

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Welcome to this month's bulletin. I'm delighted to announce that Early Bird Registration is now open for our 4th Annual Conference. You can read more about this year's conference theme [below](#).



There is still time to submit an abstract to present at the conference. Completed abstracts should be submitted no later than the 23 September 2022. You can find out more about our call for presenters [here](#).

I am also delighted to announce that Mounts Bay Academy have been awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status. You can read about their registration journey [here](#).

Don't forget that the deadline for making nominations for this year's Howard League Community Awards 2022 closes on 9 September 2022. You can read more about making a nomination within the restorative approaches category [here](#).

Two of our Registered Training Providers, the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Restorative Now are currently advertising practitioner training courses which are due to run in late September / October. You can find out more [below](#).

As always, I've included a roundup of the latest [CPD and events](#) and current [vacancies](#).

Don't forget, you can keep up to date with all the latest developments at the RJC by visiting our [website](#).

Best wishes,

Jim Simon

Chief Executive Officer

Mounts Bay Academy awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status

The RJC is pleased to announce that Mounts Bay Academy have been awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status.

Mounts Bay Academy, based in Penzance, is an Academy school that teaches 11-16 year olds. Described by Academy Principal, Les Hall, as a learning community that aspires to success for all without exception, Mounts Bay Academy have created a community which nurtures the very best in each person by identifying their strengths and talents and removing any barriers to learning.

There is a clear commitment to restorative practice which is reflected throughout the Academy's strategic plan, policies and procedures. The commitment to leadership and staff training alongside a student-centric ripple effect training has led to restorative practice becoming more embedded within the student population.

[RJC Registration Decision Report (July 22)]

They have embedded a range of restorative practices to support their community to maintain and restore relationships within their community. With a clear focus on developing good relationships where there has been conflict and harm, the underpinning Restorative principles emphasise the importance of fostering positive social relationships in a school community of mutual engagement.

Jim Simon, the RJC's chief executive said:

"I would like to congratulate Mounts Bay Academy on being awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status. Having first been awarded the RJC's Restorative Service Quality Mark (RSQM) in 2018, I was delighted to see that Academy leaders, staff and pupils have continued their restorative journey and have continued to embed restorative practice into every aspect of their learning community. This is an achievement

that leaders, staff, pupils and parents should be proud of."

Duncan Yeates, Assistant Principal & Head of Lower School, Mounts Bay Academy said:

"Mounts Bay Academy would like to offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Restorative Justice Council for a challenging but encouraging process which has helped us to further embed the restorative culture of our school."

When asked what he would say to other organisations thinking of applying to become a Registered Restorative Organisation, Duncan said:

"In the words of Peter Drucker, "culture eats strategy for breakfast." In terms of human interactions, restorative culture eats punitive culture for breakfast. However, embedding restorative values at every level of your organisation can be quite a formidable task. Registering with the Restorative Justice Council and applying for registered status gives your institution the resources it needs to truly embed a culture of restorative behaviours."

You can find out more about our Registration Frameworks [HERE](#).

If you are not yet ready to take that step but would like to join our restorative community, then consider becoming a member of the RJC. You can find out more about our Membership offer [HERE](#).

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Early Bird Registration is now open for our 4th Annual Conference



Over the past two years we have all experienced unprecedented challenges but we have also witnessed many examples of communities coming together to provide support, heal and rebuild. Despite this, we are still living in troubled times. We are increasingly seeing cases of interpersonal violence within our communities and find ourselves in times where war, conflict and organised violence are becoming more commonplace. Class, gender, generational, religious, race, political and social polarisation continue to leave our communities divided and disconnected and the notion of a 'just society' all the more out of reach.

This is why, during this year's conference we want to explore the potential for restorative justice and practices as an approach to building resilience within our communities. Thus, the theme of the 4th annual RJC conference is 'Living in Troubled Times - Restorative approaches to building resilience'

This year, our conference sessions will focus on one of four areas:

- Restorative responses to interpersonal violence
- Restorative responses to war, organised violence and societal conflict
- Building community resilience in troubled times

- Restorative practice and social justice

We are particularly interested to explore how restorative approaches are being used in cases of interpersonal violence. Whether this be violence against women, hate crime specifically racialised, homophobic, transgender and xenophobic incidents, and the rise in knife crime. We ask: how can restorative practice be visualised and developed in cases of interpersonal violence?

War, conflict and premeditated acts of violence continue to dominate our news. Whether this be the uncertainty of the war in the Ukraine, the reports of war crimes inflicted on Ukrainian communities, the threat and actual acts of violence instigated by organised gangs, the exploitation of young people through county lines crimes, acts of terrorism both home and abroad and societal conflict between communities across the United Kingdom. We ask, how are/can we respond restoratively to war, conflict and acts of violence?

We ask how can we create restorative communities? How do our institutions, including our secure estates, schools, social care providers, health services and religious communities become restorative spaces? How does a community become a space for developing strong and effective restorative relationships?

Finally, in a world where class, gender, generational, religious, race, political and social polarisation continue to leave communities divided and disconnected, we want to understand how we can align restorative practice within the social justice movement. We ask, how can restorative practices contribute to developing a just society?

