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EUROPEAN FORUM FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Connecting People to Restore Just Relations

Early Bird Registrations for our Spring Courses End Soon



This spring we organise three online courses on restorative justice delivered by experienced trainers in English and Spanish. The **Introduction to Restorative Justice** courses offer a good overview of the key principles, different practice models, and supporting international documents:

- **Introduction to Restorative Justice** in English (15, 16, 22, 23 April; with trainers: Maartje Berger and Monique van der Zouw) - Early bird registration available until **28 March (this Sunday)**.
- **Introducción a la Justicia Restaurativa** in Spanish (18, 20, 25, 27 May; with trainers: Mercedes Matás Castillo and Ángel Avilés Hernández) Early bird registration available until 12 April.

Our course on restorative justice and serious harm offers a thorough insight into the risks, benefits and



safeguards on the application of restorative justice in serious cases:

- **Introduction to Restorative Justice Responses to Serious Harm** in English (28-29 April & 5-6 May; with trainers Gael Cochrane and Martina Jordan). Early bird registration available until 5 April.

All participants get access to the [EFRJ Insight Talks](#), and 25% reduction on attending a second course. The EFRJ members receive 20% additional reduction of all participation fees.

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EFRJ - NACRJ Webinar Series

Save the dates and register! The EFRJ joins its forces with the USA based National Association of Community and Restorative Justice (NACRJ) to have a series of online discussions, the '[International Restorative Relations](#)' on vital subjects that inform restorative justice today on both sides of the Atlantic. The first webinar will focus on trauma informed restorative approaches with Joe Brummer from USA and EFRJ member Claudia Christen-Schneider from Switzerland. The second webinar's topic will be police, community and youth relationships. Mark the dates of the first two editions in your calendar: 26 April & 24 May. The series will continue until the end of the year.

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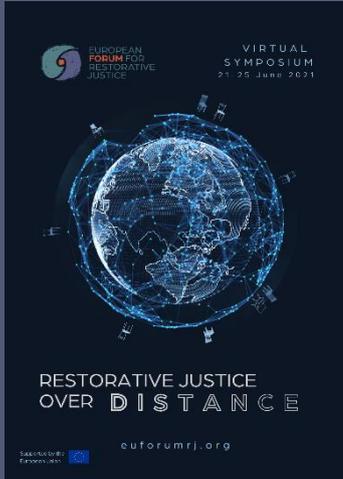
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EFRJ Virtual Symposium in June



Save the dates! The EFRJ organises the virtual symposium “Restorative Justice Over Distance” to provide the space for knowledge sharing and exchange for the growing international community of restorative justice practitioners, researchers, policymakers and activists. The aim is to map what is happening in the field and also to reflect on the future of restorative justice. In times when the words solidarity, responsibility and truth became so prominent, we wish to better understand what is the position of restorative justice on key issues that matter to our societies where criminal and social justice go hand in hand. The symposium will include a series of different sessions, such as interactive dialogues with international critical thinkers and thematic presentations on key issues relevant for the field. More information on the programme will be released in April.

On a Journey Towards a Restorative School

Several members of the EFRJ's [Restorative Schools Working Group](#) (Christopher Straker & Belinda Hopkins (UK), Nino Shatberashvili (Georgia), Maija Gellin (Finland), Michelle Stowe (Ireland) and Aleksandra Dopierala (Poland) will participate on the live panel (16/4/2021 at 2 pm CET) discussing the developments around restorative schools in their countries at the [Relational Schools: Guiding schoolwide restorative transformation](#) online conference (11-21/4/2021). Several EFRJ members will also contribute with pre-recorded video presentations on the topic of restorative practices in education. By getting your tickets through the [EFRJ's ticket link](#) you also support our work.



Art, Memory and Reparation

A [unique event on cultural property, art, memory and reparation](#) organised by our members from the Alta Scuola Federico Stella sulla Giustizia Penale (among others, Claudia Mazzucato) will take place on 6/5/2021. The event will be held both in English and Italian. According to the plans participants will be able to choose to attend in person or attend remotely. If face-to-face delivery will be possible, the venue will be the Shoah Memorial in Milan, that is in the place were victims were deported from. Among the contributors will be Eike Schmidt, the Director of the Uffizi Gallery (Italy), who is striving to obtain restitution of cultural goods looted by the Nazis.



Webinar on Restoration of Normality

On 20/4 at 2:30 pm CET the Confederation of European Probation (CEP) and the Probation and Mediation Service in Prague organise a joint webinar on [“The restoration of normality – a year with Covid-19”](#). The registration is free of charge. The event is a replacement for the postponed restorative justice conference which was planned for April but going to be held in October in Prague (11-13/10/2021).



Campaign in the Netherlands

Following last week's parliamentary elections in the Netherlands, Restorative Justice Nederland, Maastricht University and Podium Harlingen are launching a campaign to lobby for making restorative justice more prominent in the forthcoming coalition's agreement. The coalition will be formed in the coming months.

- More safety in society
- More rehabilitation for offenders with regrets
- More satisfaction for victims
- More restorative justice in the new coalition agreement

Read their pamphlet ['More Restorative Law in the new Coalition Agreement'](#).



Moment of Inspiration



"The documentary therefore just like the process of healing is patient and unrushed and the process of making it is long and hard."

Revive your experiences of the [REstART Festival](#) and the film [The Worst Thing Film \(To Germany with Love\)](#) presented at the festival through our Board member, Brunilda Pali's [perceptive reflections](#) on it.

The film follows the restorative justice journey of Kathleen Pequeño, who travels several times to Germany to engage in dialogue with former members of the Red Army Faction (RAF), a violent leftist group responsible for her brother's murder. Since last month [the film is available](#) for online streaming world-wide.

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