


CenTax Residential Conference 2026: Closing the Tax Gap

Programme

Time	Session	Duration	Details
Thursday 23 April – Understanding and Measuring the Tax Gap in 2026			
10:30-11:00	Registration & Coffee	30 mins	Reception and Lounge
11:00-11:15	Opening Remarks	15 mins	Lecture Theatre
11:15-12:30	Panel Session 1 - Where We Stand: The UK Tax Gap in 2026	1 hour 15 mins	Lecture Theatre
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>1 hour</i>	<i>Dining Room & Lounge</i>
13:30-14:30	Breakouts 1 (see below)	1 hour	Breakout Rooms
14:30-14:45	<i>Break</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
14:45-15:45	Keynote Speech 1 - Professor Annette Alstadsæter - <i>Skatteforsk</i>	1 hour	Lecture Theatre
15:45-16:00	<i>Break</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
16:00-17:15	Panel Session 2 - Breaking Down the 60%: Understanding SMEs, Micro-Businesses and the Hidden Economy	1 hour 15 mins	Lecture Theatre
17:15-17:30	<i>Break</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
17:30-18:30	Breakouts 2 (see below)	1 hour	Breakout Rooms
18:30+	Pre-Dinner Reception & Dinner including after dinner speech from Dan Neidle – Tax Policy Associates		The Slate <i>Pre-dinner reception kindly sponsored by CIOT</i>
Friday 24 April - The Future of Tax Compliance and Administration			
09:00-10:00	Keynote Speech 2 – Dr Simon Price - HMRC	1 hour	Lecture Theatre
10:00-10:15	<i>Break</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
10:15-11:30	Panel Session 3 - Data, Digitalisation and Tax Compliance	1 hour 15 mins	Lecture Theatre
11:30-11:45	<i>Break</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
11:45-12:45	Breakouts 3 (see below)	1 hour	Breakout Rooms
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>1 hour</i>	<i>Dining Room & Lounge</i>
13:45-15:00	Panel Session 4 - The Long Game – Building a Roadmap to Close the Tax Gap	1 hour 15 mins	Lecture Theatre
15:00-15:15	Closing Remarks	15 mins	Lecture Theatre

Breakouts Summary

Title	Lead	Org	Room	Colour
Breakouts 1 - Thursday 13:30-14:30				
How can the Home Office's fraud strategy contribute to closing the tax gap?	Dr Penny Dunbabin	Home Office	Space 10	Red
Offshore evasion: what do history and trends tell us about future enforcement strategies?	Simon York	Deloitte	Space 11	Green
How will Making Tax Digital for Individuals help to close the tax gap?	Jim Rogers	HMRC	Space 29	Blue
Is the Taxes Management Act still fit for purpose?	Ray McCann	Joseph Hage Aaronson & Bremen	Space 31	Yellow
Breakouts 2 - Thursday 17:30-18:30				
What resources does HMRC need to ensure it collects the right tax from wealthy individuals?	Edward Troup	Former HMRC	Space 10	Red
How do HMRC capacity and service standards affect the tax gap?	Emma Rawson	ATT	Space 11	Green
How can we reduce the economic cost of tax compliance?	Chris Sanger	EY	Space 29	Blue
Have we solved large business tax compliance?	Mike Lewis	Tax Watch	Space 31	Yellow
Breakouts 3 - Friday 11:45-12:45				
How does DWP balance fraud prevention and detection and what can we learn for tax questions?	Iain Wright	DWP	Space 10	Red
What are the biggest gaps in offshore compliance?	Clara Gisoldo	APPG on Anti-Corruption and Responsible	Space 11	Green
Who else is responsible: what role should intermediaries play in closing the tax gap?	Chris Irwin / Jane Mellor	HMRC / CIOT	Space 29	Blue
How can HMRC harness data science innovations to make better use of the data it already holds to close the tax gap?	Cameron Scott	Quantexa	Space 31	Yellow