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Welcome to this month's bulletin. I trust you have all had the opportunity to restore during the holiday season and are now prepared for whatever 2024 has in store!

The RJC team has been busy over the past few weeks. After our return, we launched a pilot programme for our Registered Case Supervision Framework, began the recruitment process for our Living Experience Advisory Panel, finalised the agenda for our upcoming Restorative Leaders' Summit, and created a parliamentary briefing, detailing suggestions for amendments to the Victims and Prisoner Bill. Busy month, but we're making great progress!

REGISTERED CASE SUPERVISOR PILOT

For the past few months, we have been occupied with finalising the Registration Framework for our Registered Case Supervisor Award. We consulted with others and are excited to announce that we will be conducting a small pilot program with a select group of our Advanced Registered Practitioners to test the Framework and assessment procedures.

We are excited to announce that our pilot program will be taking place over the next four weeks. Our goal is to have our first awards given out by the end of February. With this schedule, we expect to officially launch the award by mid-March. Thank you for your support and stay tuned for more updates.

LIVING EXPERIENCE ADVISORY PANEL LAUNCH

Our Living Experience Advisory Panel (LEAP) was formed to provide a platform where individuals who have either gone through or been involved in a restorative process can collaborate and share their experiences. Their valuable insights will contribute to shaping our policy positions, practitioner guidance, and practice standards.

We are looking for up to six individuals with firsthand experience to join us in this thrilling new venture. To be eligible, candidates should have personal involvement in a restorative process, whether as a harmed person or as a harmer. This experience could have occurred at any stage of the process and their perspective can be of a positive or negative nature.

We would appreciate your help with recruiting for the panel by sharing our [downloadable Flyer](#) with your connections.

Let's work together to ensure this project is a success! The initial round of applications will come to an end on February 9th, so please spread the word!

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RESTORATIVE LEADERS SUMMIT 2024

Our 5th Restorative Leaders' Summit is coming up on March 26th! We are excited to bring together leaders from various sectors to discuss the impact of restorative justice and practices on our society's growth and development.

For our 5th summit, we're excited to gather together and collaboratively strategise on how we can make an impact on national policy leading up to the next general election. Our main objective will be to utilise our combined expertise in creating a transformational manifesto that showcases the power of restorative actions.

Our goal is for this manifesto to highlight the importance of enhancing restorative justice and practice in various areas, such as criminal justice, education, health, and community-based initiatives, throughout England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Registration for this amazing event will be open at 9am on Monday 5th February, but don't wait too long because spaces are limited. Keep an eye on our [events page](#) to secure your spot.

Let's work together to pave the way for positive change!

VICTIMS AND PRISONER BILL PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFING

As many of you may know, the Victims and Prisoners Bill is currently making its way to the House of Lords Committee stage. This is an opportune moment for us to collaborate with members of Parliament to enhance the provisions of the Bill in relation to restorative justice.

In preparation for these discussions, we have produced a briefing for parliamentarians outlining the rationale for enhancing the bill to ensure that all victims of crime have access to high-quality restorative justice services at a local level.

We believe that this can be achieved by with the inclusion of two key amendments to the Bill:

- The right for victims to be referred to a local restorative justice service to obtain information about restorative justice
- The right to access high-quality restorative justice through the registration of commissioned services.

Whilst we have had some traction gaining support for non-legislative revision, we maintain there is still a strong argument for legislative changes. Enabling victims to be connected with a nearby restorative justice service is a critical measure in ensuring they receive the necessary assistance to recover from their experience of crime.

You can find the complete [briefing](#) on our website, and I'll make sure to keep you informed on our progress in the upcoming weeks and months.

UPDATE ON THE ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

We have officially applied to continue as members of the Advisory Board for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Restorative Justice for the coming year. The formation of the new Advisory Board is scheduled for February 9th, 2024.

I am delighted to announce that Elliot Colburn MP, the Chairman of the APPG, has made changes to the Advisory Board setup. This means that more organisations are now welcome to join and assist in crafting restorative justice policy in the UK.

In collaboration with members of the APPG, we have established a series of ambitious work streams to tackle in the upcoming year. These include:

- The Future of RJ Policy
- RJ in the Criminal Justice System
- RJ across the home nations

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- RP for young people and education
- RP in health and social care
- Working restoratively with communities

The Advisory Board will be responsible for determining the plan of action for each of these work streams. I'm sure you'll agree, now is the time to join one of the most accomplished All-Party Groups in Westminster.

Applications to join the Advisory Board are now open! I invite you to learn more about how you can join and download the application form on our [website](#).

COMING UP SOON!

I have some really exciting plans for the upcoming months that I can't wait to share with you!

Soon, we will begin accepting nominations for those interested in becoming a Membership Trustee on the RJC's Board. This is a fantastic chance for our members to play a direct role in shaping the Council's future during an exciting period of expansion.

I wanted to let you know that I'll be sending out application instructions during the week of February 1st. Stay tuned!

I also wanted to let you know that registration for our first CPD Symposium of the year will be opening up in the next few weeks. Our past events have received amazing feedback and I can guarantee that this one will be just as amazing. Don't miss out! Watch out for details in your inbox or keep an eye on our [events page](#).

And the news keeps coming! Mark your calendar for our upcoming Annual General Meeting on the **21 June 2024** between **10am-12pm**. This must-attend event will be held online and will feature the launch of our eagerly awaited 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. Stay tuned for registration instructions, but for now, save the date in your diary!

AND FINALLY

Our partner, [Restorativ](#), is currently seeking a candidate for the role of social media content creator! This exciting position allows you to join a rapidly expanding tech company and play a key role in shaping its marketing approach. They are offering a competitive salary package and the opportunity to make a real impact in a field that profoundly impacts people's lives. For more information and application details, please visit their [website](#).

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

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Chief Executive Officer

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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