

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Welcome to this month's bulletin. It has only been a few weeks since our last bulletin and yet it is all change once again. As another new Prime Minister takes post, there are yet more changes across Whitehall. For the restorative justice sector, the most notable change is the return of Dominic Raab to The Ministry of Justice as Secretary of State for Justice.

The political turmoil over the past few weeks have, of course, impacted on many of the work streams we have been progressing with the All-Parliamentary Group and has delayed progress on the Victims Bill. The RJC continue to engage with our parliamentary colleagues and will publish updates in our future bulletins.

In other news, the Howard League for Penal Reform annual community awards are being hosted in late November. You can read more about how you can attend [here](#).

I'd also like to make you aware of a current research project being undertaken by Jill Palmer. This project is focusing on the perceptions and experiences of people who have committed acts of sexual violence and undergone a restorative justice process within the last 5 years. You can read more [here](#).

With International Restorative Justice week fast approaching, we have created some downloadable resources which are available from the RJC website [here](#). Don't forget to use **#RJWeek** and tag in **@RJCouncil** in any twitter posts.



And finally, why not kick off International Restorative Justice week by attending our [annual conference](#)! We have an exciting line up of keynote speakers, conference presenters and workshop hosts. You can read more about the current conference programme [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

Howard League Community Awards 2022 ceremony

The prestigious awards are presented annually by the Howard League for Penal Reform to people and organisations whose innovative work helps to make communities safer, and keep people out of the criminal justice system by providing alternative, proportionate, effective, and targeted interventions.

THIS YEARS NOMINEES

This year's awards ceremony will take place online on Tuesday 22 November, 10am to 12pm.

Speakers include; Andrea Coomber, The Howard League for Penal Reform Chief Executive; and Dr Ben Bradford, Trustee and Chair, Community Awards. Further speaker to be announced soon.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Experiencing restorative justice: perspectives of people who have committed unlawful sexual behaviours

This study's research aim is to provide a detailed evaluation of the perceptions and experiences of people who have committed acts of sexual violence and undergone a restorative justice process within the last 5 years. It aims to evaluate levels of offender participation to gain an understanding of the issues and obstacles that affect their involvement. Attention will be paid to the process from beginning to end with contributions from both offenders and facilitators, establishing what motivates individuals to embark on contact with the person or persons that they have harmed.

Furthermore, this study will explore the potential for RJ to aid desistance. Theories on desistance

emphasise the importance of prosocial behaviours and how these can facilitate change by adopting a restorative shift from focussing on the offender's deficits to a concentration on protective factors and strength-based approaches.

Should you have any service users or staff members willing to take part, please do contact me to discuss further jill.palmer@hud.ac.uk

Jill Palmer

University of Huddersfield

EFRJ launch a journey around Restorative Cities

The movement for developing "Restorative Cities" in Europe and beyond has been growing in the past years. A series of successful local partnerships and initiatives have been established in Albania (Tirana), Australia (Canberra), Belgium (Leuven), Canada (Vancouver), Italy (Como, Lecco, Tempio Pausania), New Zealand/Aotearoa (Whanganui), Poland (Wroclaw) and the United Kingdom (Bristol).

They differ in terms of population, socio-cultural backgrounds, economic and political contexts and thus also in terms of issues that could lead to conflict, polarisation, hate and violence. In common, they have the sense that technology and security-oriented responses may not be sufficient to respond to some challenges. Thus, they are all experimenting, often pioneering, how to build a Restorative City, which is not a mere sum of restorative justice practices and restorative-oriented initiatives in the aftermath of harm and crime. Instead, it reflects a desire to challenge existing governance models by activating and enabling citizens to develop the skills and organisational structures to resolve issues in which they are involved.

Restorative Cities build connections between citizens, local institutions, schools, NGOs and other organisations active in the neighbourhoods,

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prisons, probation agencies, police forces, religious communities, and any other key-actor having a role in promoting safe, just and relational cities. Restorative Cities also look to connect the individual to their community at a local and national level. This allows the individual to understand the patterns of society and therefore the importance of engagement with it.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Will you be joining us for our 4th Annual conference?



There are only a few weeks left to register for the RJC's 4th Annual Conference.

