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The future for individual pensions: A round-table discussion with Steve Bee (Royal London Group), Carl Emmerson (IFS) and Pauline Skypala (Financial Times).
To be held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 from 12:30-2:15pm.

With most of us likely to live well beyond retirement age, the need for a pension might well join death and taxes as one of the few things we can all be certain of. Indeed, the timing of death and the complexities of the UK tax/benefit system make the subject of pensions a “wet towel” job for anyone who hopes to do more than rely on state handouts.

For its latest round-table on this vitally important issue, the CSFI has assembled three people well acquainted with the minefield that connects state and personal provision for old age. They have agreed to help guide us through it from a public policy and an individual point of view:

- Steve Bee is head of pensions strategy at the Royal London Group. In 2006 and 2007, he won awards for his outstanding contribution to the pensions industry, and the previous two years he was Industry Personality of the Year. He writes for Pensions Week, Pensions Management and Money Marketing – and produces cartoons, including “Penpushers’ Progress”. His BeeHive website, dedicated to explaining pensions gobbledegook, attracts more than 28,000 visits a month.
- Carl Emmerson is deputy director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and an editor of its famous Green Budget. He is IFS programme director on pensions, saving and public finances, and advises the House of Commons Work and Pensions Select Committee. His recent research includes the effect of UK pension reform on inequality, retirement behaviour, labour market mobility and incentives to save.
- Pauline Skypala is the editor of FTfm. Previously, she was the deputy editor of the personal finance section of the Financial Times and before that, investment editor of Fyourmoney.com. In 2003, she won the award of Pensions Journalist of the Year at the Headline Money Awards.

I am sure this is going to be a very lively discussion, so do come along - and bring a colleague. As usual, wine and sandwiches will be provided. Please let us know by calling (020 7493 0173) or by emailing carla@csfi.org.uk.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Fuller
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