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As Gina Broadhurst, co-founder of Forgotten Ltd, said: "We represent two million companies employing 7.5m people. We are not fat cats or multi-millionaires. We don't want special treatment. We want parity with everybody else. We need the political will to change, to save businesses and jobs. This is taking a heavy toll on people's mental health."

The economy is opening up again, though slowly. For the first time in months there is a tiny point of light at the end of a long, dark tunnel. It gives people hope that they can survive. But they need practical help.

There are plenty of proposals about what that help could look like.

ACCA contributed to the CityUK's Recapitalisation paper which recommended ways to get cash to UK businesses and proposed policy to better prevent defaults. The Business Repayment Plan will convert government-backed business disruption loans (CBILS and BBLS) into a tax obligation which is repaid alongside other business taxes in a similar model to student loans. This will mean business debt pay-back will be proportional (or "means tested") to the revenue they have been able to recover. This will prevent alternative lenders struggling with liquidity from having to enter debt recovery when businesses inevitably default on payment because they haven't yet been able to reopen.

ACCA is also helping lead the #LeaveNoBusinessBehind campaign, which is signing up professional accountants and offering bitesize training videos and written resources to help businesses understand why it's important to plan and reforecast financially. ACCA also has an Memorandum of Understanding with the International Chamber of Commerce and supports its Save Our SMEs campaign.

#LeaveNoBusinessBehind

Counting the human cost of Covid and of leaving small business owners behind

Podcast



The Pledge

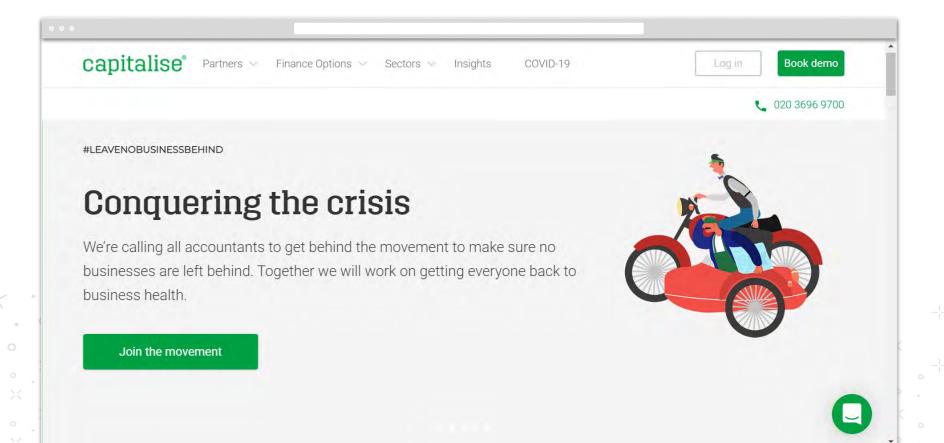
- Check in.
- Prompt a forecast.
- Assess further support & funding needs.



Community Catch-Ups - Today's Agenda

- 1. Ensure you've found your way to the Skills Hub
- 2. How to start using the resources with your clients
- 3. Demonstrating 2 new resources
- 4. Sharing how some firms are using this campaign
- 5. We want to know how you want these webinars to evolve
- 6. Answering any questions you have

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This takes you to the Skills Hub

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Spreading the word

Baptism of Fire

#LeaveNoBusinessBehind

Building the plane whilst flying it 🛪

Uncertainty has forced us to adapt. For accountants it has meant having complex and difficult conversations with **business** owners and even advising businesses on new government schemes, cost cutting and payment deferrals. It's been a baptism of fire, plain and simple.

First up in the #LeaveNoBusinessBehind programme are two introduction episodes. Have a look at how to help business owners avoid insolvency immediate survival is priority number one - and explore how the role of accountants has changed during the pandemic, and what it might look like going forward.

> How re avoid insolvency

What the best accountants are doing

If you're looking for more resources...

Don't forget that we also have additional resources to all of our episodes. For our first two episodes we have: A glossary to help with the terminology Some great tips to agree a "time to pay" arrangement with HMRC How to make a success of #LeaveNoBusinessBehind Book recommendations for accountants: Putting excellence into practice, Shane Lukas and Hope Won't Pay the Wages, Andrew R Miller.

