



Press Release

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Suzy Lamplugh Trust announces appointment of new CEO

The national personal safety charity, Suzy Lamplugh Trust, is delighted to announce that Steven Gauge has been appointed as their new Chief Executive. Currently Chief Executive of regional environmental charity Groundwork Southwark and Lambeth, Steven will replace Julie Bentley, who after 4 years at the head of the Trust is moving to take up the post of Chief Executive of fpa (Family Planning Association).

Commenting on the appointment Lawrie Philpott, Chairman of Suzy Lamplugh Trust said,

“We are delighted with Steven’s appointment as Chief Executive of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust - which heralds our move into the next stage of the Trust’s development. Steven has an excellent track record of leading a similar sized regional charity as well as a positive and enthusiastic approach. Steven will be highly instrumental in continuing the strategy of extending our delivery of personal safety services and extending our geographic reach”.

Commenting on his successful appointment Steven, said:

"The Suzy Lamplugh Trust has an impressive reputation as the leading voice on personal safety for everyone, which is important to me. As a man I am very conscious of the fact that, contrary to what many mistakenly believe, personal safety is not just a women's issue.

"The charity has a dedicated team of staff and volunteers and a strong board of trustees. I am really looking forward to working with them all to build on their success to date and lead the next phase of the organisation's development."

Steven joins the Suzy Lamplugh Trust today (10th December 2007).

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Notes to Editors:

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, a registered charity, is the leading charity for personal safety. The Trust works to raise awareness of the importance of personal safety in order to help people to avoid violence and aggression and live safer, more confident lives.

The Trust works alongside government, the police, the educational establishment, public bodies and the business sector to encourage safety wherever people may be at risk - in the home, at work, in public and in schools and colleges, on public transport and when travelling at home or abroad.