

# The Bennett Award for Outstanding Article 2022



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The 'Bennett Award' for outstanding article of the year is in its seventh year and was renamed in 2020 in honour of our former editor of seventeen years — Dr Jamie Bennett.

The Prison Service Journal editorial board reviewed a shortlist of articles in 2022. The board weighed each article by its merit. We have endeavored to make our judgement as unbiased and objective as possible. In so doing, we chose the article that best reflected the aims of the PSJ which is to inform theory and practice.

The board selected an article from issue 261 — *Living in the present, imagining a future: Children and young people navigating the mandatory life sentence.*

This article was written by Dr Rachel Rose Tynan.

Dr Tynan's article presents the experiences of four boys serving life sentences. She explores the feelings of illegitimacy associated with joint enterprise, their convictions, the specific pains of being sentenced to life imprisonment as children and the experiences of racialised identities and stalled development. The article advocates for regimes that 'meaningfully reward' engagement and for creative approaches to children serving life sentences.

Dr Tynan received a framed certificate and a plaque designed and created by prisoners at HMP The Mount.

The 2023 Bennett award shortlist will be agreed in the autumn this year. If you would like to nominate an article from the 2023 editions, please send your nominations to [prisonservicejournal@justice.gov.uk](mailto:prisonservicejournal@justice.gov.uk)