

Introduction

Restorative Practices Ireland (RPI) wishes to share relevant, recent RP information with members by means of regular Newsletters. To this end, we have compiled the information below as a prototype. Depending on response from members, we plan to issue editions of the Newsletter every 6 weeks or so. Members are invited to send information that they would like included in the Newsletter to info@restorativepracticesireland.ie. The Newsletter will be circulated by email to those on the RPI contact list and made available on the RPI Website. Inclusion in the Newsletter does not imply endorsement of any event, training, report or service that is featured.

Upcoming Events

- 15 May, 7-9 pm, Zoom, Open Space event to explore RP possibilities in Ireland, hosted by Ruth Kelly and Joe Power <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/restorative-practice-in-ireland-an-open-space-to-explore-possibilities-tickets-623450917477>
- 15,16 June, Drumcondra, Dublin, 14th North South Criminology Conference, the School of Law and Government at Dublin City University ‘Facing the Future: Pathways, Priorities, and Pressure Points in Contemporary Criminology’ <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/north-south-criminology-conference-tickets-587576445967>
- 22,23 of June, Pamplona, European Forum for Restorative Justice 12th international seminar, ‘Policy Matters in Restorative Justice - Mapping a Field in its Process of Growth and Innovation’ with a focus on policy developments and the (under-) use of restorative justice. <https://www.euforumrj.org/en/events/>.
- 4-7 July, CEP conference, Barcelona on mental health issues and criminal justice with inputs on trauma and restorative justice <https://www.cep-probation.org/events/cjpe-summer-course/>
- 15 September, Belfast, Restorative Justice Council, First Annual Northern Ireland Conference with themes of practice standards and quality assurance, RJ and RP in policy making, RP in early intervention initiatives and restorative partnerships. <https://restorativejustice.org.uk/civicrm/event/info%3Fid%3D648%26reset%3D1>
- October, Restorative Practices Ireland conference, details to be announced

Recent Events

- 20 April, 16th Annual Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture "Judicial Discretion and the Justice and Welfare Dichotomy: The Sentencing of Children in the Irish Youth Justice System", presented by Dr John O'Connor, Judge, 5.30pm, Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin <https://www.acjrd.ie/news/events>
- 22nd February 2023, conference in Ashling Hotel, Dublin, organised by the National Crime Victims Helpline to mark European Day for Victims of Crime. Summary and PowerPoint slides

available as word doc (could include doc in 'Resources' section of website, with permission; doc is not available on NCVH website).

- 4 March, Connect RP e-conference, Restorative Practice - What's Needed Now? Nurture, Motivation, Participation, with Margaret Thorsborne and Dr. Kathy Evans as keynote speakers: see <https://www.connectrp.ie/>
- 'Widening the Circle', Inaugural Restorative Practice Conference of the Education Authority Northern Ireland, 23 March, Dunadry Hotel, Antrim, 'Exploring relational and restorative schools through a local, national and international lens', restorativepractice@eani.org.uk

Training

Childhood Development Initiative (CDI)

- 22 April, 11.00 – 13.00 [Restorative Practices Practitioners Community of Practices \(Option 2A\)](#)
- 25 April 19:00 – 21.00 [Restorative Practices Practitioners Community of Practices \(Option 2B\)](#)
- 22, 29 April (mornings), Getting Started with Restorative Practices, Face-to-face Course- Clare Education Centre, Ennis <https://www.clareed.ie/cpd-courses/post-primary-courses/3022-face-to-face-childhood-development-initiative-restorative-practices-training-p-pp-sna.html>
- May 2023, 17.00-19:00: [Getting Started with Restorative Practices Online Course 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th May 2023](#)
- Restorative Practices Skills for Positive Classroom and School Norms - summer course for teachers, on-line, beginning 3rd July to be completed by 18th August 2023, approximately 20 hours of study: <https://www.cdi.ie/courses/restorative-practices-skills-for-positive-classroom-and-school-norms-online-summer-course-2023/>
- CDI also has a full programme of Department of Education approved (EPV accredited) Restorative Practices Summer Courses for Teachers in venues across the country : <https://www.cdi.ie/training-consultancy/training-calendar-and-booking/>
- CDI will also be providing a number of Training of RP Trainers courses in Dublin and Cork during July and August, contact Claire Casey, claire@cdi.ie

Connect RP

See <https://www.connectrp.ie/> for RP training and support options

- 6th May - [Restorative Meetings Plus - Blackrock Education Centre](#)
- 13th May - [Restorative Me Plus - Cork Education Centre](#)
- Sign up for [free Webinar on Growing a Restorative School](#) (Connect RP School Site Licence Information Webinar)

European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ)

- 24-28 July, Prisons and Restorative Justice, EFRJ Summer School in Varna (Bulgaria) https://www.euforumrj.org/en/events/efrj-summer-school-2023?utm_source=Newsflash+EFRJ&utm_campaign=3faa0a4c0d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_04_12_54_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e32c3ba64b-3faa0a4c0d-295445289
- EFRJ Register of Restorative Trainers and Consultants <https://www.euforumrj.org/en/efrj-register-restorative-trainers-and-consultants>

Restorative Justice Council (UK)

- Listing of courses by approved training providers is available at <https://restorativejustice.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/files/RJC%20Monthly%20Bulletin%20-%20Mar%202023.pdf>

Victim Support Northern Ireland

- 12/13, 29/30 June, Belfast, Restorative Justice in Sensitive and Complex Cases, training course delivered by Tim Chapman, dalea@victimsupportni.org.uk

