

## AHPb Chair's Page

Dear Friends,

*Self & Society* remains a vital and important voice in these troubled times as it continues to challenge mainstream attitudes. Since the first issue in 1973 the critically acclaimed journal of the AHPb has brought stimulating, thought-provoking articles, poetry and book reviews to its global readership. It will appeal to anyone interested in Humanistic Psychology, with its exploration of human capacity and potential, and its aim of enhancing both society and the individual.

In the last three years our straitened circumstances have allowed us to produce the hard-copy journal twice-yearly rather than quarterly, with the complementary production of our bi-annual online magazine, the first issue of which was published in the spring of 2018. The board of trustees – Dina Glouberman and myself (Chair) – appreciate enormously the tireless commitment and dedication of Richard House, our fellow board member, who since January of this year, has taken on the role of editor of both publications. The board also wishes to express heart-felt thanks to Carrie Bremner for her outstanding work in designing the cover of the journal and magazine. Contributions for both publications are always welcome.

We are also hugely indebted to Adrian Barker for his technical input in the designing and production of the content of the journal, magazine and website.

In our bid to promote Humanistic Psychology it had been our intention to hold a conference in November 2019 with the same theme – *Engaging Our Hearts in Dangerous Times* – as

the bi-monthly workshops held on Wednesday evenings at the wonderful Study Centre in London during 2019. However, owing to a low number of bookings, perhaps due to the timing of the General Election and Brexit preoccupations, we had to cancel the event, but plan to host it online if the Covid lockdown continues to prevent substantial face-to-face gatherings. It is anticipated that as with the originally planned conference, this will be held with the AHPP and the Independent Practitioners Network. Watch this space for further information.

None of this would be possible without our small, dedicated team committed to ensuring that the AHPb continues to be a forward-looking and sustainable organisation. Of vital importance is a well-managed data base, which is maintained by Anne Goodhew, to whom heartfelt thanks are due. Anne ensures that subscribers receive their hard copy of the journal and have online access to the archive and magazine.

The administrative work, accounting, editing, designing and production have a cost. So please make sure that your subscription is up to date, and for the full amount. If you have any queries about this, please email [admin@ahpb.org](mailto:admin@ahpb.org).

All offers of help are very welcome, including from anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the AHPb Board. Volunteers will be given a free membership. Please get in touch if you have a few hours to spare.

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