

Submission guidelines for the Elly Jansen Award

Definition and types of articles

An article is a piece of writing with an introduction, a middle section, and a conclusion. There are different types of articles. Here are the options you can choose from when submitting your paper:

- Academic Paper
- Case Study
- Commentary/Response
- Personal Contribution
- Letters
- Book Reviews

There are examples of winning articles [here](#)

You also need to pick a category for your paper. If you don't see an exact match, please choose the best fit. The options include:

Research paper. Reports on any type of research undertaken by the author or group of authors, including:

- The construction or testing of a model or framework
- Action research
- Testing of data, market research or surveys
- Empirical, scientific or clinical research
- Papers with a practical focus

This is different to submitting a research proposal, for which guidelines are below.

Viewpoint. Based on the author's opinion or interpretation.

Technical paper. Describes and evaluates technical products or processes.

Conceptual paper. Discussed ideas, usually based on theories or comparisons of others' work.

Case study. Describes real or hypothetical case studies from organisations which can be used for teaching.

Literature review. Reviews the literature in a field, critiquing or annotating it.

General review. Gives an overview or historical look at a concept or process.

For further information on submissions to the journal, see author guidance [here](#)

How to Submit an Article

Submissions should be in English but where this is difficult for author(s) the Committee will do their best to offer support. The Committee will also support author(s) who struggle to meet the criteria below for other reasons.

If you wish to make a submission but would like further advice around our guidelines, please contact the Committee by email – ejaward@cht.org.uk

Articles

- Must be original and accompanied by 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.
- We ask authors not to submit their entries elsewhere while the process of selecting winners is going on and that they do not publish before the conference. If they feel the need to do so author(s) are requested to ask us first as it may impact their eligibility.
- Must be on the theory or practice of therapeutic communities or relational practice drawn from, related to, or developed from the principles of therapeutic communities (e.g. Psychologically Informed Environments (PIEs), Psychologically Informed Planned Environments (PIPEs), Enabling environments (EE) etc.
- 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.
- 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 give an alternative email address as we have experienced delays before with 'justice.gov' addresses.
- Articles should be 4000-7000 words long (no appendices; excluding references) – article can be in other languages than English, if English is difficult for the author(s); the final article must be in English but the Awards Committee will enable help with translations where this is a problem for the author(s)
- Articles, other than experiential writing, should be fully referenced, in Harvard referencing style
- Clear font, e.g. Arial, 11-point

Submission deadline midnight London time, Sunday 15th June 2025.

Winners will be advised by Thursday 31st July 2025

Winning articles will be published in the International Journal of Therapeutic Communities

For any queries, support or help, please reach out to the Award Committee.

Awarding of the Awards

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
- The method used (for research proposals)
- 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 therapists, academics, social workers and lived experience. 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 give any awards, or to give fewer awards than advertised, at their discretion. The Award Committee can make commendations as necessary, but these not come with a monetary prize.

Winners Announcement

Winners will be notified by email on Thursday, July 31, 2025.

The Article winner will be invited to present their work at the conference, either in person or by video. This is anticipated to take place in November 2025.

The winners of the Research Proposal will be invited to share their initial findings at the following year's conference, either in person or by video. This is anticipated to take place in November 2026.

The Elly Jansen Award is an annual programme. The call for submissions for the 2025 Award will be announced at the TCTC Conference on 6th November 2024. Full details will be available online at www.cht.org.uk/eaward