We will soon be announcing our list of confirmed keynote speakers who are sure to stimulate debate and discussion in our effort to provide insight into how we might bridge the divides and strengthen communities.

[**REGISTER TODAY**](#)

Call for abstracts deadline approaching

You can still contribute to the programme of speakers by completing our online form with an abstract of no more than 500 words and indicating for which session type(s) you would like your work to be considered. All abstracts must be submitted in English.

The deadline for the call for abstracts is the 23 Sept 2022.

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by our communications committee and a decision will be communicated to applicants by the 30 September 2022.

Where abstracts are accepted, the title, names and contact details of the presenters will be included in the final programme of the event. Please note that all presenters must be registered and have paid for the conference in order to be listed in the conference programme.

[SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT](#)

For further information please email enquiries@restorativejustice.org.uk and a member of the team will get back to you.



Howard League Community Awards 2022 - nominations deadline approaching

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Howard League for Penal Reform annual awards has been extended until **Tuesday 9 September**.

The Howard League want to hear about schemes you are a part of and/or know of who are deserving of recognition and praise for their excellent work in the community.

This year includes a **Restorative Approaches category** which is aimed at projects / schemes using restorative approaches and principles to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.

Specifically, they are seeking nominations for projects / schemes that:

- Provide alternative approaches to sentencing through their restorative work which is also benefitting victims of crime.
- Hold service users to account for what they have done, help them take responsibility and make amends.
- Provides safe and effective approaches whilst meeting the needs of all participants.

If you would like to find out more about making a nomination, visit the Howard League website using the link below.

[READ MORE](#)

Nominations close Tuesday 9 September

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.

RA Level 5 Programme: Module 1 (RJC Approved Intermediate and Advanced)

Location: Online

Provider: Royal Borough of Greenwich

Start Date: 20 September 2022

[APPROVED COURSE DETAILS](#)

Restorative Practice Facilitation Skills for Education Settings

Location: Online

Provider: Restorative Now

Start Date: 11 October 2022

[APPROVED COURSE DETAILS](#)

Are you interested in becoming a Registered Training Provider?

As a Registered Training Provider, you will be demonstrating that you are committed to delivering high quality restorative practice training to nationally agreed standards.

Having your courses approved provides confidence to participants and training commissioners that your training meets the required standards. For participants who may consider becoming a [Registered Practitioner](#), completion of an RJC Approved Course is preferred and reduces the cost and amount of evidence they need to provide. Our Registration Frameworks for [Service Providers](#) and [Restorative Organisations](#) also encourage leaders to commission approved training.

You can find more information about becoming a Registered Training provider with the RJC by visiting our website using the link below.

[REGISTERED TRAINING PROVIDER](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND COURSES

Being A Restorative Conference Facilitator

Location: Online

Provider: Remedi

Start Date: 27 September 2022

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Restorative Practice Training

Location: Online

Provider: Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date: 27 September 2022

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Restorative Justice Facilitator (L2)

Location: Online

Provider: Restorative Engagement Forum

Start Date: 28 September 2022

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Why me? Economic Evaluation of Restorative Justice

Location: Online

Provider: Why me?

Start Date: 29 September 2022

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Restorative Facilitator Training (RJC Approved at Foundation Level)

Location: Hybrid

Provider: Royal Borough of Greenwich

Start Date: 4 October 2022

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Sensitive and Complex Case Training

Location: In Person

Provider: Remedi

Start Date: 11 October 2022

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Restorative Practice and Domestic Abuse

Location: In Person

Provider: Remedi

Start Date: 17 October 2022

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Being an Inclusive Restorative Practitioner

Location: In Person

Provider: Remedi

Start Date: 28 October 2022

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LATEST VACANCIES

Administrator

Location: Ripley, Derbyshire

Employer: Remedi

Closing Date: 2 September 2022

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Restorative Practitioner

Location: Greater Manchester

Employer: Remedi

Closing Date: 2 September 2022

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Criminal Justice/Restorative Support Worker

Location: Cheshire

Employer: Remedi

Closing Date: 4 September 2022

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Restorative Justice Service Manager

Location: HMP/YOI Brinsford

Employer: Belong

Closing Date: 4 September 2022

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Personal Wellbeing Coach

Location: Wales

Employer: Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership

Closing Date: 7 September 2022

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Prison Based Restorative Justice Service Manager

Location: HMP Coldingley, Woking, Surrey

Employer: Belong

Closing Date: 12 September 2022

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Volunteer Restorative Justice Practitioner

Location: London

Employer: Calm Mediation

Closing Date: Rolling recruitment

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[VIEW ALL CURRENT VACANCIES](#)

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

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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.

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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:

- Monthly RJC bulletins
- Access to, and opportunity to, promote your own work in the RJC's publication: Resolution
- Networking opportunities with academics, researchers and practitioners from the UK and beyond
- Access to our quarterly practitioners network
- Reduced fees for the annual RJC conference
- Reduced fees for RJC Connect CPD activities and other RJC events
- Ability to nominate for the RJC Annual Award for significant contribution to the field
- Exclusive access to the member's section of the website
- Access to our standards for practice registration
- A voice in the decision-making of the RJC
- Opportunities to participate in RJC working groups

[BECOME A MEMBER](#)

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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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