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# **Living Up To Our Values**

## Developing ethical assurance

How can boards be confident that their organisation is living up to its ethical values and commitments?

Living Up To Our Values will assist directors in understanding the need for and benefits of ethical assurance.

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- provides a practical framework for approaching the assurance of ethical performance against an organisation's own code of ethics
- will help those at board level with responsibility for overseeing assurance that ethical values are embedded, that commitments are being met and management processes are effective
- will assist assurance professionals seeking to broaden their understanding of non-financial issues
- is intended as an aid to the development of good practice.

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