

The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts (SFCT) is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Bell as its new Director. Rob succeeds Alan Bookbinder, who is leaving to become Master of Downing College, Cambridge. Rob will join SFCT towards the end of August 2018.

Rob has 20 years' experience working in the social sector. He has had Director roles at the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the Carnegie UK Trust, and for the last 12 months has been Director of the London Emergencies Trust, a charity providing grants to support those bereaved and injured following the terrorist attacks at Westminster Bridge, London Bridge, Finsbury Park, Parsons Green, and the fire at Grenfell Tower. Earlier in his career he was an academic, and then a civil servant in the Cabinet Office and Department for Education. He is a trustee of Coram's Fields, JustRight Scotland, the Snowline Foundation and a fellow of the Social Change Initiative.

Lord David Sainsbury, Chairman of the Management Committee of the SFCT:

"I am delighted that Robert Bell will be joining the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts as the new Director. He has all the skills and experience to do the job, as well as sharing the values on which the work of the Trusts is built, and we are looking forward to working with him.

Alan Bookbinder has been Director of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts for eleven years, and has overseen wisely and creatively the spending out of some of the older trusts, as well as the development of some on the newer ones, and we wish him well in his new job"

Robert Bell, incoming Director, said:

"I am very pleased to have been appointed as the Director of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts. The trusts' support for charitable causes over more than 50 years represents one of the leading examples of sustained philanthropy in Britain. I look forward to getting to know staff and trustees, and bringing my skills and experience to continue the excellent work that Alan has carried out over the last ten years or so"

Announcement ends.