

Who will benefit from Restorative Justice?

- You get support in addressing your offending behaviour.
- You have a chance to make some reparation for the harm which your offending has caused.
- Restorative Justice reduces the frequency of criminals re-offending by 23%
- 85% of victims who take part in Restorative Justice are satisfied with the process

What next?

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Information for offenders

Information about the Restorative Justice process for offenders. Learn more about Restorative Justice and how you can take part.

Restorative Justice can be a powerful and positive experience for victims and offenders.



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What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice is an opportunity for you to meet with the victim face to face. You will talk about what happened when you committed the offence, and the victim will have a chance to talk about how they or others around them have been affected by the offence. It can also be a time for asking and answering any questions you or the victim may have.

Repairing the harm

During the conference we look at what might be done to repair the harm caused by the offence. Though there may be no way to completely repair the harm, this is a chance for you to talk to the victim about what can be done to repair some of the harm done.

Who is it for?

Anyone who has committed an offence where there is a victim involved, are eligible to take part in the program. (Offences of domestic violence are not suited to Restorative Justice.)



What does it involve?

First you will meet with a Restorative Justice Facilitator who will explain the process and answer any questions you have.

This will give you a chance to:

- Talk about the offence
- Discuss how you and others have been affected
- Ask questions you may have about Restorative Justice
- Get an understanding of what will be expected of you during a conference

What is expected of me?

Restorative Justice Conferences are only effective if the offender and the victim are both willing to participate. Before the conference the facilitator will also meet with the victim, to make sure he or she understands what is expected from them.

As the offender, you will be expected to:

- Accept responsibility for causing harm
- Be willing to meet the victim
- Explore ways of making amends for the harm caused

What if I am not sure I want to take part?

If you are unsure about meeting the victim, we would still like to meet with you to explain what Restorative Justice is.

The initial meeting is for you to get all the information you need and ask any questions you may have. After the meeting you will be asked if you would like to meet with the victim.

Some offenders will have a requirement to take part in Restorative Justice as part of their sentence.

Meeting the victim

Your meeting with the victim will be run by two trained Restorative Justice Facilitators. Both the facilitators will have met with you and the victim separately before the conference. The facilitators will make sure the meeting is well organized and that everyone is treated with respect.

What is discussed in the meeting?

- You will be asked to explain what you did at the time of the offence.
- You will also be asked what you think may have been the impact of what you did
- The victim will have a chance to talk about the impact of the offence on them
- Reparation of harm will be explored
- There will also be a chance to ask questions.