

**Help and Advice for UK Professionals
involved in Electoral Administration**



Annual Conference 2022



Online

**Monday 24 January to
Tuesday 25 January 2022**

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After delivering the 2021 polls with their complexity, combination and Covid complications, Conference 2022 will look at what can be learnt from the experience. We will also focus on helping delegates prepare for the challenges of new legislation as well as offering plenty of learning opportunities.

With both the Elections Bill and Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Bill recently introduced in the UK Parliament, there are significant challenges and changes being introduced soon that will have a major impact on how elections are run.

These changes will cover an extension to overseas voter registration, voter ID requirements, the devolution agenda, UK Parliamentary boundary changes, and affect electoral integrity and electoral law more broadly. Changes planned in the devolved nations could also have a significant impact on colleagues in these areas.

These significant shifts are set against the backdrop of continuing to deliver elections in an uncertain pandemic environment, ongoing work to maintain the completeness and accuracy of the register, and local challenges including local authority budget cuts and changes to working environments.

Conference 2022 will support delegates and provide you with the tools to meet these upcoming challenges head on. There will be plenary sessions on the Elections Bill, Parliamentary boundary review, IERDS enhancements, learning from 2021, navigating the period of heightened sensitivity, election petitions and legal advice, nominations, how to avoid election mistakes and employment and information governance. There will also be updates from both the Cabinet Office and Electoral Commission, as well as a session on coping with pressure.

Following the success of delivering Conference 2021 online, Conference 2022 will be another virtual event designed for the online environment from the outset. We are sure the event will be of huge value to all AEA members and look forward to 'seeing' you there.

Delegate Booking Information



Conference opens on Monday 24 January and closes on Tuesday 25 January. Each day runs from 9.15 until 16.30.

Delegate Fees (excluding VAT):

£250 for the first delegate.

£125 for subsequent delegates.

The fee is for both days; single day bookings are not available. The subsequent delegate fee is for delegates from the same employer.

Non-members pay a surcharge of **£100** in addition to the fees outlined above.

Membership forms are available from the AEA website www.aea-elections.co.uk/join.

Venue:

Conference will be held online using a virtual conference website.

Terms and Conditions:

Cancellation

If you cannot attend, a substitute may attend in your place. Otherwise, the following charges will be payable:-

Less than 4 weeks before Conference – 100%

Less than 6 weeks before Conference – 60%

More than 6 weeks before Conference – £50 per delegate

No payment for delegate costs that may have been incurred would be reimbursed.

Non-Attendance

Non-attendees are liable for full payment of the event.

Conditions

Delegates are prohibited from sharing any materials from the AEA Annual Conference or from broadcasting any element of the AEA Annual Conference without prior approval. Delegates should not share any log in details or links provided to them with any third parties.

VAT:

The AEA is required to charge 20% VAT on all delegate fees.

How to Register:

Please complete the booking form and send it to:

AEA Bookings, Electoral Services, Sunderland City Council, Sunderland, SR2 7DN or email aea@sunderland.gov.uk

Contact details Tel: 0191 561 1144

Closing date for applications: Monday 17 January 2022

It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to reschedule or cancel the event. If this is the case a full refund will be given.