

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

**W**elcome to this month's bulletin. It's certainly been another busy month here at the RJC! Over the past 4 weeks we have hosted two key events, our [Reimagining restorative justice in prisons](#) event and our [annual restorative leaders summit](#). We are in the process of writing detailed event reports but in the meantime, I have provided a brief overview of each below.

It's also the month where the government's Victim and Prisoner Bill had its second reading in the House of Commons. I have previously stated our disappointment that the Bill includes no specific reference to restorative justice which is a concern for us and the wider restorative sector. I am working with the All-Party Parliamentary Group and Advisory Board to draft an amendment to include a specific clause for victims to have the right to be referred to a restorative service provider to obtain information about restorative justice. As we progress this piece of work I will, of course, keep you updated.

This year's annual CPD symposium is coming around quickly but there is still time for you to register. You can find further details [below](#) but there's only a few days left to register. Make sure you've applied online by the **7th June!** Unfortunately, we will not be able to register you after this date.

You might also be interested in attending the Royal Borough of Greenwich conference on the 8th June. During the event they will be exploring power dynamics in restorative practice. You can read more [here](#).

For those of you considering restorative training, you will find the latest RJC Approved Courses being delivered by our Registered Training Providers [here](#). I've also include a list of other training, continued professional development activities and job vacancies currently being offered by our members. You can read more [below](#).

As we head into the summer break season, I wanted to advise you that the RJC's office will be partially closed between the 7th and 30th June. During this time we will be working at reduced capacity so there will be delays in responding to general enquiries and financial queries. You can read more [here](#).

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

## Update from our 'Reimagining opportunities for restorative justice in prison' event

In collaboration with Dr Katherine Doolin, Auckland University, the RJC hosted our 'Reimagining opportunities for restorative justice in prison' event on Friday 19th May at HMP Peterborough.



The primary aim of the event was to start a conversation about the possibilities for restorative justice across the UK prison estate. With our 30 delegates, we explored how we could expand on the current restorative activity being delivered internally and how prisons can work effectively with external restorative services to support both victims and offenders to access high quality restorative justice.

With the support of Lynsey Pooley (RJ Lead) and Ian Whiteside (Director), we learnt about HMP Peterborough's restorative journey. For me, having been involved with the prison for nearly 10 years, it was fascinating to see the timeline of their journey and just how far they have come.

The second session of the day was led by Margaret Adams from Magistra. With over 30 years experience of working in the criminal and social justice sectors, Margaret led delegates through an interactive discussion focusing on how we can create internal space for restorative practices to flourish. Reflecting on her experiences as a prison governor, she provided an insight into the possibilities for restorative practices and principles to be embedded within prison life.

The afternoon focus shifted to how prisons can effectively engage with external restorative services. Led by Tony Walker, Restorative Solutions, delegates entered a lively debate on topics such as 'what motivates victims and offenders to participate in restorative justice' and

'the challenges of preparing victims and offenders for their participation in a restorative process.'

As with most discussion based events, we all left with far more questions than answers but the important point here is that the conversations were held. We wanted to provide a safe space for these conversations and we certainly achieved this!

So, what's next? I'll be working with Dr Katherine Doolin to write up a summary report from the day which we'll publish on the RJC's website in due course. We'll also be planning further online sessions to continue these discussions with the sector. And of course, I'll be sharing our findings with the All-Party Parliamentary Group and our colleagues within HMPPS and the MoJ.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ian and Lynsey (not forgetting all of the staff who also helped us on the day) from HMP Peterborough for hosting the event. There was certainly something special about having these discussions within their prison. Thanks also to Dr Katherine Doolin, who by far travelled the furthest to join us! And, to Margaret and Tony for giving their time to prepare and deliver a wonderful programme.

From all of us, we also say a big thank you to our delegates, without you, all of the planning would be pointless. It was your engagement throughout the day that made this such a wonderful event.

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**Jim Simon**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Update from our Restorative Leaders' Summit

It was a pleasure to host our annual in-person Restorative Leaders' Summit this month. First established last year, these events have been designed to provide a space to bring together leaders from across a range of sectors that have a stake in the contribution that restorative justice and restorative practices can make to the development of our society.

During this summit, our focus was on how we can think collectively and strategically about how we communicate Restorative Justice and Practice to the outside world and how we can address cultural and ethnic representation across the restorative sector.

Our first session, 'Communicating Restorative Justice and Practice to the outside world' was hosted by Lucy Jaffé (Why me?) and Dr Rosie Chadwick (The Mint House). Throughout the session we were challenged to think about who we are communicating to and what information do they actually need; ultimately how do we develop a clear and succinct message. This was the start of a much longer piece of work to reframe the language of restorative justice.

The afternoon session was led by Gifford Sutherland and Linda Reid, founders of the Black Restorative Network. During their session we continued our discussion on how we can increase cultural and ethnic representation across the restorative sector. As a group of leaders, this is an area that we have focused on throughout our summits. The session certainly challenged our thinking on a range of issues relating to diversity, equality, inclusion, and equity.

I wanted to give you a flavour of the summit discussions but there is certainly too much to cover in this bulletin. With this in mind, our Policy Officer is in the process of writing our summit report which we will share via the RJC website over the next few weeks.

