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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the 12th volume of the International Journal of Community Currency Research, and the launch of a new phase of the journal's development.

I am delighted to join the journal as co-editor, and look forward to working towards a strengthened, vibrant and diverse journal. To this end, there have been some changes in the journal, the most obvious one being an overhaul of the website. We have also relocated the journal to the University of East Anglia's School of Environmental Sciences, where it sits comfortably within a department known for its research on sustainable development, climate change and environmental politics. In addition, we are pleased to welcome a new Editorial Advisory Board consisting of academics in the field of community currency research, and experienced activists well-versed in the practicalities of setting up and running community currency schemes. Together we aim to build on the good work of the journal to date, and inject fresh ideas and initiatives over the coming months, and we welcome your feedback.

We kick off the 2008 volume with the latest annual report from the Worldwide Database of Complementary Currency systems, which demonstrates that the movement is growing in size and diversity across the globe, evolving and spreading to meet a wide range of social, economic and environmental needs. On the basis of this report, it is clear that there is much work to be done, documenting, understanding and assessing the performance of these grassroots initiatives, and scoping out their growth potential.

This journal remains committed to publishing robust analysis of community currency practices from around the world, and making this work widely available and accessible. As always, we welcome contributions from both academics and practitioners, and we see a valuable part of our role as being a communication bridge between the two, often separate, camps. As a tool to spread ideas, share experience, deepen understanding and promote critical thinking about community currency theory and practice, the IJCCR is unrivalled.

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Co-Editor