Guidance for submitting an Original Article

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About

The Original Article Award provides a platform for voices in the field, including people with lived experience*, new writers and those from international communities, to share their insights and experiences with a wider global audience.

The closing date for Original Article Award entries is **midnight on Sunday, 2 May 2027**. Winners will be notified by email by the end of July and will be formally announced in early August 2027. The article winner will be invited to present their work at the prestigious annual TCTC conference, either in person or by video, anticipated to take place in **September 2027**.

* We use the term 'lived experience' in this guidance to refer to individual experiences of therapeutic communities. However, we acknowledge that 'lived experience' can have different meanings, depending on variations in language, expression and culture. We encourage anyone with lived experience - however they may define it - to consider making a submission to the Award.

Prizes

The winner of the Original Article Award will receive a cash prize of £1,000, will have their work published and shared through the Elly Jansen Award website and newsletter, and will be invited to present their article at the TCTC conference. Two runners-up will be awarded a cash prize of £500. Their articles will be shared with our international audiences through the Elly Jansen Award website and newsletter.

With the agreement of the judges, and the permission of their author(s), all submitted articles will be eligible to be shared with our international audiences through the Elly Jansen Award website and our newsletter.

Accessibility

The Elly Jansen Award celebrates diversity and the value of lived experience, and we are keen to encourage voices from around the world to apply. We are committed to ensuring accessibility and to offering support to authors who may experience challenges meeting the entry criteria. For example, we can provide entry requirement information in alternative formats or provide support or guidance around the translation of articles. To discuss your needs, please contact the Committee at ejaward@cht.org.uk.

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How to write your article

Format: An article is a piece of writing that has an introduction, a middle section and a conclusion. It should be written in a clear font, e.g. Arial, 11-point

Topic: Your article should be about the ideas, practices, or your own experiences with therapeutic communities or relationship-based practices. You can base your writing on principles from therapeutic communities, such as Psychologically Informed Environments (PIEs), Psychologically Informed Planned Environments (PIPEs), and Enabling Environments (EEs).

Originality: Your article must be your own work and must not have been published previously elsewhere.

Types: Your article can be in the form of:

- an academic paper,
- a case study,
- a commentary or response,
- a personal experience
- a letter, or
- a book review.

Word count: Written articles should be 4000-7000 words long (no appendices; excluding references or bibliography).

It should be accompanied by a short (250-word) summary, giving an overview of the content. If you would like guidance or support on how to write a summary, please get in touch with the Committee at ejaward@cht.org.uk.

Referencing: If you are writing an academic-style article, please fully reference it in the Harvard referencing style.

If your article is non-academic or experiential, for example, a personal experience or a letter, please include a bibliography-type appendix rather than formal referencing.

If you are unsure about how to reference or create a bibliography, please contact the Committee at ejaward@cht.org.uk.

Language: Submissions should be in English. If English is not your first language, or if you would like help or guidance with translations, please contact the Committee at ejaward@cht.org.uk

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Use of AI

Article entries must be your own work. This means that content generated primarily by AI tools or language models is not allowed.

Permitted Uses of AI Tools

You can use AI tools to improve grammar, revise sentences, and check for spelling errors, as long as the final work is still your own. Using AI in this way does not need to be disclosed.

However, if you use AI for tasks like writing, creating tables or figures, shortening text, or analysing data, you must acknowledge this at the end of your article.

Disclosure requirements

If any part of your work was developed, translated or generated using an AI tool, you must mention it at the end of your article in a 'Methods and Acknowledgements' section, describing what content was created or modified by the AI and include the name and version of the tool used.

Basic tools for spelling and grammar checks don't fall under these rules and don't need to be declared.

If, in the judgment of the Committee, AI has been used inappropriately in the writing and preparation of the article, it will be disqualified

Awarding the Award

The Award Committee will choose the winners based on several factors, including:

- How original the work is
- The potential impact it may have
- The quality of research or ideas
- Diversity and relevance
- How useful it is
- How easy it is to read and understand

The Award Committee has 10 members from different countries (Italy, India, Japan, USA & UK). They are experienced in therapeutic communities and include people with lived experience, therapists, academics, and social workers. The current Chair of the Committee is Dr Peter Cockersell (CEO at CHT).

The Award Committee's decision will be final. The Award Committee reserves the right to give awards to submissions that don't exactly meet the criteria, if they have other good qualities. They may also decide not to provide any awards or to give fewer awards than advertised, at their discretion. The Award Committee can make commendations as necessary, but these do not come with a monetary prize.

How to submit your article

Go to www.ellyjansenaward.org/entries and complete the online form.

You will be asked to choose a **category for your article from the list below.** It doesn't have to be an exact match, just the closest fit.

1. **A completed research paper.** An article about research that's already been completed by you or your team, such as:
    a. Creating or testing a model or framework
    b. Action research
    c. Analysing data, market research, or surveys
    d. Scientific or clinical research.

2. **A viewpoint.** An article written from your personal view or interpretation.

3. **A technical paper.** Which describes and evaluates technical products or processes.

4. **Conceptual paper.** An article that discusses ideas, usually based on theories or comparisons to other work.

5. **Case Study.** A real or imagined story about a subject within a real-life situation.

6. **Archive and/or oral history-based historical research**. A paper which recognises the value of historical research to the present and future of therapeutic communities.

You will also be required to submit:

1. **A declaration of originality**, stating that it is the author(s) own work, and that it or versions of it have not been published previously elsewhere.
2. **A 250-word abstract**, which must be in English, giving an overview of the contents or argument of the article, must be submitted with the article.
3. **A separate author and title page**. Please give the name of the lead author and their contact details, including email address. For those working in the prison system, please provide an alternative email address, as we have experienced delays before with 'justice.gov' addresses.

- **Your article.** Your 4,000 – 7,000-word article as a separate attachment.

Alternatively, you can email the above directly to the committee at ejaward@cht.org.uk.

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