

# WEEKLY DIGEST N°8

JCS Training Program Creating, Maintaining and Repairing social ties. Connecting with the community

Through this Unit you will learn basics about Restorative Justice, What it is and how to apply it efficiently. You will also learn about mediation.

### **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 the 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.





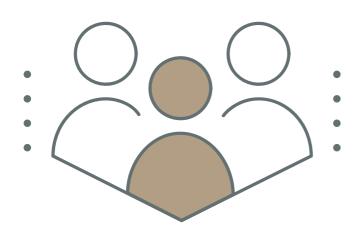
### What is restorative justice?

Restorative justice views crime as more than a mere breaking of a rule.



- It affects relationships
- It impacts community

A just response should address the harm and the wrong-doing by allowing the offender, victim & the community to discuss the harm and decide on solutions.





#### Learn more

Have a look at RJ4All's YouTube channel (videos, interviews, webinars...): <u>Restorative Justice for All</u> <u>International Institute -</u> <u>YouTube</u>

Have a look at current projects on Restorative Justice: <u>RJ4All Projects and Services</u>

Have a look at publications and articles on Restorative Justice: <u>RJ4All Publications -</u> <u>Ebook store</u>

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