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# Preface

This book aims to encapsulate good practice and innovation in mental health training and education at the beginning of 21st Century. As editors of this book, our collaboration is closely linked to a mental health training and education conference. This annual conference that takes place in mid-September in the UK, brings together trainers and educators from across the mental health field. Sponsorship from the Mental Health Foundation, The Richmond Fellowship, Together, the National Institute for Mental Health England (NIMHE) and others has resulted in a strong presence of service user/survivor trainers and educators at successive conferences. Service users/survivors do not attend as passive observers, but also lead workshops, parallel sessions and speak on the main platform. In editing this book, we wanted to capture some of the innovation and creativity that we have been fortunate to encounter through involvement in this process over the years. A number of the chapters are written by service users, others are co-authored. A number of chapters are written by nurses, others from medical, social work or other professional disciplines. Hopefully, as the book is read, what stands out more than anything else, is that traditional barriers are challenged and in places removed. There is much talk of service user involvement and inter-professional learning and this book makes a significant contribution to these subjects and more besides. It is our hope that what is offered here will inspire and encourage teachers and trainers in the mental health world so that they may in turn encourage and inspire those who they teach. Ultimately of course, the people that will benefit the most from developing good practice will be those who will be on the receiving end of mental health services in the future.