

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Readers,

I would like to start by thanking you for your support to this journal over the years.

Some of you have been readers since its inception over 3 decades ago. I am one of those (old) people whose practical work has benefited from the wide variety of articles that are published. These have been a source of inspiration and have contributed to shaping ideas, vision and practice. Besides, being one among the thousands who read this journal means you realise you are not the last of the Mohicans; it is reassuring to know that there are others who are facing similar challenges and that solutions are also possible for many of those challenges.

For a while this journal has had its home within the Liliane Foundation and we are very thankful for that. However, although publishing a journal could contribute in various ways to the fulfilment of the dream that an organisation may have, it is not part of the core business of most development organisations, including the Liliane Foundation. I have therefore been in discussions for the University of Gondar, in Ethiopia, to take over the responsibility of publishing this journal. In principle there is an agreement to go forward. This development is of pertinent importance as it ensures that the journal becomes the responsibility of a knowledge institute. It also means that in the near future donors need to be found to support the journal financially, as the Liliane Foundation has done so far. While the Liliane Foundation may be willing – at least in the transition phase - to continue to co-fund the journal, there is hope for co-funding by another donor organisation working in the field of disability and development.

This is all positive news but there are no guarantees as yet, especially about the funding. I therefore wish to appeal to you all for help! This can be done in various ways: you could, for instance, convince your organisation to financially support the publication of the journal; you could share ideas with me as editor-in-chief; you could advertise or persuade businesses to advertise in the journal, for which there will of course be some charge. Finally, those who can afford it could financially support the journal with any amount they choose.

I hope that my inbox will soon be flooded with ideas and offers of commitment!

Your editor-in-chief,

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