

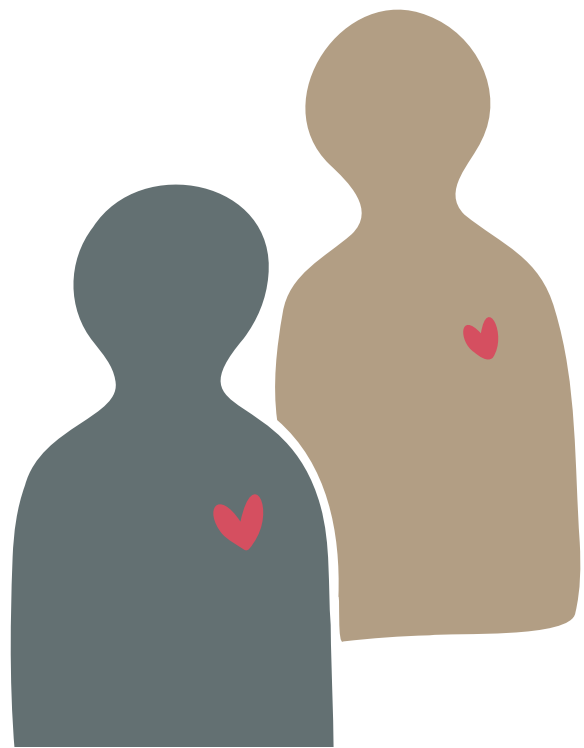
Through this Unit, you will learn the basics on **Restorative Justice**, What it is and how to apply it efficiently. You will also learn about **mediation** and find many other interesting materials.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

An approach to justice that aims to bring together the parties involved in a conflict in order to restore the harm done, encouraging dialogue, compassion and understanding. It doesn't seek to attribute blame or punish the perpetrator of harm, but rather to allow the victim and perpetrator to be part of a healing process where a course of action is drawn in order to allow the victim and the community to move forward.

MEDIATION

Mediation is a form of arbitration that aims to establish a dialogue and foster understanding between individuals or groups that are in conflict, in order to achieve reconciliation. This usually occurs between the affected parties and a trained mediator that acts as an independent third party.





How to apply Restorative Justice?

Victim-offender mediation

This method brings together the primary victim and offender using a trained mediator to coordinate the meeting. When both parties have had their say, the mediator helps them consider ways to reconcile and move past the harm done.

Family Group Conferencing

Restorative conferencing involves more affected parties in its processes. Besides the primary victims and offenders, secondary victims such as family members, close friends or community representatives are also included. They are brought together by a third impartial party (facilitator), and they engage in a discussion on the harm done and potential reparations.

Healing and Sentencing Circles

This multi-step procedure starts with a “healing circle” in which the affected parties engage in a discussion on what happened, and everyone is given the opportunity to talk. If such a circle proves to be constructive and sincere, a “sentencing circle” is formed to discuss the elements of a sentencing plan. The circles expand participation to members of the community with a legitimate interest in the case.

Community Restorative Boards (CRBs)

CRBs are small groups of active citizens specifically trained to conduct meetings with offenders. The process usually involves a meeting with the Board members to discuss the nature of the offense, and the negative effects it had on the victim and community. The Board proposes a set of sanctions, which are discussed, and an agreement is reached with the offender and the victim.



Learn more

[Recovering From Crime: Restorative Justice and Rape - YouTube](#)

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[Peer Mediation - Positive Future - YouTube](#)

[The History of Restorative Justice | RJ Webinar Series by Dr Theo Gavrielides Eo8 \(PART 1\) - YouTube](#)