

# Editorial

Welcome to issue one of *Synergy* for 2024. We hope you find this issue supportive and inspiring. As always, we are pleased to bring you ideas and views from a range of commentators and practitioners, from both SLAV members and overseas colleagues.

*Synergy's* Board is a supportive and enthusiastic committee that contributes ideas and views to the journal, reviews articles upon request, writes reviews, and generally keep an eye on the journal and its contents. We are forever grateful for their input and efforts. In this editorial, on behalf of the board, I would like to farewell and thank a member of the board who is stepping down after her long service in the role.

Camilla Elliott has been a member of the board for many years, regularly attending meetings and always offering wise and considered advice. She was also the author of the Learning Landscapes section of the journal from 2009 to 2011 and in 2019 contributed a standalone article on her action research. Camilla has also been a regular and reliable reviewer, contributing more than 10 resource reviews between 2009 and 2022. Camilla has been an active, dedicated, and staunch supporter of *Synergy* and we thank her for her enormous contribution to the journal and our profession.

In this first edition for 2024 I would also like to thank and introduce our guest author of the [Reflections and Actions](#) section for this year. Sarah Pavey, a UK commentator, will be known to many. Last year, we published an article from Sarah entitled [AI bots: Our secret weapon for information literacy, info smarts and global thinking!](#) and we are thrilled to have her back this year as our special guest author of the Reflections and Actions section. In her first article for us in 2024 she explores the vexed issue of defining information literacy.

Our regular guests in the [Research into Practice](#), [Canadian Landscapes](#), and [New Zealand Landscapes](#) sections continue to offer us thoughtful and insightful views on ideas and trends in their own areas, offerings that are always relevant and of interest to our members and readers in the wider professional community. Dr Carol Gordon, Miriam Tuohy, and Anita Brooks Kirkland are to be acknowledged for their continued work on these sections - we value being able to offer them this platform and appreciate having them regularly in *Synergy*.

Elsewhere in the journal, we continue to range across diverse topics from a variety of authors. [Creating a reading culture, artificial intelligence](#), the [new national body ACSL](#), the research process, the [extended investigation subject](#), micro fiction, [Scotland's school library programming](#), and a report from [Michele Rutter](#) on her 2022 SLAV Research Fellowship award project, are all to be found in this edition of the journal. There is something here for everyone and we hope you enjoy dipping in and out of the various articles, discussing them with colleagues, and sharing them in your communities to highlight and celebrate the broad interests of our profession.

Happy Reading!

**Dr Susan La Marca**

Editor