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## Issue 2

### From the Editor

Here we are with the second edition of the AHEAD Journal. Thank you for your positive comments on the first edition (still available on the AHEAD website if you missed it [www.ahead.ie](http://www.ahead.ie)). I am overwhelmed with the range of work that is going on, and for your willingness to share it with colleagues.

Once again we have a really interesting mix of articles, photos and art work. Thanks for Dr Tim Cordes for his reflections on our perceptions, and do have a look at Ray Watson's amazing illustrations! Colleagues Michael Seery and Alan Hurst continue our theme of looking at the impact of universal design/ inclusive teaching and learning and Terry Maguire gives an up to date on the work of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. There is a good range of work with students with varied disabilities and experiences. AHEAD keeps up the all important employer input with an entertaining exchange with Leslee O'Loughlin from Enterprise RentA- Car. AHEAD is also to be congratulated on its work tracking the data on inclusion of students with disabilities, a sample of which is included in this edition. The whole report can be found at <http://www.ahead.ie/datacentre>

This edition includes a book review, and we would be glad to hear about books you have enjoyed, or from volunteers willing to write reviews. Contact our sub-editor [lorraine.gallagher@ahead.ie](mailto:lorraine.gallagher@ahead.ie) for details on how to submit an article, or with suggestions of topics you would like to hear more about. We would love to hear what you think of the Journal, and would greatly appreciate you taking a short online survey. I do hope you enjoy this edition of the Journal and have had a relaxing summer break.

Barbara Waters, Editor, September, 2015



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