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## **Bank of England wins public sector category of Financial Mail's Breaking the Mould awards**

Last night, the Bank of England won the public sector category of the Financial Mail's Breaking the Mould awards. The awards, held in association with the 30% Club, were set up to celebrate those companies doing the most to create a pipeline of female leaders of the future. The Bank beat off tough competition from the other public sector category finalists, the Home Office and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue.

The judges were said to be impressed by the Bank's clear commitment to increasing gender diversity, evident through its strong senior management sponsorship and commitment to the cause.

Catherine Brown, who collected the award on behalf of the Bank, said: "This is an excellent achievement for the Bank. It provides external recognition of our commitment to ensure an inclusive approach to recruitment, flexible working and providing an environment which supports all staff in the Bank to reach their full potential. There's still more we can do, but this award marks a significant milestone in our progress."

Lisa Buckingham OBE, editor of Financial Mail said: "The quality of entries has been impressive and it is tremendously encouraging to hear of the array of schemes underway. Our awards not only recognise forward thinking companies with the most creative pipelines but encourage a sharing of best practice so that all companies will see what can be done and in time seek to emulate the very finest of what is being celebrated at these awards."

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### **Notes to Editors**

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2. For more information about the awards, contact [gayner.pengelly@mailonsunday.co.uk](mailto:gayner.pengelly@mailonsunday.co.uk) or see the Financial Mail's website <http://www.fmwf.com/media-type/news/2013/02/winners-of-financial-mail%e2%80%99s-breaking-the-mould-awards-revealed-at-glittering-ceremony/>