

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

**W**elcome to this month's bulletin. Throughout July the RJC team have been focusing on preparing for our annual conference which will be held online again this year at the start of RJ Week. Our call for abstracts has been formally launched and Early Bird registration will open on the 22 August 2022. You can read more about this year's conference theme and find out more about submitting an abstract [below](#).

Don't forget to save the 21 and 22 November in your diary, we wouldn't want you to miss out!

Our Standards Officer, Aisa Shearing, has also been busy. Firstly, you may notice the change of name following her wedding at the start of the month. On behalf of us all at the RJC, we would like to congratulate Aisa and her husband and wish them a happy marriage.

Since returning to the office, Aisa has been busy completing Practice Registration assessments for practitioners, service providers and restorative organisations. We are delighted that Laleham Gap School have been awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status. You can read about their registration journey [here](#).

In our last bulletin we shared information about the Howard League Community Awards 2022. The deadline for nominations has now been extended until 9 September 2022. You can read more about making a nomination within the restorative approaches category [here](#).

I would also like to remind you that the RJC will be partially closed between **28 July and 22 August 2022**. During this time, our business and finance department will be closed and I will be taking annual leave.

Our Standards and Policy Officers will still be working during this time and will be available to manage most day to day enquires.

As always, I've included a round up of the latest [RJC Approved Courses, CPD and events](#) as well as the [latest 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

## The Laleham Gap School awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status

The RJC is pleased to announce that Laleham Gap School have been awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status.



Laleham Gap School is a Foundation, Communication and Interaction Special School for pupils aged from 4 to 17

years of age. Most pupils have a diagnosis of Autism and have an education, health and care plan.

***Staff have a clear understanding of restorative processes and the relative advantages and disadvantages of each. They provided excellent examples of how they use restorative approaches in everyday situations in the school setting.***

### ***[RJC Registration Decision Report - April 22]***

The school's vision is clear, they aspire to be the best they can so that all pupils have the tools to reach their full potential both socially and academically. Their commitment to embedding restorative approaches exemplifies this. The school's staff, pupils and parents have created a community who are accepting of all; a place where positive relationships are at the heart of the school's ethos.

### **Jim Simon, the RJC's chief executive said**

*"I am delighted that Laleham Gap School have been awarded Registered Restorative Organisation status. Achieving this status demonstrates that restorative practice has been embraced throughout every aspect of the school community. It is a well-deserved recognition and the school's leaders, staff, pupils and parents should be proud of what they have achieved."*



Danny Ralph - Deputy Headteacher and Tim Hunt - Lead Restorative Practitioner

### **Danny Ralph, Deputy Headteacher, Laleham Gap School said:**

*"Working restoratively with our young people has had a wide range of benefits and we can see the impact that it has had and continues to have. Children now have a greater understanding of their own emotions, as well as those of others and are better able to self-regulate. They can reflect and talk about events and make plans about how to move forwards positively."*

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](#).

### **Jim Simon**

Chief Executive Officer

## RJC 4th Annual Conference launches with a call for abstracts



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:

1. Restorative responses to interpersonal violence
2. Restorative responses to war, organised violence and societal conflict
3. Building community resilience in troubled times
4. 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 estate, 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?

Abstracts can be submitted for consideration in one of the following four session types that will run during the course of the two-day conference:

1. Paper
2. Panel
3. Skills Workshop
4. Poster Presentation

**[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONFERENCE SESSION TYPES](#)**

# RJC NEWS AND UPDATES

You can 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](mailto:enquiries@restorativejustice.org.uk) and a member of the team will get back to you.

## Howard League Community Awards 2022 - nominations deadline extended

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**

**Howard League  
for Penal Reform**

**[VISIT RESOLUTION ONLINE](#)**

# 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

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Restorative Now

**Start Date:** 5 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](#)

[VIEW ALL RJC APPROVED COURSES](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND COURSES

## 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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## Complex and Sensitive RJ Training

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Restorative Engagement Forum

**Start Date:** 19 October 2022

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## SAVE THE DATE



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**EARLY BIRD  
REGISTRATION OPENING  
22 AUGUST 2022**

[VIEW ALL UPCOMING COURSES & EVENTS](#)

# LATEST VACANCIES

## Restorative Justice Practitioner

**Location:** Buckinghamshire

**Employer:** Thames Valley RJ Service

**Closing Date:** 8 August 2022

Based predominately in the Buckinghamshire the purpose of the role is to facilitate and co-facilitate serious and complex Restorative Justice Cases between victims and offenders/prisoners.

### Main Tasks

- To provide skilled facilitation and co-facilitation of serious and complex RJ cases
- To facilitate RJ cases in Prisons and in the community
- To organise and run group casework discussion/supervision with colleagues and volunteer facilitators
- To support the RJ Manager in the performance and outcome reporting framework
- To liaise with other professionals and organisations, including the Police to gather information on which to assess safety and inform the process, including inviting those affected to attend and take part in the process
- To ensure all relevant agencies involved with RJ participants are involved and/or advised in regard to RJ activity as appropriate
- To provide case supervision, skills support, expertise and 'mentoring' to develop volunteer RJ facilitators
- To attend occasional other meetings as required
- To provide cover for colleagues

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## Youth Worker

**Location:** Stockport

**Employer:** Remedi

**Closing Date:** 10 August 2022

You will be working with children and young people (10-17) who have been referred by Stockport Youth Justice Service. This will include one to one and group based work.

You will be providing support, encouragement, and supervision to enable children and young people to undertake 'community reparation' work. This can include work on; environmental projects, arts based projects, awareness raising campaigns, supporting local charity work etc.

Your primary role will be to provide all required support to enable children and young people to engage safely with these activities and to motivate them to engage and get as much out of the experience as possible.

You will also be encouraged to develop your own ideas for community projects and activities for young people to complete.

So if you want a job that can really make a significant difference to the lives of young people this could be the job for you.

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[VIEW ALL CURRENT VACANCIES](#)

# SUPPORTING THE RJC

## DONATE VIA AMAZONSMILE

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Support us by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://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

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**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING THE RJC**

# 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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