

Communicating Restorative Justice and Practice

One Day Online Conference



The Mint House

17 May 2023 (Online on Zoom)
9:30am-4:00pm (BST)

9:30 Start/Welcome

9:40 **Solutions-focused journalism and working with the media** (Jodie Jackson - News Literacy Lab, Myra Anubi - BBC, Nina Champion - Criminal Justice Alliance)

10:30 Break

10:40 **How to amplify the voices of people with lived experience of restorative justice and share their stories** (Sussex Pathways and Sussex Police)

11:30 Break

11:40 Circle Conversations (capped at 15 people each)

- **Communicating restorative justice to people who harm** (Esther Wanjie-Nyeko - Belong)
- **Communicating restorative justice to people who have been harmed by crime** (Mike Bailey – Victim Support)
- **Communicating restorative justice to gatekeepers** (Dr Nikki D’Souza – Northumbria University)
- **Communicating restorative justice across cultures, faiths, and languages** (Sula Blankenburg - Why me? - ‘Project Articulate’ project)

OR

- **Networking breakout rooms**

12:40 Lunch

1:40 Storytelling and discussion sessions

- **Explaining restorative justice to young people** (Leah Robinson – Why me?)
- **Adapting restorative practice for language and communication needs** (Paul Cornall - Restorative Approaches lead for Stockport Inclusion Service)

- **Communicating restorative justice at a national level** (Jim Simon – RJC)
- **Refocusing the narrative: aligning with respect** (Monica Morris - Understanding People (UP) Project)

OR

- **Resources sharing session** share books, films, plays, etc.

2:30 Break

2:45 **Reflective summary session**

3:45 Final round-up/Evaluation Form

4:00 Finish

Speakers



Myra Anubi is a seasoned storyteller and solutions journalist who currently hosts the BBC World Service solutions programme "People Fixing The World." The podcast explores creative ideas that people have found to tackle some of the most pressing challenges we face today.



Mike Bailey is a Restorative Justice Area Coordinator at Victim Support



Sula Blankenburg is a Restorative Justice Development Officer at Why me?



Nina Champion is the Director of the Criminal Justice Alliance. The CJA is committed to changing the narrative around criminal justice and promoting more sensitive, constructive and solution-focused journalism to drive systemic change.



Paul Cornall is the Restorative Approaches Lead for Stockport Inclusion Service. He has worked in education for over 10 years, including as a senior leader implementing and using restorative practices to support children with significant SEN and SEMH needs.





Nikki D'Souza is an Assistant Professor in Policing Organisation and Practice at Northumbria University. After many years in the probation service and on staff in Durham Constabulary in a range of roles, Nikki completed a PhD on the feasibility of using restorative justice in the context of serious and organised crime. She now teaches on the policing programmes at Northumbria University for qualifying police officers.



Jodie Jackson is the founder of the News Literacy Lab and an author on the transformative power of changing our media diet. She has spent a decade researching solutions journalism as an antidote to the negativity bias in the news and delivers solutions journalism workshops and training to journalists, educators, parents and students worldwide.



Monica Morris was first introduced to restorative justice over 15 years ago and has worked in a variety of settings since then. As a black woman, Monica embraces restorative practices as the necessary healing part of her practice, which she combines with a revolutionary zeal in the hope to make our world a better one where all lives really matter. Monica works with the Understanding People (UP) Project to extend the reach of RA to those who do not currently benefit from it.



Ryan will be sharing his lived experience of restorative justice and perspective as someone who has caused harm, joined by staff from **Sussex Pathways and Sussex Police**. Rosanna Summers is the Restorative Justice Manager for Sussex Pathways which are based in HMP Lewes. Rosanna has worked with Sussex Pathways since 2015, working in RJ since 2021. Toni Dean is the Restorative Services Delivery Manager for Sussex Police. Toni has worked for Sussex Police for 16 years and has worked in the area of Restorative Justice since 2019.



Leah Robinson is a Restorative Justice Development Officer (Youth Justice) at Why me?



Jim Simon is the Chief Executive Officer of the [Restorative Justice Council](#). He joined the RJC as chief executive in April 2019, having been an RJC assessor since 2014 and currently chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Restorative Justice advisory board. He is an experienced practitioner and trainer within restorative practices and has led the strategic development and implementation of these services within educational and youth settings.



Esther Wanjie-Nyeko is the CEO of Belong: Making Justice Happen. Esther is a senior Restorative Justice practitioner with two decades of experience working with people who have offended and/or been a victim of crime, and over a decade of senior management experience. Before setting up Belong with a cofounder in 2010, Esther gained an understanding of issues in criminal justice globally by working in a number of African prisons.

