

New Journal of Voluntary Sector Research

Much voluntary sector research tends to disappear before it has had chance to reach a wider audience. In some cases, valuable research is being overlooked because there is no specific outlet for it.

The Journal of Voluntary Sector Research is a new peer-reviewed quarterly publication which aims to bring to light the best research carried out by or for the voluntary sector in the UK.

It wants to publish research that appeals to both practitioners and academics, achieving credible standards of scholarship but written for a mixed audience with accessibility in mind.

The new journal will help meet the need for research evidence to underpin good practice and performance improvement in the sector. It will disseminate key research findings to relevant bodies such as charities, universities, statutory agencies and consultants.

The journal has already received a great deal of support. For example, David Brindle, Public Services Editor of The Guardian, has commented, "This is a really interesting and welcome idea." Professor Carole Truman at the University of Bolton said, "I think this is an excellent venture and a much-needed initiative."

The first issue of the new journal will be published in 2008, and the editor would like to invite SRA members to submit suitable articles. Submissions should be between 3,000 and 6,000 words with a short summary of 100-200 words.

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