Editorial

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Welcome to the second issue in Volume 18 of the *SJRCC*, a special issue of shorter articles on the theme of reflection, planned to coincide with the 20th annual conference of the Scottish Institute of Residential Child Care, held in Glasgow on 4-5 June 2019. The issue includes the conference keynote address by Professor James Anglin.

The Institute – now an integral part of CELCIS - was established in 2000, although it originated in 1995 as the Centre for Residential Child Care (CRCC) within the University of Strathclyde. The Institute's other partners were Robert Gordon University, Langside College, Who Cares? Scotland and Save the Children.

The idea of a centre or institute dedicated specifically to the residential child care sector in Scotland, with emphasis on the voice of children, the broader education of staff, and a culture of research, came about in response to a highly influential report titled Another Kind of Home by the then chief social work inspector, Professor Angus Skinner (Skinner, 1992).

From the beginning, the Institute had an international outlook, its leadership aware of the importance of being open to influences from around the world, and of the value of showcasing innovative work in Scotland to make growing up in residential care the best it could be for children and young people.

More than 20 years on, a belief in the importance of developing youth and child care practice *and* creating space to think creatively about how the care children experience can be made better continues – exemplified by the SIRCC conference and in the pages of this Journal.

Charlie Gracie, social worker and poet, has written a poem especially to celebrate 20 years of the SIRCC conference. We hope you will enjoy it and be enlivened by reading the articles contained within this special celebratory issue.

Reference

Skinner, A. (1992). *Another kind of home: A review of residential child care*. Edinburgh: The Scottish Office.