



Allied Irish Bank (GB) Birmingham appoints Kathleen Quirke as Corporate Manager
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Allied Irish Bank (GB) Birmingham, recently voted Britain's best business bank for the fifth consecutive time*, is delighted to announce the appointment of Kathleen Quirke as Corporate Manager, specializing in the not-for-profit sector, at its Waterloo Street office.

Recently appointed to further develop Allied Irish Bank (GB)'s extensive involvement with the Public Sector and Charity sectors in the Midlands, Birmingham-born Kathleen started her career with Allied Irish Bank (GB) 27 years ago. Her banking experience spans a wide range of sectors and divisions including retail, commercial and corporate banking.

Commenting on her appointment, Quirke said: "Allied Irish Bank (GB) has a dedicated and specialist Public Sector and Charity team and I am very excited by the prospect of working in this area. My previous roles at the bank have enabled me to develop a very strong approach to relationship banking across a wide range of sectors. I look forward to nurturing lasting relationships with education, Registered Social Landlords and charity clients in the future."

"We are delighted to make such a senior appointment," said Allied Irish Bank (GB) Midlands Area Director, John Wall. "Kathleen will be a valuable addition to our growing Public Sector and Charity team. The ability to build and sustain long-term relationships with our clients is one of the reasons we have been voted Britain's Best Business Bank on each occasion for nearly a decade."

Those interested in a career with Allied Irish Bank (GB), and who can demonstrate a successful track-record in helping small and medium-sized companies achieve their potential, should contact our Human Resources department or go to the careers section of our website, www.aibgb.co.uk/careers for further details.

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For further information or to set up an interview please contact: Vicky Jones or Sara Knudsen on 0207 255 1100 or email Victoria.jones@grayling.co.uk.

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*It has five times been voted "Best Business Bank" - 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 by the Forum of Private Business. This biennial survey looks at the relationship between businesses and their banks. Allied Irish Bank (GB) performed best in 12 of the 18 categories in the most recent survey. The survey clearly demonstrates that successful businesses need a good bank and a good manager. Allied Irish Bank (GB) has proved best in a wide number of categories.

** Allied Irish Bank (GB)'s Public Sector and Charities is a specialist team that provides financing and day to day banking needs for the Charities sector in Britain. The team provides tailored packages to the Charities sector in line with current developments in the sector. Allied Irish Bank (GB) is committed to transparency in our banking relationships and ensuring that costs are kept to a minimum for charity organisations. The Public Sector and Charities team consists of 23 staff.