



The AHP Chair's page

Dear Friends,

Self & Society is the voice of the Association of Humanistic Psychology (AHP). It offers its global readership broad-ranging, challenging and provocative articles, poems and book reviews. Its value cannot be underestimated in these turbulent, uncertain and exciting times. This critically acclaimed publication is of interest to all those who wish to question prevailing attitudes, and explore human capacity and potential, with the aim of enhancing both the individual and society, the central concern of Humanistic Psychology.

The hardworking co-editors Gillian Proctor and David Kalisch lead the ongoing production at the consistently high standard that the journal has reached. They continue to oversee the provision of a variety of perspectives at a time when a narrowing outlook in some quarters is increasingly bigoted and hostile to the 'other'. In this context, *Self & Society* offers a refreshing alternative voice and counterview.

The Board of Trustees – Adrian Barker, Dina Glouberman, Richard House and myself (Chair) – support the committed and dedicated editors in this work. We are dedicated to maintaining the AHPB as a forward-looking organization with a sound basis. We are enthusiastic in our bid to make sure that the high quality and significance of *Self & Society* continues, by embracing the leading-edge radical thinking offered by Humanistic Psychology.

We are also keen to promote Humanistic Psychology with events to which subscribers and others are welcome. We are very excited to announce our forthcoming conference – 'Expanding a Humanistic Vision for a 21st Century Psychology' (see pp 383–385) – which will also see the launch of *Humanistic Psychology: Current Trends and Future Prospects* edited by Richard House, David Kalisch and Jennifer Maidman, to be published by Routledge in August. This event is being held Saturday 7 October 2017 at the Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London. It will be co-chaired by Richard House (AHP) and Derek Lawton (AHPP). The keynote speaker for the conference is Maureen O'Hara. Other speakers include Dina Glouberman, Jill Hall, Robin Shohet and David Wasdell. Themes covered will include Humanistic Psychology and activism, visioning the future of Humanistic Psychology, climate change, Humanistic Psychology 'outside the box' and the evolution of consciousness. There will be an open plenary chaired by John Rowan, with a panel of book contributors. The day will conclude with music from Jennifer Maidman and Annie Whitehead. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

To make this all possible, a well-managed database is crucial to the sound future of AHPB. This work is undertaken by Anne Goodhew whose enthusiasm and commitment is enormously appreciated by the Board. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work in her post as administrator. Her contribution to the continuing development of the organization cannot be overestimated. She ensures that the organization is able to fulfil its obligations to Routledge and allow subscribers and members access to the digitized online archive of the journal since 1973.

The income from subscriptions pays for the costs of publication online and for making sure all members receive a hard copy. AHPB currently owes Routledge for copies published since January 2016. So please be sure to check that your subscription is for the full amount and up to date. To set up your annual membership for the future, please go to the website

<http://ahpb.org/index.php/become-a-member/> and follow the instructions to pay on the renewal form, using your name as reference for the payment where requested (e.g. by BACS). There are several ways to pay, including PayPal.

If you have time to spare and feel you would like to help in any way, please do get in touch. Assistance is especially needed with maintaining the subscription base. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who would like to volunteer for a few hours each week. Volunteers will have free membership.

The Board would also be delighted to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining the AHPB Board. If you want to be part of this innovative organization and its challenge to the status quo, please do get in touch.

AHPB is an exciting organization to be part of. It raises vital questions regarding creativity, education and well-being which are central to the voice of *Self & Society* and are more important than ever in this time of uncertainty. This enquiry is vital as an expression of love, openness and tolerance, with difference welcomed. Such exploration includes questions raised concerning what it is to be an individual in an open compassionate society and is as important now as it was when the first issue was published in 1973.

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