## Important: RJC Summer Partial Closure

**Time to Restore!!  
RJC Summer Partial Closure**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**



It's that time of year when we all need to have some time away to reflect and restore! As we approach the summer, the RJC team will be taking a break which means that we will be having a partial closure of the office throughout June.

Between the **7th and 30th June** our office will be partially closed. This means there will be a delay in responding to general enquiries and finance queries.

Some of our team will still be working but with reduced capacity, we appreciate your patience during this period.

**Thank you**



## 2023 Restorative Practice CPD Symposium

**Registration closes 7 June 2023**

As part of our Connect CPD programme, we will be hosting our Annual Restorative Practice CPD Symposium between the 10th and 14th July 2023.

Over 5 days, you will have the opportunity to participate in 5 CPD sessions (10hrs).

- Systemic racism and invested facilitation
- Striving towards a restorative society – working with families and the community
- Story telling
- Family Group Conferencing
- Restorative schools

Sessions will be delivered by the Restorative Justice Council alongside an exceptional selection of invited contributors from an extensive range of professions.

**"I believe that the benefits you will attain from attending the RJC symposium will support your journey into understanding the true power and effectiveness of restorative justice/practice and that you are not alone"**

**Delegate (2022)**

**Location:** Online

**Start Date:** 10 July 2023

**[FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)**

## First Annual Northern Ireland Restorative Conference

We are delighted to be hosting our first annual Northern Ireland Conference in Belfast on Friday 15th September 2023. You are invited to join us as we explore the importance of restorative justice in creating sustained change and resilient communities.

During this one-day conference, we will be focusing on the following themes:

- The importance of practice standards and quality assurance
- The importance of Restorative Justice/ Practice in policy decision making
- The importance of Restorative Practice in early intervention initiatives
- The importance of Restorative partnerships

## Registration is now open

Our full conference programme will be available shortly. Early booking is recommended as spaces are limited.

If you are interested in presenting at this conference please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

**Location:** Stormont Hotel, Belfast

**Start Date:** 15 September 2023

**[FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)**

# RJC APPROVED COURSES & CPD



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.

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## Royal Borough of Greenwich RA Conference 2023 -A Balancing Act: exploring power dynamics in restorative practice

**Location:** London

**Provider:** Royal Borough of Greenwich

**Start Date:** 8 June 2023

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## Restorative Practice Facilitation Skills for General Settings

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Restorative Now

**Start Date:** 29 June 2023

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# OTHER EVENTS AND COURSES

## Restorative Stories - Bittersweet

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Hannah Moore

**Start Date:** 13 June 2023

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## Responding Restoratively to Bullying

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Frances Jessie

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## Restorative Stories - Twist of Fate

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Hannah Moore

**Start Date:** 22 June 2023

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## Restorative Teaching Tools

**Location:** Belfast

**Provider:** Northern Ireland Alternatives

**Start Date:** 28 June 2023

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## Restorative Justice Conference Facilitation Training

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Restorative Justice 4 Schools

**Start Date:** 3 July 2023

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## Introductory Schools Restorative Approaches Training

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Restorative Justice 4 Schools

**Start Date:** 3 July 2023

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## Restorative Stories - Sticks and Stones

**Location:** Online

**Provider:** Hannah Moore

**Start Date:** 3 July 2023

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## ASB Team Coordinator

**Location:** Derby

**Employer:** Remedi

**Closing Date:** 4 June 2023

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## ASB Community Engagement Coordinator

**Location:** Derby

**Employer:** Remedi

**Closing Date:** 4 June 2023

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## ASB Caseworker

**Location:** Derby

**Employer:** Remedi

**Closing Date:** 4 June 2023

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## ASB Administrator

**Location:** Derby

**Employer:** Remedi

**Closing Date:** 4 June 2023

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## Development Manager

**Location:** Remote with some travel in the UK

**Employer:** Belong

**Closing Date:** 4 June 2023

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## Referrals and Data Coordinator

**Location:** Fareham Police Station

**Employer:** Restorative Solutions

**Closing Date:** 9 June 2023

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# SUPPORTING THE RJC

**T**he RJC's role is to set and champion clear standards for restorative practice. It ensures quality and supports those in the field to build on their capacity and accessibility. At the same time, the RJC raises public awareness and confidence in restorative processes. The ultimate aim of the RJC is to drive take-up and to enable safe, high quality restorative practice to develop and thrive.

The RJC receives no government or Grant funding and relies on the income generated through our membership, supporters and generous donors.

By supporting the RJC, you can help sustain this vital work, and be part of our vision to create a society where high quality restorative practice is available to all.

## **Jim Simon**

Chief Executive

The Restorative Justice Council

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## **BECOME A MONTHLY SUPPORTER**

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We are building a community of supporters to help us raise the profile of restorative justice with the public and enable victims to access restorative justice wherever and whenever they need it. I hope you'll consider joining this community and make a monthly contribution towards our work.

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## **BECOME A SUPPORTER**

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## **MAKE A DONATION**

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Your donation 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 more victims to access restorative justice wherever and whenever they need it.

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## **MAKE A DONATION**

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## **BECOME A MEMBER**

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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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## **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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