

A Collaborative and Independent Journal at Your Service

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Welcome to this very first issue of *International Journal of Solution-Focused Practices (IJSFP)*. We have had a flying start since the official launch in February and now, September 2013, the first issue is here.

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- *You, the reader*, who will be the reason why this journal will actually survive and thrive also in the years now to come

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This journal is run on the premise that all involved donate their time and experience to support the authors in their writing. *Open access* means that the online issues are freely available. In fact, when you publish in *IJSFP*, all is free. This makes this journal accessible for all practitioners regardless of financial or academic standing. By using this setup, knowledge and results are freely shared and the authors can be sure their text will be available for all who might be interested.

There are, of course, costs involved in the production of any journal, and the plan is to cover the costs with donations via the website. So if you would like to support this project with a donation, it will be much appreciated.

EDITORIAL

Independence

The *IJSFP* is an independent journal, which means it is not the organ for any interest organisation forwarding any one particular point of view of solution-focused practice or any specific philosophical base for the solution-focused model. Instead *IJSFP* is solely dedicated to putting forward the ideas of solution-focused practitioners and researchers as they themselves choose to conceptualise them based in their particular context. This philosophy thereby supports the solution-focused model as a widely used, evidence-based, and safely anchored approach within a growing number of clinical practices, and also follows the spread of the approach into the broader fields of related services.

The hope of *IJSFP* is that it will support practitioners and researchers to openly describe their work and ideas and provide a platform for creative discussions.

For this purpose, *IJSFP* also has set up an open email discussion list (the *IJSFP-list*) in the hope that it will stimulate even further creative discussions, initiations of projects, and collaboration on methodological developments. The email-list service is kindly donated by ICORS and LSoft.

In the first article of this first issue, it therefore seems very appropriate that Gale Miller in his article, “Readers Matter,” points toward how our shared functions as authors, editors, and readers shape and steer the development and the understanding of the solution-focused practices presented in the text of articles. Gale gives us the opportunity to reflect on ourselves as readers.

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