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### **CENTREPOINT, BASEL ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT**

Basel, 18. March 2022 - Centrepoint, the English-speaking community hub located at the Lohnhof in the heart of Basel, announced today that Maryann Barnacle is taking over as its President.

Maryann commented: "I thank members for giving me the opportunity to take on the custodianship of Centrepoint. I want to encourage new members and dispel the myth that Centrepoint is just for expats - 25% of our members are Swiss. Whatever your nationality, whether you are passing through or here to stay, Centrepoint welcomes you."

#### About Centrepoint

Centrepoint is a friendly, multinational community, connected by a desire to interact socially in English. It provides an inclusive, safe environment, where members from over 40 countries gain a sense of belonging both to Centrepoint and the Basel region through participating in a diverse range of activities and social events. As well as regular weekly coffee mornings and monthly evening apéros, activities include evening talks, trips to local and national organisations, various creative groups, and conversation groups in six different languages. The Verein was a recipient of the **schappo** in 2017, an award bestowed by the city of Basel to those who stand up for others and show exceptional voluntary commitment to promoting the quality of life in Basel. To learn more about Centrepoint, please visit our website at [www.centrepoint.ch](http://www.centrepoint.ch)

#### About Maryann Barnacle

A member since 2011, Maryann joined the all-volunteer organization after moving to Basel to take on the position of Global Head of Compensation & Benefits with Syngenta. Following her early retirement at the end of 2017, Maryann started volunteering at Centrepoint and has held a variety of positions in the areas of Communications and Activities. Maryann, British by birth, has recently had her application for Swiss citizenship accepted.

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