

Subject: My ACCU Conference!

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Since 2002 I have been attending the ACCU conference nearly every year (work permitting!). Each year, I think it cannot get better... and then it does. This year, I've got over 60 sessions including inspiring keynote speakers, lightning talks, and pre-event workshops, to choose from. Knowing that whichever session I attend, I'll be able to take ideas straight back to my organisation.

The Conference offers an extremely welcoming environment and a fantastic opportunity to meet up with like-minded people and learn from them, sharing best practice, you always come away with something that will really encourage you to think about. It can be ideas to use that you may have missed in your own development, because we all work at different paces, we can all learn from each other's priorities.

One of the most memorable ACCU Conferences was in 2010 during the eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland. As Conference Chair at the time, we had to manage some speakers not being able to join us and others that couldn't get home! The ACCU Conference still absolutely delivered with other attendees pulling together last-minute sessions for those that couldn't attend, providing rich content which also included adding a last minute free open space conference following the Conference in London for those speakers that couldn't still get home to continue our networking and learning!

The ACCU Conference dinner is another highlight: an opportunity to network with colleagues, to make new friends and reconnect with old ones but most of all have fun.

I would say to anybody thinking about attending the conference, book! you will always learn something to expand, develop and to take back to your day job.

Whether you've been attending longer than I have, or this is your first time, it would be great to meet you there!

Check out the social media channels for updates ahead of the event and get a sample of the content via our YouTube channel.

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