

## *Editorial*

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Welcome to the first issue of the Interconnections Quarterly Journal. IQJ is the newest part of the Interconnections Information Service and is designed for everyone who works with babies, children and young people who have special needs – and their families.

By everyone we mean therapists, teachers, nurses, social workers, classroom assistants, family-support workers, doctors, children's centre staff, members of child development teams, psychologists, play workers, students, etc. This includes practitioners, managers, chief executives and elected officers who work in statutory, voluntary and private agencies, or in disability, campaigning and parent organisations.

This is a wide intended readership because it embraces all of the people and organisations that families encounter when their child

requires ongoing multiple interventions. For support to be effective, these people have to come together in a collective effort for each child and family. IQJ is designed as place where we can all learn about each other and with each other so that we are more able to participate in that collective effort. When we understand each other better we can work together – just as disabled people and their families expect us to.

I am very grateful to all of the writers who have taken the risk of putting their name to this new venture. I hope you will feel the risk they have taken is justified. For my part, I am very proud of each article. If you have time, I welcome any feedback and suggestions.

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