

## Echo AM Limited - Privacy Policy

The **North East Accountancy Awards** are owned and organised by Echo AM Limited ("We") are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy.

We are registered in England and Wales under company number 10431552 and have our registered office at The Grainger Suite, Dobson House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3PF. Our VAT number is 288 55632 47. We are a limited company.

To contact us, please email [info@echoevents.org](mailto:info@echoevents.org) or telephone us on 0191 241 4523.

For the purpose of the Data Protection Act 1998 (the **Act**), We are the data controller.

### INFORMATION WE COLLECT FROM YOU

We will collect and process the following data about you:

- **Information you give us.** This is information about you that you give us by filling in forms on our site [www.accountancyawards.co.uk](http://www.accountancyawards.co.uk) (**our site**) or by corresponding with us by phone, e-mail or otherwise. It includes information you provide when you register to use our site, subscribe to our service, participate in discussion boards or other social media functions on our site, enter a competition, promotion or survey, and when you report a problem with our site. The information you give us may include your name, address, e-mail address and phone number, financial and credit card information, personal description and photograph.
- **Information we collect about you.** With regard to each of your visits to our site we will automatically collect the following information:
  - technical information, including [the Internet protocol (IP) address used to connect your computer to the Internet, your login information, browser type and version, browser plug-in types and versions, operating system and platform;
  - information about your visit, including the full Uniform Resource Locators (URL), clickstream to, through and from our site (including date and time), [page response times, download errors, [length of visits to certain pages, page interaction information (such as scrolling, clicks, and mouse-overs), methods used to browse away from the page, and any phone number used to call our customer service number.
- **Information we receive from other sources.** This is information we receive about you if you use any of the other websites we operate or the other services we provide. In this case we will have informed you when we collected that data if we intend to share those data internally and combine it with data collected on this site. We will also have told you for what purpose we will share and combine your data. We are working closely with third parties (including, for example, business partners, sub-contractors in technical, payment and delivery services, advertising networks, analytics providers, search information providers). We will notify you when we receive information about you from them and the purposes for which we intend to use that information.

### COOKIES

Our website uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of our website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our website and also allows us to improve our site.

### USES MADE OF THE INFORMATION

We use information held about you in the following ways:

- **Information you give to us.** We will use this information:

- to carry out our obligations arising from any contracts entered into between you and us and to provide you with the information, products and services that you request from us;
- to provide you with information about other goods and services we offer that are similar to those that you have already purchased or enquired about;
- to provide you, or permit selected third parties to provide you, with information about goods or services we feel may interest you. If you are an existing customer, we will only contact you by electronic means (e-mail or SMS) with information about services similar to those which were the subject of a previous sale or negotiations of a sale to you. If you are a new customer, and where we permit selected third parties to use your data, we (or they) will contact you by electronic means only if you have consented to this. If you do not want us to use your data in this way, or to pass your details on to third parties for marketing purposes, please tick the relevant box situated on the form on which we collect your data (the registration form);
- to notify you about changes to our service;
- to ensure that content from our site is presented in the most effective manner for you and for your computer.
- **Information we collect about you.** We will use this information:
  - to administer our site and for internal operations, including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes;
  - to improve our site to ensure that content is presented in the most effective manner for you and for your computer;
  - to allow you to participate in interactive features of our service, when you choose to do so;
  - as part of our efforts to keep our site safe and secure;
  - to measure or understand the effectiveness of advertising we serve to you and others, and to deliver relevant advertising to you;
  - to make suggestions and recommendations to you and other users of our site about goods or services that may interest you or them.
- **Information we receive from other sources.** We will combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you. We will use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

## DISCLOSURE OF YOUR INFORMATION

You agree that we have the right to share your personal information with:

- Selected third parties including:
  - business partners, suppliers and sub-contractors for the performance of any contract we enter into with them or you]
  - advertisers and advertising networks that require the data to select and serve relevant adverts to you and others. We do not disclose information about identifiable individuals to our advertisers, but we will provide them with aggregate information about our users (for example, we may inform them that 500 men aged under 30 have clicked on their advertisement on any given day). We may also use such aggregate information to help advertisers reach the kind of audience they want to target (for example, women in SW1). We may make use of the personal data we have collected from you to enable us to comply with our advertisers' wishes by displaying their advertisement to that target audience;
  - analytics and search engine providers that assist us in the improvement and optimisation of our site;

We will disclose your personal information to third parties:

- If we are under a duty to disclose or share your personal data in order to comply with any legal obligation,

or in order to enforce or apply our Terms of website Use and other agreements; or to protect the rights, property, or safety of our association, our members, or others. This includes exchanging information with other companies and organisations for the purposes of fraud protection and credit risk reduction.

#### **WHERE WE STORE YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

All information you provide to us is stored on our secure servers. Any payment transactions will be encrypted using SSL technology. Where we have given you (or where you have chosen) a password which enables you to access certain parts of our site, you are responsible for keeping this password confidential. We ask you not to share a password with anyone.

Unfortunately, the transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure. Although we will do our best to protect your personal data, we cannot guarantee the security of your data transmitted to our site; any transmission is at your own risk. Once we have received your information, we will use strict procedures and security features to try to prevent unauthorised access.

#### **HOW LONG WE STORE YOUR DATA FOR**

As a membership organisation, we store the personal data of members for the purpose of delivering member benefits. We will therefore hold your personal data for the duration of a member's membership and for one year on termination.

For those attending our study events and conference, we will store all delegate data for three years after the date of the event attended in order that we can keep delegates informed of ongoing events, and of our annual conference in particular.

#### **YOUR RIGHTS**

You have the right to ask us not to process your personal data for marketing purposes. We will usually inform you (before collecting your data) if we intend to use your data for such purposes or if we intend to disclose your information to any third party for such purposes. You can exercise your right to prevent such processing by refusing to check certain boxes on the forms we use to collect your data. You can also exercise the right at any time by contacting us [claire@echoevents.org](mailto:claire@echoevents.org)

Our site may, from time to time, contain links to and from the websites of our partner networks, advertisers and affiliates. If you follow a link to any of these websites, please note that these websites have their own privacy policies and that we do not accept any responsibility or liability for these policies. Please check these policies before you submit any personal data to these websites.

#### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

The Act gives you the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance with the Act. Any access request will be subject to a fee of £10 to meet our costs in providing you with details of the information we hold about you.

#### **CHANGES TO OUR PRIVACY POLICY**

Any changes we make to our privacy policy in the future will be posted on this page and, where appropriate, notified to you by e-mail. Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

#### **CONTACT**

Questions, comments and requests regarding this privacy policy are welcomed and should be addressed to [claire@echoevents.org](mailto:claire@echoevents.org)