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SZABINKA DUDEVSKY **EDITORIAL**

The Journal of Social Intervention: Theory and Practice, starts the new decennium with some changes in the editorial team. Fuusje de Graaff lecturer and researcher at the University of Applied Sciences of The Hague left the team, we express our gratitude for her contributions. We would also like to thank Eline Ossevoort for her work as managing editor during 2019. Szabinka Dudevsky, lecturer and researcher at the University of Applied Sciences of Rotterdam, will succeed her as interim managing editor.

In this first issue of 2020 the Journal of Social Intervention shows a strong synergy between the practice-based and theoretically substantiated character of social work.

The issue opens with an article on Youth Initiated Mentoring (YIM) by Levi van Dam, researcher at the University of Amsterdam and Sarah Schwartz, assistant professor of psychology at the Suffolk University of Boston. Natural mentoring relationships are formed organically between youth and important non-parental adults from within their existing social networks. These relationships are thought to strengthen resiliency in youth. The authors describe the program theory and various models for application within the field of universal, selective and indicated prevention. Notably the approach in the Netherlands was invented by Van Dam himself, he is one of the founders of the Dutch JIM foundation, thus creating a hybrid between his work as a scientist and as a practitioner.

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1 The second article is a research contribution by Marieke Verheul, Prof. Maria Van den
2 Muijsenbergh, both working at the Department of Primary and Community Care Radboud
3 university medical center, Igor Van Laere, coordinator of the Netherlands Streetdoctors Group and
4 Will Van Genugten from the Department of Social Work at the University of Applied Sciences of
5 Utrecht. The authors report on a research conducted amongst homeless people in the Netherlands
6 on their self-perceived health problems. They advocate pro-active integrated care to tailor medical
7 and other services to their needs.

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9 In this article as well we see an integration of research, theory and practice. The authors are not
10 only involved as scientific researchers, but are experienced street doctors (Van den Muijsenbergh
11 and Van Laere) and social workers (Van Genugten) too.

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13 The third study underlines the importance of strengthening the knowledge base for social work by
14 scientific research. Practice-based social work research is a relative new approach conducted by the
15 Dutch universities of applied sciences. A group of five authors carried out an extensive research to
16 obtain insight in the nature of this approach. Martine Ganzevles, prof. Daan Andriessen and Wilke
17 Van Beest are all three members of the research group of practice-based research at the University
18 of Applied Sciences of Utrecht. Tine Van Regenmortel and Jaap Van Weeghel are both professor
19 at the University of Tilburg, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. In their study a sample of
20 publications was analysed in terms of knowledge purpose, methodology, and level and type of
21 participation. The result is an interesting overview of the applied methodological approaches which
22 contributes to the ongoing development of social work as a practice-based profession and as an
23 academic discipline targeting at social change and the enhancement of wellbeing.

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25 In March we will publish an issue with Book Reviews and an Innovations in Social Practice and
26 Education article.

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28 Toby Witte, editor-in-chief
29 Szabinka Dudevszky, managing editor ad interim

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