



NEW DIRECTOR FOR LEARN ENGLISH AT HOME

Jenny Irish will join Learn English at Home (LEAH) on 14 January 2019, following six years at Central London Samaritans where she is currently the Head of Branch Operations. Jenny takes over as Director from Kate Brown, who is moving on to another opportunity after four years.

LEAH's Chair of Trustees, Richard Williams, said: "I am delighted to welcome Jenny to LEAH who has several years of senior management experience and a track record of delivering high quality services in the not for profit sector. The Trustees look forward to working with her to create an even more sustainable and vibrant organisation fit to meet the challenges of developing our services in today's complex environment."

Jenny, pictured below, will lead LEAH through a period of strategic change, forging new partnerships and extending our home-based 1:1 language support for isolated ethnic minority adults together with our complementary community classes.



As Head of Branch Operations Jenny has led the strategic and operational development of Central London Samaritans to ensure its sustainability in a competitive funding environment. She has been responsible for the operations, staff and finances in the largest Samaritans branch in the UK, to maintain a 24-hour volunteer-led service across text, email, phone, face-to-face and outreach emotional support services.

Speaking about her new appointment, Jenny said: "I am incredibly excited about joining LEAH at this time with the government's focus on integration. It highlights the need for language support for new arrivals in our communities. I look forward to becoming a champion of LEAH's model that brings together immigrants with existing residents like their volunteer tutors."

About us

Learn English at Home is a local charity supporting isolated ethnic minority adults with low English levels in South West London. Our trained and vetted volunteers offer bespoke ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) lessons 1:1 in clients' homes and, where we identify a gap in local provision, to small group classes in community settings.

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