

Agenda item 5: Election of new trustees



Atul Manek joins ECF following a 30-year career in financial services, mainly in investment management.

He is also a qualified chartered accountant. In addition to becoming a Trustee, Atul has also set up a charitable fund to start his family's giving journey to support charities in Essex and internationally.

"I was introduced to ECF by my financial adviser, and I quickly realised that they could help me to achieve my charitable aims. I was so inspired by their work that when I saw they were advertising for Trustees, I applied.

"I was delighted to be invited to join the Board of Trustees and I am really looking forward to learning about the non-profit sector and using my skills and experience to help the Foundation build on what it has already achieved."



Emma Goode a social media consultant and owner of the digital marketing agency 24 fingers, is bringing her communications expertise to the Board.

"When I first learnt about ECF and its role in supporting local charities and community groups, I was really impressed." said Emma.

"I was born in Essex, started my business here and the most of my clients are Essex-based. I have huge sense of pride for the county and look forward to helping ECF broaden its reach so that more people can know about them and the great work of local charities."



Soumya Krishna Kumar is involved in the Young Trustee Movement. During the COVID-19 pandemic she launched The Crisis Project after, an innovative project that enabled people to volunteer and send letters of thanks to NHS workers, while not leaving their homes.

"Having had my own experience of running a not-for-profit organisation, I really wanted to take that next step and become a charity Trustee.

"I saw the advert for ECF and it felt like a perfect fit as they support such a wide range of causes, but with a focus of helping to improve the lives of people in Essex. I can't wait to get started."