News

- February: Northern Ireland: Department of Justice publishes new draft Protocol for Restorative Justice governing the use of restorative interventions in the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland; Date published: 27 February 2023 <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/news/department-justice-publishes-new-draft-protocol-restorative-justice> The report on which the new draft protocol is based details how a new accreditation process would work for both organisations and individuals, in addition to meeting specific training standards. <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/justice/review%20of%20the%202007%20protocol%20-%20final%20report.pdf>
- February: Article in Irish Times by Marie Keenan and Ian Marder arguing the case for a restorative inquiry into abuse in schools - <https://twitter.com/iancriminology/status/1630485466595184640/photo/1>
- March, launch of Irish Penal Reform Trust Strategic Plan 2023-26, which advocates strongly for alternatives to prison, community sanctions and restorative justice. https://www.iprt.ie/site/assets/files/7205/iprt_strategic_plan_2023-2026_web_upload_1.pdf
- March, launch of review report by Andrew Montague on the Building Community Resilience project <https://www.bcrproject.ie/2022-review-the-future-of-community-safety-in-ireland/> The report shows a welcome growth in recognition for a trauma-informed approach but sounds a note of caution about RP: “The previous review of Building Community Resilience showed that restorative practice can be an effective resource for reducing antisocial behaviour. There were difficulties, however, in getting buy-in from organisations. If engagement in this project continues to be difficult, it may make more sense to focus on other strands.” (p44)
- March, Council of Europe new Recommendation on victims’ rights that highlights use of restorative justice https://www.euforumrj.org/en/node11/new-recommendation-rights-services-and-support-victims-crime?utm_source=Newsflash+EFRJ&utm_campaign=3faa0a4c0d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_04_12_54_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e32c3ba64b-3faa0a4c0d-295445289
- March, Why Me? Launch of report ‘Understanding Barriers to Restorative Justice’ https://why-me.org/2023/understanding-barriers-to-restorative-justice-for-young-people-young-adults-and-victims-of-crime/?doing_wp_cron=1681480326.9149041175842285156250

- April, retirement of Ursula Fernee, a member of the RPI Steering Committee, from the Probation Service where she headed the Restorative Justice and Victim Support Unit.
- April, Restorative Justice Council (UK) launch of Resolution Podcast, featuring in the first series the experience of a victim and offender
<https://restorativejustice.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/files/RJC%20Monthly%20Bulletin%20-%20Mar%2023.pdf>

Resources

- Restorative Practices in Schools in Northern Ireland: Towards an ‘All School’ Model, Brian Payne, Graeme Young and Jonathan Hobson, Irish Probation Journal , Vol 19, October 2022
[http://www.probation.ie/EN/PB/0/7AA2160ABB42D77C80258905005B7CD4/\\$File/07%20IPJ%20Vol%2019%20Restorative%20Practices.pdf](http://www.probation.ie/EN/PB/0/7AA2160ABB42D77C80258905005B7CD4/$File/07%20IPJ%20Vol%2019%20Restorative%20Practices.pdf)
- Marie Keenan and Estelle Zinsstag, Sexual Violence and Restorative Justice, Addressing the Justice Gap, Oxford University Press <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/sexual-violence-and-restorative-justice-9780198858638?cc=ie&lang=en&#>
- Communicating RJ: European Forum for Restorative Justice, blog by **Lindsey Pointer**, ‘Narrating the impact of restorative justice: do you have to feel it to get it? The potential of experiences, stories, and art for communicating restorative justice’ <https://www.euforumrj.org/en/narrating-impact-restorative-justice-do-you-have-feel-it-get-it>
- CDI recently launched Season Two of its RP Podcast, Circles of Connection, and will be publishing a new podcast once a week over the coming months. All episodes are available here: <https://audioboom.com/channels/5022933-circles-of-connection>
- Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice, latest issue of Working Notes, a journal that focuses on social, economic and theological analysis of Irish society, features articles on the centrality of relationship in rehabilitation. <https://www.jcfj.ie/working-notes/current-issue/>
- Jane Mulcahy, Relationships Matter: A Law and Justice interview with Joe Brummer focusing on trauma informed approaches and restorative practice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMTMpluz65Q>. Part of a series of interviews that include interviews with Gerry Diamond, Tina Horan and Brigid Russell
- Jane Mulcahy: other podcast interviews that touch on RP or RJ include an interview with Peter Dorman on community safety, RP and other matters [<https://studio.youtube.com/video/yjlnpm9fTw8/edit> - reference to be confirmed], a conversation with Margot van Sluytman on the impact of her father’s murder and her life’s work on Sawbonna (victim-led restorative justice – see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91Tb7nQUUfQ>), an education-oriented chat with Colm O’Connor (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MQ0YgS01wl&t=2s>), a discussion with Jim Sporleder on how he turned a dangerous, chaotic school (Lincoln High in Walla Walla) into a trauma-responsive one featured in Jamie Redford’s Paper Tigers documentary (see <https://youtu.be/fKKZSh1Htdk>), and a conversation with Maria Cantacuzino about The Forgiveness Project and findings from her work on forgiveness (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZMkUKpdlnl>).

- Ian Marder Sunday World's podcast *Crime World with Nicola Tallant* discussing restorative justice and criminal justice reform
<https://twitter.com/CrimeNicola/status/1625796384459816961>
- Joe Brummer, Building a Trauma-informed Restorative School: Skills and Approaches for Improving Culture and Behavior <https://www.joebrummer.com/>
- A survivor of sexual abuse anonymously describes her restorative justice meeting in the Irish Examiner <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/courtandcrime/arid-41014895.html>
- Caron McCaffrey (Director General, Irish Prison Service) spoke about restorative practices in prisons on The Two Norries Podcast - <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4TJuDdbkHhqXpb9hAJN69w>
- Restorative Justice Strategies for Change (RJS4C): <https://restorativejustice.ie/>