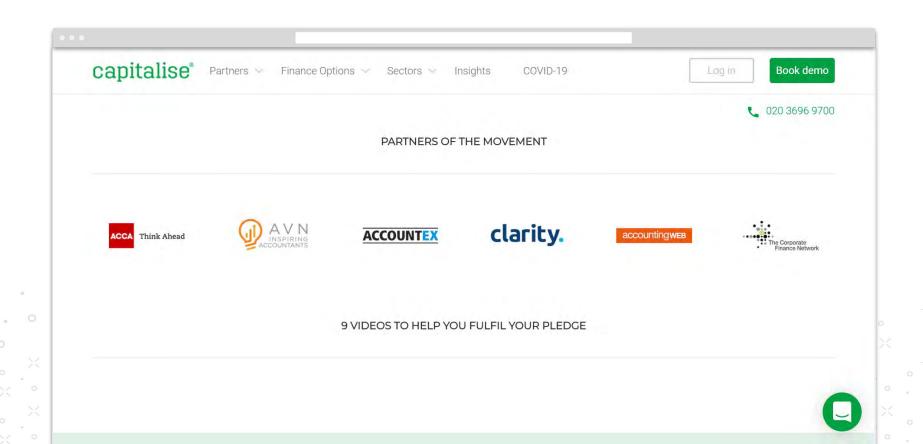
You can also find them in the section called "Additional resources" underneath each video.

Speed up, slow down or pick and mix 🧈

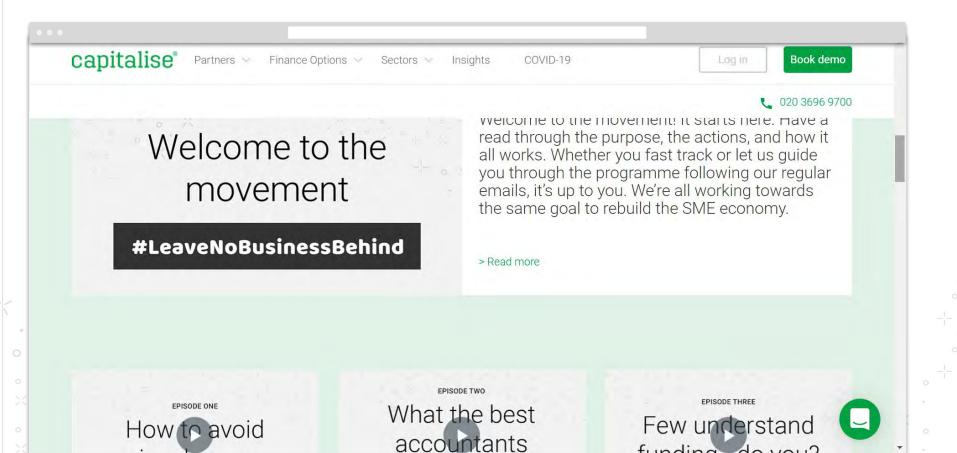
Remember that you can always fast track through the programme or pick and choose your themes - create your own journey. Just remember the CBILS deadline at the end of September.

Go straight to the Skills hub to see all the content.

