



MONTHLY BULLETIN

March 2021

Welcome to your March bulletin. Over the past month we have been busy recruiting to the RJC team and are looking forward to our new operations officer joining us in April.

We continue to update our website and I wanted to draw your attention to three of our updated pages. Our [Practice Registrations](#) page provides an overview of our new Registration Frameworks for practitioners, service providers, training providers and organisations. The [Approved Courses Register](#) lists all courses which have been approved by the RJC. Finally, our [Practice Registers](#) list practitioners, organisations and training providers who have successfully achieved Registered Status.

The next edition of our members magazine, Resolution, is due for publication at the end of this month. Resolution explores some of the key debates in restorative practice and provides examples of restorative practice in action. Over the past year we have attracted a range of interesting and insightful contributors who have written about some of the key innovations and debates in the restorative practice field. We are now accepting submissions for our summer and autumn publications! You can read more about our [call for contributions](#) below.

In this edition you will find a round-up of the latest events, vacancies, training and continued professional development opportunities.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Jim Simon

Chief Executive Officer

Latest News

The Dragon Fly Project offers free workshops to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse



The Dragonfly Project started in 2016 with delivery across Dorset to identify victims of domestic violence and abuse (DVA) who are isolated within their own communities.

We know that some people are not able to access services or are not even aware that these services exist and we wanted to do something different.

You First has developed the Dragonfly Project with people in our communities so that those who are not well served by mainstream services can be supported to access help if they are affected by Domestic Abuse. We are seeking to reach people in isolated communities across:

- **Dorset**
- **Hampshire**
- **Isle of Wight**
- **Somerset**

The main aim of this work is to educate and engage people living and working within these communities to become Champions. Champions will become a point of contact for those experiencing abuse,

supporting them to access services. The Dragonfly Project has raised and continues to raise awareness within these communities, enabling individuals to speak out about abuse.

The project is currently recruiting Dragonfly Champions to become a link from your community to professionals.

***FREE Virtual Domestic Abuse Workshop -
Train to become a Dragonfly Champion,
supporting people affected by domestic
abuse in your community***

This training will give insight into the different types of abuse, the effects of abuse, legislation and recovery.

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RJC's Annual General Meeting 2021 confirmed

Annual General Meeting 18th June 2021

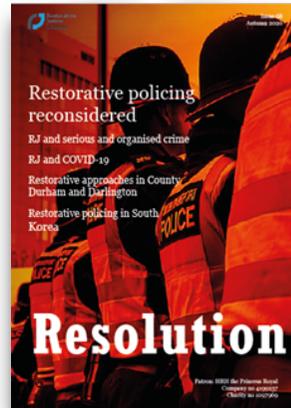
The RJC's board of trustees have agreed to move the date of our Annual General Meeting to June each year. This will allow the board to bring the closure of our annual accounts and strategy planning into line.

RJC members will be sent registration details week commencing the 5 April 2021.

Call for contributions

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The most effective way of raising awareness of, and support for, restorative justice is by telling the stories of those who have benefitted from it. Our members have put us in touch with the people whose cases they have facilitated. These compelling, real-life stories are key to our work in raising the profile of restorative practice in the media and with the public.



We are now accepting submissions for our 2021 publications of Resolution. Contributions can relate to academic research, policy development or practice and should be accessible for a wide audience of readers. We welcome contributions relating to the use of restorative justice/practice in criminal, family, education, health, workplace and community settings. An overview of the types of articles we are considering for publication are outlined below.

Practice articles: Best practice articles, new approaches, transition to online practice, research reports and other contributions written by practitioners. Articles should be 1,000 to 1,200 words in length.

Case studies: All case studies must address the following questions: What has worked? Why has it worked? What lessons were learned? How could it be done elsewhere? Case studies should be 1,000 to 1,500 words in length.

Research articles: Contributions which explore new models, theories and applied research relating to restorative practice. Research papers must have clear implications for practitioners and service delivery. Research papers should be around 2,000 words in length.

We would particularly welcome articles and case studies which reflect on:

- Bridging the gap between academia and practice
- Restorative justice in practice
- Present and future themes relevant for restorative justice/practice in the UK and beyond
- New and emerging practice for restorative justice in the UK and beyond

Deadline for the contributions:

June 2021 Publication: **Friday 21st May**

September 2021 Publication: **Friday 20th August**

In addition to our Resolution Magazine, a selection of submissions may be published on the [RJC website blog](#) throughout the year.

