

Editorial

This issue of *The Interpreters' Newsletter* is entirely devoted to public service interpreting (PSI). The reason is very simple. The increasingly multilingual and multicultural fabric of our countries has made interpreting in public service settings (including courts) a need to be met and a problem to be solved daily as well as a field to be thoroughly investigated.

The articles included in this issue give an overview of the different ways in which PSI may be dealt with. However, whether the focus is on professional (or non-professional) practice or on training, on quality assessment or on conversation analysis, on legislation (or lack thereof) or on the actual provision of services, it should never be forgotten that PSI is first and foremost a matter of fundamental human rights to be guaranteed, protected and enjoyed. That is why it deserves all our attention and commitment.

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