

Retirement from Sheffield University Management School

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As if to highlight the slightly perverse twists that life can throw up, on the same day that I am involved in launching the [Accounting Streams](#) project that represents a new approach to undergraduate accounting education, I also have to advise that I will be retiring as [Professor of Accounting Practice at Sheffield University Management School](#) at the end of February.

I have mentioned more than once during the course of this autumn that I had reached the point of feeling overstretched more often than I would wish for and felt that this was no longer desirable. I have, as a result, been in discussion with the University and once my work on producing a series of educational videos on tax transparency that I have primarily written and which are being produced in association with both the [Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency](#) and the [International Budget Partnership](#), comes to a close at around the time that I've indicated that my retirement will take place, I think it will be time to bring my employment in academia to a close.

Coincidentally, during the next month or so, I will also be concluding other work that I have been engaged in for some time with Copenhagen Business School on developing thinking around [sustainable cost accounting](#).

That having been said, I have assured my colleagues that I am not disappearing entirely. There is work in progress on a number of academic papers and more to do on Accounting Streams, so it is my expectation that I will keep up ties with Sheffield but in a different role.

The good news, as far as I am concerned, is that I will have no further responsibility for any admin or compliance with admin procedures, none of which I much enjoy. Nor will I now be willing to take the lead on any academic work, as I have been doing. This will be the biggest change.

None of this will change my commitment to this blog or to the production of videos. If anything, once the pretty heavy work agenda that I have been engaged in this year reduces, I might look at producing more social media content, and we are developing

ideas on how to do that.

There is, however, one idea that I previously discussed that I very much doubt I will pursue at present. When social media content can reach so many people, I am not convinced that writing another book is a good use of my time right now, and as a consequence, doing that is on hold for the time being, although that might change once I have had a chance to take just a little bit of a break next year.