

Cornwall's Restorative Justice Forum

Terms of Reference

- 1. The purpose of the Forum is to create a cross-sectoral community able to share learning and responsibility for Restorative Justice development in Cornwall.**

- 2. The Forum agrees following principles through consideration of what kind of culture and structure are most likely to promote the successful development of Restorative Justice becoming a normal option for dealing with harm (form follows function).**

- 3. The Forum signs up to the Practice Guidance developed by the Restorative Justice Council, and does not need to reinvent or debate the Guidance.**

- 4. The Forum's additional principles are:**
 - i) Restorative Justice does not 'belong' to any organisation: all organisations working with either those harmed by crime/conflict or those who cause harm, have a potential interest in this way of working.**
 - ii) We build on local knowledge and relationships, while valuing expertise from elsewhere.**
 - iii) We have a flat, non-hierarchical meeting structure in which both individuals and representatives of large organisations can participate, with an easily accessible agenda.**
 - iv) The authority invested in the Chair is rotated and the background facilitation, eg agendas and minutes is undertaken by RJ Working CIC, with a commitment to building the collective RJ capacity of the community of organisations and individuals who make up the Forum.**
 - v) We will work to ensure the risks of a superficial approach are minimised. We will work with 'attitudes and beliefs', since these underpin restorative practice. The key restorative values are 'Respect Relationship and Responsibility' (from the work of the University of Ulster).**
 - vi) Our practice is evidence-based and will develop further through continuous and creative learning.**