



MONTHLY BULLETIN

November 2021

restorativejustice.org.uk

Welcome to your November bulletin. It's been a busy month leading up to **International Restorative Justice Week** and our 3rd annual conference. It was inspiring to see so much activity throughout the week.

We were joined by 230 delegates at our **3rd annual conference**. Feedback received so far has been overwhelmingly positive, it was certainly an inspiring and thought provoking couple of days. It was a pleasure to present our first Significant Contribution Award to Dr Martin Wright which you can read more about [here](#).

Don't forget to save the date for our 4th Annual Conference which will be held on the 21st and 22nd November 2022!

Our work with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Restorative Justice continues and I am delighted that the group has agreed an ambitious work plan for the next 12 months. You can read more about their plans [here](#). The advisory board continues to grow, if you are interested in joining then please [contact me](#) to arrange a discussion.

Finally, the deadline for contributions for the next edition of Resolution magazine is approaching. If you have a story to share then you can find out more about submitting your contribution [below](#). Submissions should be received no later than the **22nd December 2021**.

I hope you enjoy reading.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Jim Simon

Chief Executive Officer

APPG Update

Earlier this month the APPG met to discuss the findings of the groups Inquiry report and set a plan of work for the next 12 months. APPG members have already started to progress some of the more pressing inquiry recommendations. Baroness Meacher tabled an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill which required the Ministry of Justice and Home Office to renew a national action plan and be held to account by reporting progress against it.

It was disappointing to see the Government respond by saying a national action plan would 'create an unnecessary bureaucratic burden.'

Pre-empting the forthcoming Victims Law consultation, Elliot has written to the Secretary of State for Justice, Dominic Raab, for reassurance that restorative justice forms a strong part of any upcoming consultation on the Bill.

Alongside this, the APPG have now agreed an ambitious work plan for the next 12 months. This will include undertaking two investigations.

The first will investigate the rationale for implementing mandatory standards and training for practitioners facilitating complex and sensitive cases within the criminal justice sector. The second, to investigate the benefits and rationale for implementing restorative practices within education, health and social care settings.

The advisory board will also be preparing a series of Briefing Papers to support MPs and Peers progress the Inquiry report recommendations.

This will include briefing papers evidencing:

- the benefits of implementing a single data sharing protocol and recommendations for developing a model DPC/ISA

- the rationale for implementing a consistent funding model to support a national remit for delivery
- the benefits of implementing a national reporting framework
- the rationale for ending blanket bans which disadvantage many victims of crime

This is a very brief overview of the APPG's plan and we will publish a more detailed overview in the coming weeks.

Having sufficient funding to deliver our future workplan is crucial and it's the generosity of our members and supporters which allows us to dedicate funds to this important activity. You can support the RJC to continue its involvement in the APPG by making a **one off donation**, a **monthly contribution** or by becoming a **member** of the RJC.

If you are interested in joining the advisory board please contact either Jim Simon (james.simon@restorativejustice.org.uk) or Jack Harbour (jack@calcomms.co.uk) for more information.



LATEST NEWS

RESOLUTION: Call for contributions

We are now accepting submissions for our January 2022 edition of Resolution. Contributions can relate to academic research, policy development or practice and should be accessible for a wide audience of readers. We are not only interested in the application of restorative justice/practice within the criminal justice system but other areas, such as health, school and our communities are also welcomed.

Deadline for the contributions for the next publication:

22 December 2021

We are particularly interested in articles which link to the themes of this year's conference:

- Overcoming inequality & adversity through restorative justice
- Evidencing the effectiveness of restorative justice/practice
- New and innovative examples of practice which are breaking new ground
- Restorative practice in our communities

All enquiries should be directed to, and submissions sent to, Jim Simon at james.simon@restorativejustice.org.uk.

[READ OUR GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS](#)

International Restorative Justice Week 2021

This years International Restorative justice Week started with our 3rd Annual Conference. We were delighted to welcome 230 delegates to our 2-day virtual conference, which this year focused on bridging divides and strengthening communities. Feedback from the conference has been overwhelmingly positive, our keynote speakers and inspirational conference presenters most certainly stimulated conversation and debate. We'll be writing up a more detailed conference report in the next edition of Resolution.

It was fantastic to see so much activity promoting restorative justice throughout the week. Remedi committed to sharing 1000 service user quotes across the week, others held awareness raising sessions and our colleagues at Restorative Gloucestershire worked tirelessly to share as many restorative justice week pledges as possible. Restorative Justice West Yorkshire championed restorative justice by publishing [Janine's case study](#) encouraging others to consider using restorative justice to overcome their experiences. I'm sure there were many more activities and we thank the restorative community for making this a fantastic week.

My week ended with a visit to meet our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal at St James Palace for this year's Charities Forum. This was an opportunity to meet with a range of charitable organisations to discuss the challenges we have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also provided an opportunity to discuss the many successes, particularly how the charitable sector adapted, pivoted and changed in order to survive and thrive.

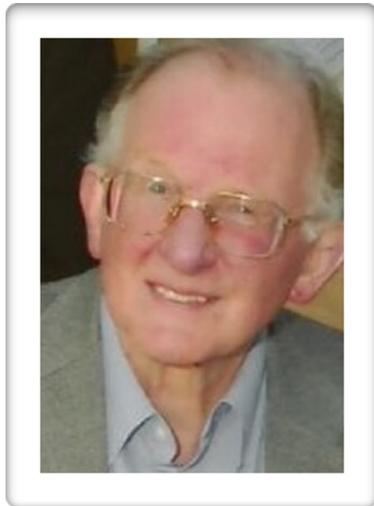
Although it's a year away, don't forget to save the date for our 4th Annual Conference!

