

### BRITISH JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

#### Guidelines for virtual issues of the BJES

1. Applications are welcomed from members of the *Society for Education Studies* for curating and editing virtual issues of the BJES on a topical problem or theme relevant to the interests of the Journal.
2. Applications should be submitted by the proposed editor(s) of the virtual issue, to be sent in the first instance to the Editor of the BJES, Prof. Gary McCulloch [g.mcculloch@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:g.mcculloch@ucl.ac.uk)
3. It is expected that there will normally be at least one virtual issue of the Journal published each year, to be approved by the Editorial Board.
4. A virtual issue will involve the editor(s) curating a collection of articles from back issues of the BJES around one of the following:
  - a) An appropriate educational problem or theme that is of contemporary significance;
  - b) A significant educational anniversary e.g. of an influential educationist or landmark legislation;
  - c) An upcoming educational event or publication of national and international significance;
  - d) An event being organised by the *Society for Education Studies*.
5. The applicant(s) should write a rationale for devoting a virtual issue to the topic with a clear case for why it will be of interest to the national and international field of study. If possible some indicative articles from the back issues should be included in the rationale.
6. Once approved by the Editorial Board, the editor(s) will be invited to select between 10 and 14 articles for inclusion in the issue and asked to write an introductory editorial that contextualises the articles for contemporary readers. The introduction to the virtual issue will be subject to review by the Editor and/or consultant(s) from the Editorial Board of the BJES.
7. There is a possibility that virtual editions can be turned into book format in collaboration with the Editorial Board and Routledge the publishers.
8. When an application for a virtual issue of the Journal is approved by the Editorial Board of the BJES, a member of the Board will be appointed to consult with the editor on the timeframe and planning of the virtual issue.
9. Virtual issues will be allocated a deadline for editing and curating that aligns with wider priorities and timelines for the BJES and SES.

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