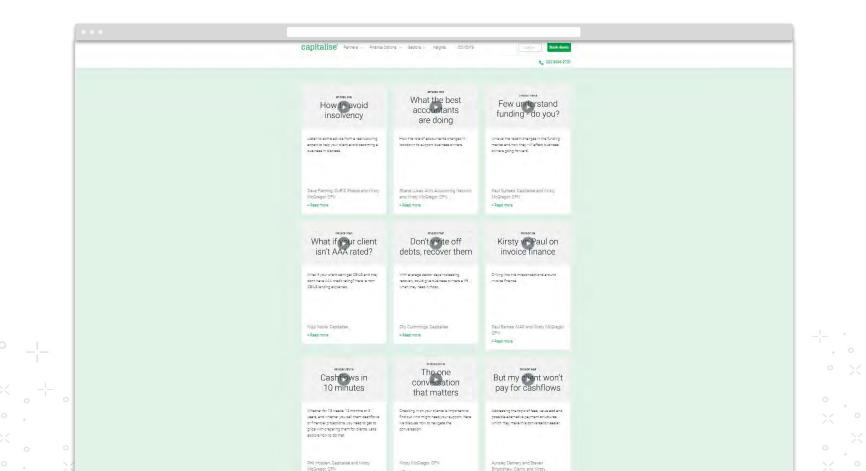
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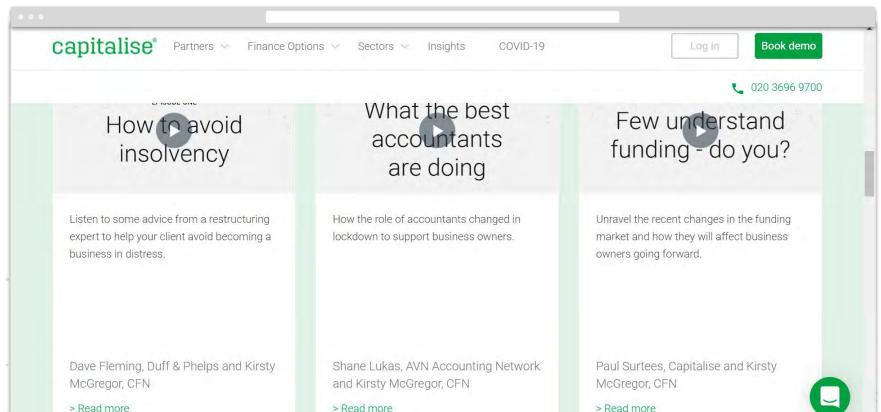
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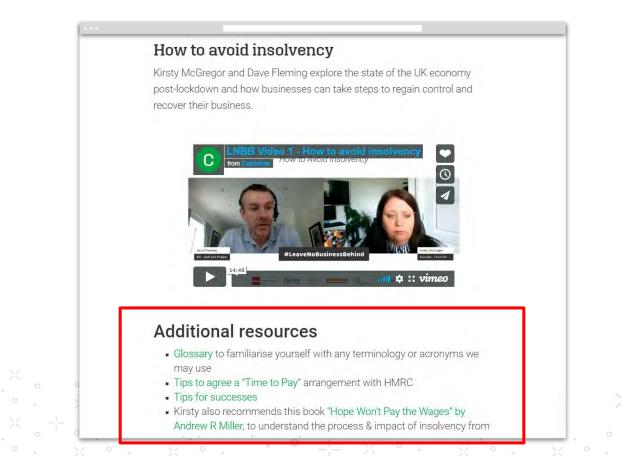
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Each episode says 'Read more'



Behind each episode are more "Additional Resources"



Episode 1 - "Additional Resources"



Additional resources

- Glossary to familiarise yourself with any terminology or acronyms we may use
- Tips to agree a "Time to Pay" arrangement with HMRC
- Tips for successes
- Kirsty also recommends this book "Hope Won't Pay the Wages" by Andrew R Miller, to understand the process & impact of insolvency from a business owner's perspective
- Structure your conversations with clients and prioritise work with a Critical Assessment for Clients
- Outgoings Timeline is a ready reference to show clients when significant outgoings are due to be paid

Trial of Critical Assessment has received Critical Acclaim!

"The great thing about this is that it makes accountants comfortable as is it uses numbers in a spreadsheet"

"These are mega!"

