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# Issue 5

## From the Editor

Welcome to the Spring edition of the AHEAD Journal. It's been good to read all the articles submitted and to meet so many of you at the Dublin conference.

Renewed inspiration is always welcome, and we have that in abundance in Alan Hurst's article on the five key influences on his working life. Why not send in your 'desert island favourites' – we would love to have them. An opportunity for reflection is also offered by Adam Hyland in his piece on enablement.

Transition continues to be a theme, and in this edition we have articles on students on the autistic spectrum, the latest on the Junior Cycle and inclusion, and a catch up on apprenticeships.

Universal Design, reasonable adjustments and assessment continue to be of interest. We have some practical experiences of Assistive Technology, and Caroline McGrotty gives us an important insight into the experiences of Deaf students. We are always ready and willing to receive your suggestions for articles and to help you with the process in any way we can. Just contact Lorraine at [lorraine.gallagher@ahead.ie](mailto:lorraine.gallagher@ahead.ie)

I hope you enjoy a good read.

With best wishes,

Barbara Waters, Editor May, 2017



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