All enquires and submissions should be directed to
communications@restorativejustice.org.uk

Navigating the complexities of supporting participants with a mental health diagnosis

The RJC are working with the Network of Restorative Practitioners in Mental Health to develop additional practitioner guidance to support those who are facilitating restorative processes with participants who have a mental health diagnosis.

The network has been established to bring communities together to promote mental well-being and recovery for people who have experienced harm as a result of the impact of mental illness. Poor mental health takes a toll on those who suffer from it but the impact of poor mental health extends to people who are affected by the behaviour of someone with these difficulties when they commit acts that cause harm to others, be they family, partners, friends, neighbours or members of the public. It has long been the case that those who experience harm in this way, and those who cause harm as a result of their mental health difficulties, do not have access to the benefits that restorative justice can bring.

We believe that all people who have experienced harm in the context of mental health difficulties should have access to restorative justice processes. In order for this to happen, the mental health practitioner community, the criminal justice agencies and the restorative justice practitioner community need to work together more effectively to

understand what is needed and how this can be enabled. The guidance we are developing will provide a valuable resource to support practitioners to understand the complexities of a mental health diagnosis and how they may need to adapt their practice.

To inform the content of this publication we would like to invite you to complete a short survey. These questionnaires focus on how you currently use restorative practice within your setting, your experience of facilitating cases with participants who have a mental health diagnosis and what additional guidance you feel would be beneficial.

If you currently work in an inpatient or community health service, please use the link below to access the survey.

[Inpatient and Community Mental Health Services](#)

For practitioners working in other settings, please access the survey using the link below.

[Other Restorative Practice Services](#)



LATEST VACANCIES

Remedi launch an exciting new project



Pathways is an exciting new project with the goal of reducing reoffending in Cumbria. A person going through the Pathways project can expect support, structure and to be held accountable for their actions. In partnership with the Cumbria Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Remedi are recruiting a team of practitioners that can provide that support to offenders.

They are looking for people who are passionate about helping people and want to work in a job where they can make a tangible difference to someone's life.

Position | Pathways Worker

Location | Various locations across Cumbria

Closing Date | 9 April 2021

Remedi are keen to hear from candidates who have a genuine desire and motivation to encourage and support Offenders to reduce the risks associated with reoffending.

This Mentoring and interventions offered will take a holistic approach and may include both emotional and practical support.

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Position | Restorative Practitioner

Location | Various locations across Cumbria

Closing Date | 9 April 2021

Remedi are looking to recruit a Full-time Practitioner to deliver Restorative Justice within Cumbria. The role will be 35 hours per week. A base location within Cumbria will be identified and agreed with the successful applicant and travel across the whole of Cumbria will be expected.

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Closing Date | 9 April 2021

Remedi are looking to recruit administrators to provide administrative services, as directed by the Remedi Manager and Coordinator, in connection with all administrative duties within the elements of the Pathways initiative REMEDI is responsible for delivering. You will be a key team member and the central point of contact for referrals to the Cumbria Pathway initiative across Cumbria.

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[**All Current Vacancies**](#)

RJC APPROVED COURSES



Whether you are just starting your restorative practitioner career or you are an experienced practitioner seeking continued professional development opportunities, selecting the right course is vital to ensuring high quality practice. You can be confident that by opting for an Approved Course, delivered by our [Registered Training Providers](#), your course meets our practice standards.

Restorative Practice Facilitation Skills for General Settings

Delivered by | [Restorative Now](#)

Start Date | 8 April 2021



This training takes an in depth look at the restorative approach, equipping participants with the skills to manage a range of situations and to think about how their organisation can incorporate this highly effective approach to promote change. It is delivered over ten, 90 minute modules and is suitable for people of all experience levels.

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Restorative Approaches Practitioner Training

Delivered by | [Salus](#)

Start Date | 21 April 2021



This 3-day interactive course trains participants to be restorative practitioners and will use a variety of materials including videos, PowerPoint, role-play and group work activities. This course will be delivered online with some self-directed tasks. Participants will have access to digital downloads and some physical resources to accompany the training.

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View our
[Approved Course Register](#)

OTHER COURSES

Restorative Justice Level 3 - Complex and Sensitive

Delivered by | Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date | 8 April 2021

Complex and Sensitive Training including specialist facilitation skills, preparation, risk assessment and outcomes for cases of domestic violence and sexual harm.

