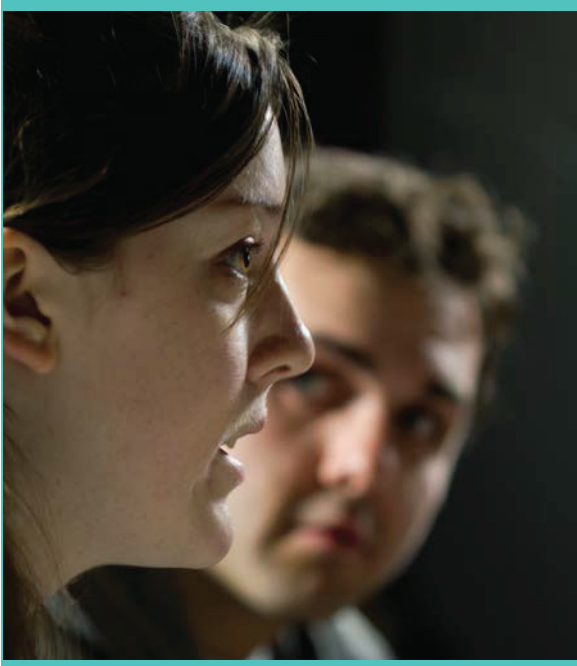


Victim Offender Conferencing

Restorative Justice Team



What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice is a practice that brings together a victim and offender who have been involved in a specific offence so that they can discuss:

- What happened
- Who has been affected
- How people have been affected
- What could be done to make things better.

Restorative Justice places victims at the centre of the process.

Corrective Services has a Restorative Justice Team who provide a range of Restorative Justice Services, including face to face meetings and letter exchanges.

Restorative Justice services are:

- Safe, private and confidential
- Managed by skilled and experienced facilitators
- Inclusive of participant's support people.

Restorative Justice services will occur when:

- The offender takes responsibility for the offence
- Both the victim and the offender agree to take part.

Restorative Justice services take place:

- With adult offenders
- After sentencing and legal matters have been resolved
- In relation to a wide range of offences.

The benefits of participation

There are many benefits of participation in Restorative Justice for both the victim and offender.

For victims

People who are victims of crime are provided with a unique opportunity to have their say in a meeting that is outside regular legal process.

A victim participating in the Restorative Justice Service may have the opportunity to:

- Ask questions of the offender
- Express how they and others have been affected by the offence
- Hold the offender responsible
- Put forward ideas of how the harm can be repaired
- Meet the offender in a safe space.

For offenders

Offenders have the opportunity to take responsibility for what they have done by:

- Hearing from those affected by the offence
- Participating in discussion on how the harm can be repaired

Where can I get further information?

A Restorative Justice Facilitator can answer your questions, send you a DVD or arrange to visit you if you require more information.

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