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To mark the International Year of Youth, Child and Family Welfare has invited Lloyd Owen (Supervisor of Reception and Youth Training Centres) to be guest Editor for No. 2, 3 & 4, 1985, Volume 2 which is published as part of this double issue in the first of the series which Lloyd will edit. Lloyd will draw together articles relevant to youth and to others working in the area of youth.

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This issue includes a report on community-based respite care for disabled children. There has been marked growth in this much needed resource over the past few years. It is considered extremely important to explore these schemes in terms of their objectives, procedures and outcomes, to ensure the continuation of such programs in the most effective manner for all concerned.

Another article in this issue 'Once More With Feeling' (Ainsworth and Hansen) provocatively challenges the traditionally held conceptualization of residential care for children. The authors analyse what they see as flaws in the traditional approach and propose a new approach.