Drawing on REF trainer Charlotte Calkin's experiences working in CJS and with statutory service providers, health and social care developing best practice for complex and sensitive cases.

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Introduction to Restorative Justice

Delivered by | RJ working

Start Date | 19 April 2021

This is a new course of weekly sessions (1.5 hours) for six weeks. It has been developed and is delivered by RJ Working via Woodbrooke, the international Quaker learning and research centre. Based in Britain, Woodbrooke provides opportunities for learning and connection which are rooted in the Quaker tradition and open to all.

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Restorative Justice Level 2

Delivered by | Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date | 20 April 2021

Restorative Justice level 2 certified course for facilitated interventions, including looking for RJ markers, risk assessment, preparation and managing expectations, facilitation best practice, outcomes and outcome agreements.

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Restorative Practice Facilitation Skills for Education Settings

Delivered by | Restorative Now

Start Date | 22 April 2021



This training takes an in depth look at the restorative approach, equipping participants with the skills to manage a range of situations and to think about how their organisation can incorporate this highly effective approach to promote change. It is delivered over ten, 90 minute modules and is suitable for people of all experience levels.

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Restorative Practice and RJ Level 1

Delivered by | Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date | 6 May 2021

Online 3 days training in Restorative Practice with Charlotte Calkin for professionals including certification in Restorative Justice Level 1

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Restorative Justice Webinar - Classroom behaviour

Delivered by | Restorative Justice 4 Schools

Start Date | 29 March 2021

During this event we will be considering the use of tailored restorative approaches in SEND classrooms. Discussing classroom behaviour management, use of restorative practices to support the behaviour development of your classroom both physically and in virtual learning. The webinar will be led by Kelly and Lynne and supported by our youth volunteers who will feedback their direct experience of SEND issues within Education. What they feel would have worked and what definitely didn't work.

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Restorative Justice: The Dynamics of Knowledge Transfer across Countries

Delivered by | East Midlands Restorative Justice

Start Date | 12 April 2021

The International Network for Criminal Justice is hosting the second international webinar of this year on the topic of Restorative Justice.

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Free Webinar - The Power of conferencing

Delivered by | Restorative Justice 4 Schools

Start Date | 26 April 2021

This webinar will be an informal chat about a complex school conference both Kelly Walker and Lynne Russell were involved in. The incident was a high level racist attack on a number of pupils both in school and on social media. The pupils most affected by the incident and the wrongdoer went through multiple preparations sessions before coming together in a formal restorative justice conference which was then followed by a whole class circle to reintegrate the pupil back into their class. The class prior to the restorative work had calmly stated that they would not engage with the wrongdoer on any level within their form and this left the school in a very difficult position.

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Make a Donation

Your support will help us to campaign for the widespread use of restorative justice, raise the profile of restorative justice in the media and with the public and enable victims to access restorative justice wherever and whenever they need it.

You can make a one-off donation or become a regular supporter from as little as £3.00 per month.

MAKE A DONATION

Become a Member

Anyone can become a member of the Restorative Justice Council. We are the independent, national voice for restorative justice in the United Kingdom. Our constitutional objectives are to promote restorative justice for the public benefit as a means of resolving conflict and promoting reconciliation by:

- A. Promoting the use of restorative justice in the criminal justice system, in schools, in the workplace and elsewhere in the community in situations where conflict may arise
- B. Developing and promoting agreed standards and principles for evaluating and guiding restorative practice
- C. Advancing education and research on restorative justice and the publication of the useful results of that research

Membership brings along with it many benefits including:

- Access to the RJC's quarterly publication *Resolution* and an opportunity to promote your own work within it
- Networking opportunities with academics, researchers and practitioners from the UK and beyond
- Reduced fees for RJC conferences and seminars
- Ability to nominate for the RJC Annual Award for exceptional contribution to the field
- Exclusive access to the member's section of the website
- A voice in the decision-making of the RJC

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About us

About the RJC

The Restorative Justice Council (RJC) is the independent third sector membership body for the field of restorative practice. It provides quality assurance and a national voice advocating the widespread use of all forms of restorative practice, including restorative justice. The RJC's vision is of a restorative society where everyone has access to safe, high quality restorative practice wherever and whenever it is needed.

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