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**From the Editor**

Welcome to Journal 9, this is our second edition in our new web-based format, thank you for your encouraging comments on the new design. Don’t forget you can retweet any articles you particularly like to your friends. Each article has its own individual web page making it easy to share single articles with colleagues and friends and we’ve made it as simple as possible to post directly from the Journal to your social channels by featuring a handy share bar in the navigation pane at the side of each article.

It’s been a busy Spring and we bring you the results of the John Kelly Award, and I have taken the opportunity to give you my impressions of the recent AHEAD conference.

The culmination in years of work has resulted in the launch of Ireland’s first Technological University, and Larry McNutt celebrates this with a poem.

Universal design continues as a theme and it’s particularly important for those educators in professional areas where teaching includes theory and practice, like nursing. So we welcome the detailed experiences of colleagues in Ireland and UK on Nurse Education.

The experiences of young adults with Autism are particularly highlighted with two articles in this edition.

I hope you enjoy this very full edition of Journal 9, and wishing you a very Happy Easter.

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