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## Bejoy Pal named New CEO of Ascension Trust



Bejoy became a Christian at the age of 14 and is a member of Christchurch Purley where he has served as a Youth Leader in the Youth Team for nearly two decades and more recently as a speaker/preacher.

Bejoy graduated from Portsmouth University with a Bachelor of Science in Sports and Exercise.

Having a heart and passion for the church and community Bejoy's voluntary experience has included being a sports coach in local schools in Portsmouth whilst at university; working as a team member on mission trips to Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda; volunteering for Camp International Ltd on a sports development expedition for primary schools in Kenya; as an Events Volunteer at Spring Harvest and as a volunteer at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Bejoy serves as a Senior Street Pastor in Croydon and as a School Pastor for Lambeth School Pastors.

Bejoy has long had a heart for working in the Christian sector, working for a number of years at the Manna Christian Centre in Streatham progressing from a Sales Assistant to Assistant Manager.

Bejoy joined Ascension Trust as an Administrative Assistant in January 2015. Such were his evident skills that by October 2015 Bejoy's role was revised to take on responsibilities as the Youth Development Officer and from January 2016 his role was revised further when he was appointed the National School and College Pastors

Coordinator and Youth Development Officer to encompass another area of the Ascension Trust portfolio of initiatives on which he could make his mark.

Under Bejoy's management, School Pastors is Ascension Trust's fastest growing initiative and is now operating in 34 areas. Bejoy has been key in developing a new model of School Pastor initiative where a single church with sufficient numbers of volunteers can partner with a local school to run a School Pastors initiative.

As the Youth Development Officer Bejoy has also contributed to the development of the 60/40 Youth Project in Lambeth which has included overseeing youth club activities and holiday clubs for young people living in the Brixton and Clapham Park area. This project is run in partnership with the Lambeth Methodist Circuit, London City Mission and Young Lives.

Since his arrival at Ascension Trust Bejoy has shown great leadership skills and is well loved and respected by his colleagues. His succession to the role of CEO is endorsed by his colleagues and the Board of Trustees of Ascension Trust.

Bejoy will take up the role as CEO in January 2022. Let us continue to pray for Bejoy as he embarks on this new stage of his journey leading Ascension Trust as he takes the organisation forward under God's direction.

**Femi Ladega,**  
**Chair of the Board of Trustees & the Senior Management Team of Ascension Trust**

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