

Welcome to the Autumn 2010 edition of the Journal of Occupational Psychology, Employment and Disability (JOPED), which is the last time it will be published in its current format. As many of you will know, JOPED has evolved steadily over its 11 year history in ways that reflect a changing readership profile and advances in publishing technologies. Further change is required to ensure the journal can contribute effectively to the sharing of research and good practice with practitioners, academics and related stakeholders in the fields of work and health.

### **What are the key changes?**

First, the journal will now be known simply by its JOPED acronym. This is being done to retain what we think is a well-established name, while at the same time recognising that it now serves a much wider health, work and wellbeing constituency than when first conceived as an in-house publication for occupational psychologists working in the field of employment and disability within the UK government's job-broking service.

Second, JOPED will be published solely via the Department for Work and Pensions' website ([www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/joped](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/joped)) rather than using a commercial online publishing house as we have done in the past. The benefit of this change is that we can offer all journal content free of charge, and we will also have the flexibility to publish articles at any time during the calendar year.

### **What will stay the same?**

JOPED will continue to publish peer-reviewed articles and other contributions submitted by psychologists within government as well as professionals and policy makers working in the sphere of health, work and wellbeing. We will also continue to encourage individuals and groups who have ideas, applied practice and news items to share, but who would not normally consider publishing their work.

### **The Autumn 2010 edition**

Returning to the content of this edition, we begin with an article on group-work processes by Richard Hooper and colleagues in Jobcentre Plus' London and South East regions. The paper uses a rather novel musical analogy which we think will strike the 'right chord' with many of our readers. Amy Pennington follows this with the results of a literature review on disability disclosure in an employment context. While acknowledging it is not a complete review of the topic area, the editors feel it offers good value as a starting point for anyone interested in the subject.

The news digest section has two contributions. In the first, James O'Malley provides an update of the European-funded TRAVORS project in which public and private sector UK organisations have worked closely with four European training partners to develop and trial innovative vocational rehabilitation training products. In the second, David Carew reports on a presentation about work instability given at the recent National Employment and Health Innovations Network (NEHIN) meeting in York. The quarterly forum is facilitated by the Centre for Mental Health, which coincidentally underwent a name change of its own in the last few months (formerly the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health).

The honour of closing the final edition of the Journal of Occupational Psychology, Employment and Disability belongs to Wendy Fairmainer who, in her second contribution to this edition, reviews a self-motivation coaching workshop that forms part of the 'Learning a Living' programme organised by the British Psychological Society.

We hope you enjoy this edition and that you will continue your support for our new-style JOPED in 2011, and beyond. As ever, please feel free to make contact with contributions and feedback as these will help guarantee the success of the publication.

The JOPED Editors