21st and 22nd November 2022

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AWARD 2021

We were delighted to present our first Significant Contribution Award during this year's conference. This award has been launched to promote restorative justice in England and Wales and increase the visibility of outstanding restorative justice practitioners and scholars in the field and in the public domain more broadly.

It honours individuals whose life work has had a significant and profound impact on the field of restorative justice at a national level.



Dr Martin Wright

It is with great pleasure that we announce the first recipient of the RJC's Significant Contribution award is Dr Martin Wright.

As a founding member of the RJC, influential restorative justice author and practitioner, Martin's outstanding contribution to the restorative justice sector and his many years of dedication to its principles, practice and development, have significantly advanced restorative practice both nationally and internationally.

He has written extensively on the topic of restorative justice and his work continues to influence and inspire the restorative sector, not only here in the UK but internationally.

Not content with contributing academically and through his advocacy, Martin is a trained restorative justice facilitator, volunteering for CALM mediation service and Lambeth Mediation Service. Martin's commitment and dedication to our sector exemplifies the very nature of this award and we are honoured to present him this accolade.

Celebrating success: Make Amends (Shekinah) awarded Registered Service Provider and Registered Training Provider status

We are pleased to announce that Make Amends (Shekinah) have been awarded Registered Service Provider and Registered Training Provider status.

Having first been awarded the RJC's Restorative Service Quality Mark (RSQM) in 2018, achieving this status demonstrates their continued commitment to delivering high quality restorative practice to nationally agreed standards.

Jim Simon, the RJC's chief executive said:

"I would like to congratulate Make Amends (Shekinah) and their Registered Practitioners for this achievement. Being awarded Registered Status demonstrates their commitment to providing high quality, safe and effective restorative practice. Those accessing restorative justice services can be confident they will be supported by highly experienced and skilled practitioners"

Make Amends, a project of Shekinah, is commissioned by the Office for Police & Crime Commissioners (OPCC) for Devon and Cornwall to provide restorative justice services and support to people who have been affected by crime, conflict, anti-social behaviour or harm caused by the actions of others.

[READ MORE](#)

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 Justice Level 2

Delivered by | Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date | 25 January 2022



Training and certification in holding Restorative Conferences at Level 2 in all settings, covering all aspects of facilitation from looking at the restorative markers to risk assessment, preparation of all parties, the conversation, outcomes.

[**READ MORE**](#)

Restorative Practice and Restorative Justice level 1

Delivered by | Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date | 8 March 2022



Training in communication skills that has been shown to reduce tension and grievances and increase performance and job satisfaction in organisations REF have worked with as well as building individual skills and capacities.

Covering Restorative theory and principles, effective challenge, having difficult conversations, expressing, listening and questioning restoratively, and holding Restorative Circles and meetings.

Training includes a communication tool kit that supports being restorative in every interaction and skills for on-the-spot, informal and formal restorative conversations.

This course is suitable for any professionals wanting to upskill especially: HR professionals, leaders and managers, health & social care and education providers.

[**READ MORE**](#)

[View our
Approved Course Register](#)

COMING UP SOON

Advanced Restorative Practitioner Masterclass

Delivered by | The Mint House

Start Date | 30 November 2021

[READ MORE](#)

Working Restoratively with Bullying

Delivered by | Frances Jessie

Start Date | 8 December 2021

[READ MORE](#)

London Restorative Justice Forum

Delivered by | RJC

Start Date | 9 December 2021

[READ MORE](#)

Restorative Practice in Student Settings: An Introduction

Delivered by | The Mint House

Start Date | 11 January 2022

[READ MORE](#)

Managing Conflict Differently: A Restorative Approach to disputes in student life

Delivered by | The Mint House

Start Date | 3 February 2022

[READ MORE](#)

[View all course and events](#)

VACANCIES

Restorative Practitioner

Employer | Remedi

Location | Greater Manchester

Closing Date | 3 December 2021

Applications close soon

[**READ MORE**](#)

Campaigns and Communication Manager

Employer | Why me?

Location | London

Closing Date | 1 December 2021

Applications close soon

[**READ MORE**](#)

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

Restorative Justice Lead Practitioner

Employer | Restorative Solutions

Location | West Yorkshire

Closing Date | 15 December 2021

[**READ MORE**](#)

Victim Triage Caseworker

Employer | Remedi

Location | Derbyshire

Closing Date | 10 December 2021

[**READ MORE**](#)

Restorative Practitioner

Employer | Remedi

Location | Nottinghamshire

Closing Date | 20 December 2021

[**READ MORE**](#)

Donate via AmazonSmile

You can now support the RJC every time you shop!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support us by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk and selecting the Restorative Justice Council as your preferred charity.

REGISTER WITH AMAZONSMILE

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

BECOME A MEMBER

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.

Restorative Justice Council

Rouen House, Rouen Road Norwich, NR1 1RB

E: enquiries@restorativejustice.org.uk

www.restorativejustice.org.uk

Patron: HRH the Princess Royal

Company no 4199237

Charity no 1097969

Follow us



@RJCouncil



@restorativejusticecouncil



RJC - Restorative Justice Council