

The Chairperson  
Adult Learning Network

Dear Sir

I wish to make a formal complaint to you about the unethical and unprofessional behaviour of a member or members of your Board acting in their capacity of as a member or members of the Acting Editorial Board of *Talking adult learning*.

Earlier this year I submitted an interview article to *Talking adult learning* on the subject of the Kha ri gude literacy campaign, the pilot of which has begun so well this year. I was eventually informed via Mr Farrell Hunter that the Board of the Adult Learning Network, acting as the editorial board, had refused publication. I naturally accepted this decision in good grace (of course, with some surprise as all my previous articles have been readily accepted by the journal).

It has now been brought to my attention that copies of this article have been widely circulated by fax by a member or members of your board, in some cases with covering letters which are derogatory to me.

I find this absolutely unacceptable and am astounded that members of an editorial board should behave in such an unethical and unprofessional way. In the world of publishing such behaviour would lead to immediate dismissal.

I am at a loss as to how you can rectify this scandalous behaviour as the document has now, in effect, been published by the Adult Learning Network in a pirated edition without the author's permission, which is a crime in South African and international copyright law.

Yours sincerely

John Aitchison