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## From the Editor

Welcome to the Autumn 2017 edition of the AHEAD Journal. Following on from Ann Heelan's introduction to the Digital Badge for Universal Design in Teaching and Learning in the Journal 5 edition, we are now able to bring you the latest information both on the work of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning from Roisin Donnelly and Terry Maguire, and AHEAD's work on rolling out the learning materials for the Digital Badge to the sector, from Dara Ryder. Linked with analysis on implementation of National Access Policy from Anna Kelly, we hope you will feel well informed and able to share this important information with colleagues. The latest news from the WAM programme highlights developments to support Deaf sign language users into work. As always we welcome ideas and actions from colleagues around the world. I do hope you enjoy a good read. Do keep sending in your ideas for articles, we really enjoy reading them. There is no need to wait - we are happy to hear from you at any time, and to offer help and advice.

Barbara Waters, Editor

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