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either Angus McCabe (A.J.McCabe@bham.ac.uk) or Thara Raj (thara.raj@hda-online.org.uk).

The Journal also offers a feature entitled, *Classic Texts*, which provides an opportunity to reflect on a 'classic text' in the field of community development, which has influenced either the author or the practice of community development more widely. The text should have been around for some time, we suggest about 25 years, so that its impact can be seen clearly over a long time-span. Readers interested in contributing to this feature should contact Gary Craig (G.Craig@hull.ac.uk).

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We invite short articles that describe a piece of practice or an example of community development. What happened? Who was involved? What was achieved? What were the problems? What was learnt from the experience? Are there any lessons for community development policies and practice elsewhere? We are especially interested in stories told by communities themselves or grassroots workers. Help can be provided with written English, and we may even be able to translate from other languages if this is easier for you.

Send contributions to Thara Raj [arnithararaj@yahoo.com] and Angus McCabe [A.J.McCabe@bham.ac.uk] who are both members of the Editorial Board.

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