

The AHP chair's page

Dear Friends,

Self & Society continues to provide a vital voice for Humanistic Psychology. It consistently offers a challenge to all who are interested in exploring human capacity and potential with a view to enhancing both the individual and society. Its contents are a richly varied, thought-provoking resource of articles, discussions, poems and book reviews which regularly raise searching questions in the field of Humanistic Psychology.

The AHPB Board – Adrian Barker, Dina Glouberman, myself [Chair] and Richard House – strive hard to maintain the organization in a sound and forward-looking way. We are deeply indebted to Richard House, who is stepping down as *Self & Society*'s co-editor, a role he has undertaken with David Kalisch, and previously with Jennifer Maidman as well, over the last five years. Richard has worked tirelessly, continuously promoting *Self & Society* and the field of Humanistic Psychology. His vital contribution has been in helping establish *Self & Society* as a major high-quality international journal in the field of Humanistic Psychology that has retained the critical, radical, leading-edge thinking that the field at its best represents, and which is now published by Routledge, a global academic publisher. We have surely benefited from Richard's commitment, dedication and the enormous enthusiasm he has brought during his tenure.

The Board is also extremely grateful to our volunteer, Dominique Fray-Aitken (research student at Roehampton University), who has also recently stepped down. The administrative work she has done in assisting the volunteer administrator, Anne Goodhew, is greatly appreciated. Anne has overseen the subscription base since February. Her tireless and enthusiastic work is hugely appreciated by the Board; her contribution is vital to the continuing development of the AHPB as a sound organization able to meet its obligations to Routledge, and making sure that online access to the whole digitized archive is available to subscribers and members.

More volunteers are required to help AHPB with building a sound base for the promotion of Humanistic Psychology. Anyone with a few hours to spare each week is very welcome. In particular, help with the administration of the subscription base is required. Volunteers will be given free membership of the AHPB, including receipt of the journal.

The Board would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming a Trustee on the AHPB Board. Please do get in touch if you want to make a difference by joining this innovative leading-edge organization.

The AHPB is more important than ever. The ongoing challenging nature of the organization is vital at a time of apparent contraction. Latterly with political uncertainty, ongoing austerity, spikes in hate crime since the European Union referendum, and, for some, a mistrust of the 'other', voices questioning received wisdom, and advocating all kinds of creativity, are essential at a time when it is easy for fear to have the upper hand. In this context, questions about what it means to be an individual, to be a compassionate and caring society and to be open and tolerant, are of central concern to the AHPB and its voice, *Self & Society*.

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