

## **Editorial**

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Welcome to the fourth issue of *ISEJ*. Once again we are delighted with the range of articles and features covered in this issue. We are extremely happy that *ISEJ* is able to offer different kinds of articles from other journals which cover similar areas of interest and we believe that this is the great strength of the journal.

Once again we are pleased to feature a student article and this time we offer a fascinating insight into the journey of extending your UK stay and making the transition from a student to an entrepreneur. It covers the difficulties, the frustrations, the excitement and the successes and failures of Jerry, a University graduate, who sets up his own business through the Tier 1 visa route.

This issue also contains its first interview as *ISEJ* ask the University of Leicester's new Director of student experience where international students fit into his role and what he sees as the priorities for helping them maximise the benefits of a UK education.

We try to cover some of the main conferences and forums and this time Stella Harvey and Paul Stocks give us their take on the 8<sup>th</sup> Summer Norwegian Forum for EAP held in Oslo and this is a welcome summary for those many of unable to attend. In addition Sian Lund, Ursula Wingate and David Killick reflect on the Acculturation and Internationalisation symposium held at Kingston University in September 2014.

This issue also offers two geographical firsts with contributors from Canada and Kurdistan. From Canada Scott Douglas argues that the importance of validity for those institutions offering English language proficiency courses and the relationship with international tests. From Kurdistan, Lone Goulani shares her ideas about using contextualised materials to promote the development of EAP learners' critical thinking skills.

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