During this year's conference we will be exploring 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 delighted to announce that Elliot Colburn MP, Emily Spurrell, Police and Crime Commissioner Merseyside, Debbie Watters, Founder member and Co-Director of Northern Ireland Alternatives and Dr Katherine Doolin, University of Auckland, New Zealand will be joining us as keynote speakers.

We have also now confirmed 18 presenters over the two days including:

- Sinead Murphy, Community Restorative Justice Northern Ireland
- Dr Marian Liebmann and Cristina Vasilescu, Resolve West / Associazione Comunita il Ganniano
- Dr Ana Oprea, De Montfort University
- Dr Nikki D'Souza and Dr Donna Marie Brown - Northumbria University / Durham University
- Leah Robinson, Why me?

Delegates can also join one of our workshop sessions including:

- Restorative Approaches to Building Safety and Inclusion WITH Victims of Domestic Abuse
- The Loving Wolf Workshop - developing our compassion and emotional resilience in these troubled times

You can view our full conference programme and register for your place using the link below.

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Brunel University London awarded Registered Training Provider status



The RJC is pleased to announce that Brunel University London have been awarded Registered Training Provider status with course approval.

Brunel first introduced restorative practice training into the educational degree syllabus in 2013 with the introduction of their 'working restoratively with children and young people', as part of undergraduate BA Education degree programme.

The university has continued develop this course which helps learners develop the necessary skills to begin to become a restorative practitioner in a range of settings. Much of the learning is interactive and there are lots of opportunities to practice the learning from the taught input.

"We are thrilled to have achieved Registered Training Provider status as we have been running the course for so long. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the course and expressed interest in accreditation which we have now been able to deliver."

To find out more about the Brunel's working restoratively with children and young people course contact Gail via email

gail.waite@brunel.ac.uk.

Jim Simon

Chief Executive Officer

Course content is underpinned by the core principles of Restorative Practice and the university has developed high quality pre-course resources which prepare learners to develop their restorative skills and knowledge

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Led by Gail Waite, a qualified youth worker and experienced restorative practitioner and trainer, the course draws on relevant academic literature and research, which gives students a firm theoretical foundation of knowledge before moving on to skills development and practice.

Jim Simon, the RJC's chief executive said:

"I am delighted that Brunel have been awarded the RJC's Registered Training Provider status. By meeting the standards set out in our Registered Training Provider Framework, course participants and commissioners can be confident in the quality of training being provided."

Gail Waite, Brunel University said:

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 Principles and Practice Skills Training

Location: Hybrid

Provider: CTC Associates and Victim Support NI

Start Date: 10 November 2022

[APPROVED COURSE DETAILS](#)

Restorative Practice Facilitation Skills for General Settings

Location: Online

Provider: Restorative Now

Start Date: 23 November 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND COURSES

Restorative Justice and Online Harm

Location: Online

Provider: The Minthouse

Start Date: 10 November 2022

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A Celebration of Restorative Practices Locally and Worldwide

Location: Online

Provider: Restorative Practices Forum NI

Start Date: 22 November 2022

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Introduction to Restorative Practice for Schools

Location: Birmingham

Provider: Peacemakers

Start Date: 11 November 2022

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Sharing Tools to Support Restorative Conversations

Location: Online

Provider: The Minthouse

Start Date: 23 November 2022

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Responding Restoratively to Bullying

Location: Online

Provider: Restorative Relationship

Start Date: 14 November 2022

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Restorative Justice Unpacked

Location: Online

Provider: Why me?

Start Date: 29 November 2022

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RJC 4th Annual Conference

Location: Online

Provider: RJC

Start Date: 21 November 2022

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Restorative Practice Facilitation Skills for Educational Settings

Location: Online

Provider: Restorative Now

Start Date: 17 January 2023

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LATEST VACANCIES

Policy Advisor to the Victims Commissioner

Location: London / Hybrid

Employer: MOPAC

Closing Date: 6 November 2022

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Youth Mentor

Location: Greater Manchester

Employer: Remedi

Closing Date: 11 November 2022

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Criminal Justice Practitioner

Location: Greater Manchester

Employer: Remedi

Closing Date: 11 November 2022

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Volunteer Restorative Justice Practitioner

Location: London

Employer: Calm Mediation

Closing Date: Rolling recruitment

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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

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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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