

Oxfordshire Restorative Justice Network

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TRINITY COLLEGE LUNCH-TIME TALKS

Thursday February 23rd, 2006 “*Restorative Practice – A Whole School Approach*”

by John Boulton, Head Teacher at Besselsleigh School for boys with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

John has recently introduced restorative approaches to his school to resolve disputes and bullying, and will speak about his experiences.

Thursday April 27th, 2006 “*The Art of Apology*”

by Clair Aldington, Artist with Oxfordshire Youth Offending Team.

Clair has pioneered the use of art as a restorative practice, encouraging young offenders to reflect on their experience of crime through therapeutic artwork. The completed art is given as a gift to the victim or the community.

Thursday June 8th, 2006 “*Family Group Conferences – a radical approach to family decision making*”

by Linda Forrest, Project Manager, Oxfordshire Family Group Conferences.

Linda has introduced Family Group Conferences to Oxfordshire. OFGC is now in its 2nd year and recently gained funding for a 3rd year of operation. She will explain what an FGC is and describe the trials and triumphs of this exciting experiment.

Thursday 28th September, 2006 “*Circles of Support and Accountability*”

by Chris Wilson, Project Manager, Circles of Support and Accountability.

Circles has at its heart the desire to prevent sexual abuse. It achieves this by identifying suitable members of the public to monitor and support high risk sex offenders living in the community. It is based on the principles of restorative justice. Chris will describe the project which is based in Didcot and works with sex offenders across Thames Valley.

Thursday 2nd November, 2006 “*But does Restorative Justice Work?*”

by Geoff Emerson, Senior Probation Officer, Thames Valley Statutory Adult Restoration Service.

Geoff led the Restorative Justice Research Project in which 100 prisoners and 100 offenders under supervision in the community engaged in a randomised control trial to establish the effectiveness of restorative conferencing in reducing reoffending and improving victim satisfaction.

Thursday 30th November, 2006 “*Escaping Victimhood*”

by Tim Newell, ex- Governor of HMP Grendon.

Escaping Victimhood is a response from a group of Quakers and restorative justice practitioners to the unmet needs of victims of serious crime and events, including murder and fatal accidents. The development of an experiential residential workshop combines elements of a spiritual retreat with an opportunity for learning from others to restore confidence in the capacity to control events and to feel empowered through the experience.

Oxfordshire Restorative Justice Network was set up in 2005 to enable people in the county working in the field of Restorative Justice to meet, network and share ideas and practice. Anyone with an interest in restorative justice in any field is welcome to come to these talks, which are designed to fit into your lunch hour, **from 1pm to 2pm**. There will be a simple lunch provided, and also a slot of 20 minutes or so when anyone can stand and talk about developments in their work in restorative justice, or advertise related events. Trinity College is in Broad Street, Oxford and you are advised to use public transport if possible. Please report to the Porters' Lodge and ask for the Danson Room. If you have any queries, contact:

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