"I think partners and managers will be comfortable using as it is really only a catch up call with a simple structure added to record the results"

"I have used this with 3 clients and the results were very interesting, unexpected action points came out of all three"

"It is the classic accountant thing of thinking you know what a client wants without actually bothering to ask them"

"Used across the firm, I think would uncover all sorts of valuable advice needed by clients"

Critical Assessment

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Outgoings Timeline

19th each month	7th each quarter & 31/3/21 for deferred				outgoings - eg rent	
	March-June 2020	9mths after y/e	31st July (if not deferred) & 31st Jan			Retail rates relief ends 31/3/21
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Accountants using #LeaveNoBusinessBehind

"Accountants, we are tired. We've been thrust into the forefront of reducing the economy and the small businesses that drive it. We have had to learn new skills and new legislation and deploy at a rapid pace. The business world needed us to step forward in their hour of need and work with them through their most stressful times. And we need to do it all over again. This won't last forever, but we still have work to do. #LeaveNoBusinessBehind"

Paul Barnes, MAP #LeaveNoBusinessBehind Paul Barnes, MAP

"Proud to have joined forces with Clarity hq , ACCA , Accountex Portfolio , AccountingWEB.co.uk among others as we continue to see a further step we have taken as part of the legacy we continue to build. #LeaveNoBusinessBehind"

Graeme Tennick & Co

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"I'm delighted to share that Woods Squared has pledged to #LeaveNoBusinessBehind. A collaboration across the accounting industry, calling on accountants to help business owners with their immediate survival and then their future business health."

Alan Woods, Woods Squared

"Pleased to be part of the #leavenobusinessbehind initiative where the accountancy community has come together to call on all businesses to start planning for survival"



"We are delighted to announce that we have joined the campaign to #LeaveNoBusinessBehind and are proud to support the SME economy in our local area! #SussexAccountants"

Knill James

How other firms are finding this

- One was doing tremendously well (which I expected) and was sitting on a huge pile of cash. They said they are now looking to invest in large capital expenditure projects, which I didn't know - I reminded them about best use of capital allowances/timing and they now want proper advice on this. I have also put down as potentially acquisitive which I will follow up later.
- 2. One had suffered during lockdown but was getting back to normal, had made a few redundancies and furloughed staff but was managing cash well. They had already decided to apply for a CBILs as insurance policy for a possible second wave, which again I didn't know about. I have offered to assist using Capitalise if needed.
- 3. Another client was developing a 5 new residential properties using an element of debt, which they are concerned about (I hadn't thought they were overstretched but they were worried now about being left with unsold properties). They wanted advice on the tax liabilities on the disposal of each so they can factor in to the marketing of 2 of them now (one of which they originally had intended to become their own) to reduce their risk.

How other firms are finding this

1. I've picked up new work from client referrals, this month I have new fees equating to 10% of last year's turnover! These new clients had heard little, if anything, from their existing accountant, then they are told what we have been doing and have subsequently wanted to see us.

2. There seems to be some confusion around the SEISS. We don't have many self-employed but 25%-33% of them I've called have assumed they couldn't claim because they had been working part-time during lockdown. They are mixing up the rules with the furlough scheme. So it's been really useful to have that 1-1 conversation with them and they've then made those claims. This might explain why the take-up of these scheme hasn't been as high as the Government expected.



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Yesterday I had a meeting with my client to go through their second year accounts and tax return.

As part of the **#leavenobusinessbehind** I asked how he was and how I could help his business going forward.

He then complained for a good few minutes about how let down he felt by the Government because he wasn't eligible for SA Grant. How a small injection of cash 🐻 would have helped him though lockdown.

I sat and listened then said 'what about the grant that was available for newly self employed through Scottish Government'

He looked at me blankly 😳 I explained about the grant and how I had sent him an email explaining about it with a link to the application form. Again a blank look 😡

So I showed him a copy of the email. He wasn't convinced and went looking for it in his phone **&** 'Ah yes' he said 'I got that but I didn't read it'

So who's at fault here - me for not following up on the email or him for not reading \square it?

Before anyone comments I don't have any guilt about this. He should have read the email.

And I told him so I also told him to stop $\textcircled{\begin{tabular}{ll}}$ complaining because he only had himself to blame.

People read your emails from your accountant. #sjcplus0 #guiltfree #listentoyouraccountant



Breaking News grants for professional fees

- England only via Growth Hubs in LEPs
- SMEs
- £1k £5k; doesn't need to be matched
- To directly respond to the impact of COVID-19
- 1. Any sector for tech spend
- 2. "Visitor economy" for professional fees



Any questions?



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