
Editorial

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Reading through the articles within this issue raised two points of note for me. The first of these was the 'passion' each author displayed within their article for the topic they were discussing. This passion was most evident in the second point of note, which was that each author was striving for change or improvement in the subject they were discussing.

Passion and striving for change are two hallmarks of professional social work. Being passionate means being engaged, involved, caring, and being affected by that to which one is connected, aligned or attached. Arguably, it has been a passion for social work which has underpinned and shaped social work's development into a profession and this is what differentiates professional social workers, who strive for the betterment of clients and society, by working for change with people and within their social environments, from bureaucratic functionaries, who provide socially sanctioned welfare services. In short, professional social workers and the social work profession aspire in their work with people to make both 'the client's world' and 'the world' better.

With regard to the articles in this issue, the first three concern social work supervision and take the total number of articles published on this subject within the past 20 years, in both *Social Work Review* and *Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work* to 28. In the lead article Jo Hutchings explores the implications of state registration upon social work supervision and provides a timely and thought-provoking commentary on this subject. The next article focuses specifically on improving social work supervision within the profession and reports the findings from a survey conducted amongst Association members, whereas the third article written by Margaret Morrell revisits the process of negotiating the relationship within supervision and the need for personalised rather than standardised contracts and agreements. Overall, when read together these three articles encourage the reader to strive for the best possible supervision.

The second group of articles displays a social change focus from three different perspectives. Paula Crean and Mary Ann Baskerville report a small-scale research study about community advocacy. Susan Booth, on the other hand, advocates for Just Therapy for women released from prison, and blends her reflection on practice with this client group with a deep desire to improve the situation of these women through social and community change. The final article by Tony Stanley and Stephanie Kelly presents the development of a teaching and practice toolkit for conducting a sociological analysis in social work practice. Taken together this group of articles reminds us of the importance of 'social change' in social work.

The six articles together emphasise the passion for excellence that inspires so many social workers in our efforts to achieve social justice for those with whom we work.