

Editorial

The editorial board of *Revista de Treball Social* (RTS)

In this edition, we are pleased to show you the outcome of our initial deeds in charge of the *Revista de Treball Social* (RTS). We have formed a team of individuals to take on the responsibility of directing RTS for the next four years –comprising associates affiliated with official bodies in the professional and academic spheres– and we are represented throughout Catalonia in a way that highlights the genuine commitment to bring RTS closer to everyone in Catalan territory.

Our editorial undertaking entails a commitment to universal dissemination and transfer of the knowledge and practice of social work with regard to social welfare, social rights, public policies, the social protection system and welfare organisations and bodies.

This team acknowledges the accomplishments of previous teams who have helped make RTS a cutting-edge journal; one that is accessible, adapted to new forms of communication and knowledge management, one that promotes critical analysis of social realities and which highlights professional experiences on the basis of practice and research.

The new editorial board wishes to help showcase the efforts of social work professionals as the experts aware of social realities, the promoters of change, the specialists in social intervention, the champions of justice and social equity, and the guarantors of social rights, endowed with the ability to lay out social intervention strategies implemented in shifting contexts.

RTS must deliver for our profession, one that all too often has been compelled to re-define the processes of intervention, seeking to innovate and reinvent itself with a view to tackling vulnerability, which has become more widespread in recent years.

Our journal should serve as a champion for progress in the scientific, theoretical and practical knowledge of social work and other related scientific spheres. Moreover, it should strengthen the advancement of the profession by providing theoretical and concept-based content, practical experiences, and other methodological tools encouraging analysis and reflection on the various fields of action in which social work operates.

RTS must continue to act as a benchmark for the profession and a forum for debate, analysis and knowledge creation based on the systematic structuring of the practice and on applied research. It is vital to foster and encourage participation of professionals to underline, and indeed to showcase the innovative experiences and best practices social work is delivering to deal with the changing needs faced by the various groups we care for in today's dynamic contexts, overshadowed by a host of economic, social and health-related crises.

We are striving to expand the review panel and to involve experts from the national and global arenas. Indeed, to capitalise on talent and expertise the former directors of RTS have joined our editorial advisory board. We would like to showcase this body and lend it greater relevance within the future vision of the journal.

It will be paramount to sustain and enhance the quality of the journal, highlighting the milestones achieved in terms of its indexing via the official RTS website, while also endeavouring further to boost its impact to the extent that it will feature in international databases and on the highest level scientific indices.

We are committed to actively using social media to disseminate RTS and reach other profiles of service users; to continue to pursue work to update the website to meet the needs of the journal at all times; and, most importantly, to continue to expand its readership in Catalonia, Spain and worldwide.

In order for our project to materialise we benefit from the support of the Board of the Official Association of Social Work of Catalonia. We are highly grateful for the trust they have placed in our team. And we also count on our review panel, the editorial advisory board, the columnists and, in particular, the readers who are the be-all and end-all of what we do.

Our team wishes to encourage all official association members to make written contributions and to share their research and experiences via RTS. We hope that you find this issue informative, that you enjoy it and that you discover content and experiences to encourage reflection and professional and academic debate..