

Editorial

When we imagine the RTS over the coming years we think of a contemporary, open journal that has an ability to adapt to new ways of thinking and of delivering social work. With this forward-thinking approach, in the previous issue we already embarked on a major transformation. Among other aspects, it became evident in the change of external image, in the adoption of an open process for the receipt of articles and in the incorporation of a peer-review system for the articles submitted. With this issue, and thanks to the backing of the Board of Governors of the Official Association for Social Work in Catalonia, we are going a step further and launching the RTS website: www.revistarts.com.

With this new website we are taking a leap forward in achieving some of the key challenges facing the RTS: improving accessibility, proximity and transparency. Henceforth, it will be much quicker to access the content published, to download and share articles, and it will be much more comfortable to read it using any device and from anywhere.

Moreover, we have incorporated into the platform the submission of articles as well as the ability to follow-up on the assessment process. A system has been conceived that will also make it possible to make indexes in the main bibliographical databases, which constitutes another step in meeting the requirements of scientific publications in the sphere of social sciences. We view the website as a dynamic, living element that will allow us to incorporate gradual enhancements.

The RTS website also encourages communication and visibility on social media. Indeed, this does not refer to publicity –which of itself makes no sense as part of the RTS project– but rather the fact that our online presence enables us to reach many more readers, disseminating and sharing the knowledge generated within the social work sphere.

This commitment to broader, better presence in the digital realm is not to the detriment of the physical publication of the journal on paper. We are aware of the value that this format holds for many readers. In a similar vein, we would also not like to think that the automation of certain processes would be construed as a hurdle to the maintaining of individual, direct contact with any individual who wishes to address us.

We know that this website will be the business card of our journal, the RTS image; however, beyond that, it is of particular importance for us that www.revistarts.com becomes an open gateway for receiving and sharing articles and reflections that will enable us to grow together. It should be the gateway to a welcoming forum that promotes networking in conjunction with all the stakeholders from the professional community. To achieve this, we need your help and, as a result, we would once again encourage you to submit research and experiences, to disseminate the RTS and the new website on social media and to send us your comments and proposals to allow us to improve on a continual basis.