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Firstly a big thank you to Ann Heelan for her reflections as she stands down as CE of AHEAD. I shall miss her opening letters to all readers of the AHEAD Journal. However, we can look forward to Dara Ryder taking up post as CEO in 2020 and his first letter to Journal readers in the Spring 2020 edition (Journal 11).

This edition covers a range of activities from Ireland, UK and the USA, including Universities sharing their initiatives; student Erk Gunce talking about how we should consider forms of address; a range of articles reflecting on workplace issues; and communications through technology and sign language. I hope you all find something to discover and engage with. And please do share the Journal with colleagues though the web formats. We love to read your tweets and retweets too!

Seasons Greetings from the editorial team and everyone at AHEAD



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