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# Issue 7

## From the Editor

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Journal. This is our seventh edition and we are really pleased that you find it interesting and thought provoking, and that so many of you are willing to submit articles to share with colleagues. As Ann has said, this is a very exciting time for those working in the area of disability equality and we are delighted that Eileen Daly has provided us with the plans for the disability movement. I hope you will spread the word and encourage people to get involved. We have two articles this time on student mental health which provide really helpful information from the student perspective. I hope you enjoy a good read.

Barbara Waters, Editor May, 2018

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