

**LOCATION:** Hybrid meeting – Voco Hotel Solihull and via Teams

**DATE:** 5 June 2024

**TIME:** 1400-1530

### **ATTENDEES:**

In person: - Dinusha Weerawardane (ACCA Global council), Edith Yembra (Chair), Anna Mylvaganam, Lip Sy Choo, Sugar Ahmed, Claire Jenkins, Michelle Gurang, Jennifer Doolan, Evans Chisala, Angela Ireland, Kevin Ellis, Alia O’Callaghan, Jennifer Doolan (Observer), Susan Love (ACCA strategic engagement lead), Josefina Morillo (ACCA policy manager)  
Virtual: – Peter Lewis

**APOLOGIES:** Anna Hudson, Chibuzo Okpala, Maryam Khan, Svetla Taneva, Steph Beeston-Clarke

Deep Shah, Sidra Harris, Ben Bulman, Rekha Tailor, Brian Pine, Nadeem Hanif, Sian Evans, Christine Hellings, Ben Kewin, Aidan Kewin, Becky Sayle

### **Review of actions from last meeting**

Items were reviewed and outstanding activities would be progressed where appropriate and reported at the September meeting.

### **Panel Objectives for 2024/25**

The panel agreed to focus on three ACCA themes – AI, Sustainability and Talent. To collaborate and produce sector relevant outputs which will aim to improve Net promoter Scores from the quarterly membership satisfaction surveys.

The group broke into three subgroups for further discussion and planning on the topics. The Chair agreed the whole group would discuss/debate sustainability separately.

### **Sector trends and insights**

- Reduced government funding across the NFP/third sector
- Fundraising slowing down due to cost of living, less disposable income
- Pressure on resources – doing more with less
- Demonstrating financial stability to demonstrate any mergers and acquisitions
- Government change causing uncertainty, job cuts and damage to morale across central government
- Risk of redundancies across all the sector but especially in higher education
- Identified 60 universities across the UK going through redundancy programmes
- Student numbers in decline
- Technology being seen as a threat to jobs; keeping up with audit clients and the level of AI adoption e.g. N A Scotland
- The need for people across the sector to be resilient in the face of change

## Next Steps

Sub-group leads to provide discussion points discussed in the two sub-groups - Dinusha Weerawardane (AI) and Sugar Ahmed (Talent).

Sector panel to discuss Sustainability as a whole group at next meeting.

## Outstanding actions to be reviewed at September meeting

Maryam to email the panel to ask for contributors to create short videos of panel members to promote the panel on LinkedIn	Ongoing
Panel members to email Angela Ireland if they wish to join the WhatsApp group.	Reminder to all panel members
Informal panel meetings to continue on a monthly basis, in line with previously circulated rota.	On going
Astrid to add Angela Ireland to the developing local government community being built to support upcoming work in this area.	Ongoing
Alia to look at signing up to any third sector consultations as her charity covers a wide range of areas, including social care and childcare.	Ongoing
Christine to share details of GIAA AI case study.	Ongoing

## Next meeting

Monday 2nd September 2024 – 10:30 – 12:00