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Social Policy Digest – Special Note

In 2003 the Social Policy Digest is being relaunched as a web-based publication. The aims of the Digest remain the same – to provide comprehensive coverage of events and publications across the whole social policy field. However, we hope the new website format will enable us to provide a greatly enhanced service to all *Journal of Social Policy* subscribers.

The Digest has expanded considerably in recent years, both in order to keep pace with the amount of new material being published on social policy, and in order to offer coverage on a wider range of subject areas. Because of this the Digest had begun to run into problems of physical space within the printed format of the *Journal*. At the same time, the growth of the internet has led to a revolution in the way information is published. Much of the source material used for the Digest – including nearly all government publications – is now directly and freely accessible online. The Digest needs to keep pace with these changes.

Web publication will allow coverage of social policy issues in the Digest to be expanded. It will allow the Digest to be updated on a more regular basis, and for you to access new additions immediately they are made. It will also allow you to link directly to source materials on other websites. We are confident these will all lead to the Digest becoming a much more useful and useable resource.

The Digest can be found at:
http://uk.cambridge.org/journal_JournalofSocialPolicy
It has a new structure designed to allow you quicker online access to developments of particular interest to you and there is also a fast and efficient search facility. Alternatively, you can browse all recent additions to the website in the 'What's New' section. The website will be updated on a monthly basis.

Material has been included on the website relating to May 2002 onwards. All material added to the website will be retained there indefinitely, eventually providing an invaluable and unique archive of references to social policy developments.

Access to the website will be provided free of charge to subscribers to the *Journal*. Institutions will have access from activated IP addresses. Individual subscribers and SPA members can access using the names and passwords activated against

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their subscription numbers. Subscribers are encouraged to contact the Customer Services department at the Press for any advice or help they might require.

We welcome any ideas for improving the website, and we need to know if you experience any problems using it. There is a special feedback facility within the website, or you can write to us c/o Cambridge University Press.

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