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Bank of England hosts inspirational leadership event. Chief Economist, The Treasury Solicitor and Paralympic Captain speak.

An insight into inspirational leadership is on the agenda for senior civil servants at an event hosted by the Bank of England on October 15th.

Business network Radius is joining forces with representatives from the Bank of England, Home Office, Treasury, FSA, Army, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and the Environment Agency to hear from senior leaders how they define inspirational leadership. The event is being organised in conjunction with the Bank's Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Network. The evening will focus on how to combine personal traits and experience with the leadership skills needed for a successful career. LGBT staff and their colleagues will be given the opportunity to hear from three successful leaders from the public sector and network to build their own set professional connections.

The speakers at the event are:

- Spencer Dale, Executive Director, Chief Economist and Diversity Champion at the Bank of England
- Sir Paul Jenkins KCB QC, The Treasury Solicitor, HM Procurator General and Head of the Government Legal Service
- Claire Harvey, FSA Head of Corporate Responsibility and Captain of the team GB Women's Sitting Volleyball team

Many LGBT networking groups exist, but the aim of Radius Business is to promote business and personal development opportunities, whilst breaking down stereotypes in the wider LGBT community. Radius Business director, Patrick Voss, commented, "Managers always talk about the importance of strong leadership, but this can come in all forms. For the LGBT community, inspiration from senior gay and lesbian role models in the Public Sector can be difficult to find, but this event shows clearly that there are multiple ways of building leadership experience into your career, so you don't have to always follow the norm."

Spencer Dale, Executive Director and Chief Economist at the Bank of England added: “At the Bank of England, we recognise that our future leaders come from a diverse pool of talent. Engaging with groups such as Radius and providing a supportive environment for our LGBT staff is a key part of the Bank’s equality and diversity commitment.”

Matthew Corder, Co-chair of the Bank of England’s LGBT network said: “It’s great to be able to host an event for our LGBT staff and their colleagues in an open environment that focuses on leadership as a key career development issue. Bringing together senior civil servants and aspiring leaders from across the public sector also allows staff to build a strong personal network, which can only help build their confidence and expertise in the future.”

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Notes to Editors

1. For details about the event, please contact Patrick Voss, Director, Radius Business on 07939 201933 or patrick@radius-business.com
2. Media enquiries should be made to the Bank’s Press Office (Rosey Jeffery) on 020 7601 4411.
3. The event is being held at the Bank of England Museum on Monday October 15th at 6.00pm. Senior Civil Servants can register at www.radius-business.com or contact patrick@radius-business.com for more details.
4. Radius Business – www.radius-business.com Radius is a business network that helps individuals and organisations discover business opportunities by connecting their professional and personal networks. We are aligned to the Lesbian, Gay Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) and straight-ally communities and aim to support them to build their personal and business networks and show the LGBT community as a valuable business network in its own right.