

Hello!

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What is **Restorative Justice**?

How does RJ benefit me?

If you are in immediate danger, call 999. Otherwise, call 101.



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Restorative Justice helps you to explain your thoughts and feelings to the offender, allows you to ask questions and helps you move on from crime.

Self Referral

Protessional Referral



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Restorative Justice

In criminal justice , a restorative practice is widely known as Restorative Justice.

...it gives **victims** the chance to communicate with their offenders to explain the real impact of the crime – it empowers victims by giving them a voice.

It also holds **offenders** to account for what they have done and helps them to take responsibility and make amends.

For any kind of communication to take place, the offender must have admitted to the crime, and both victim and offender must be willing to participate.

(Restorative Justice Council)



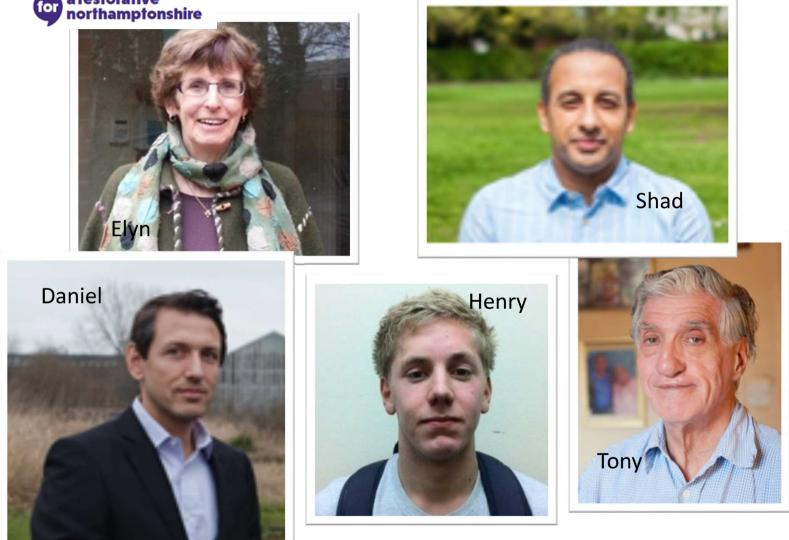
- ✓ Resident within Northamptonshire
- **√** 18+
- $\checkmark\,$ There has been a crime
- ✓ Willing to participate
- ✓ Offender has admitted guilt/entered a guilty plea



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Case Studies





The effects crimes can have on victims

Physiological

The effects on the body | sleeplessness | scarring

Behavioural

The effects on what you do and relationships | avoidance of places that remind you of the crime | increased alcohol or drugs consumption

Psychological

The effects on the mind | emotions and feelings | thoughts and beliefs and yourself in this world | justice

Financial and practical

The effects on income, expenditure and time | time off work, security measures



Why do this? What do I gain?

Empowers

Challenges

Humanises

Inclusion

Health & wellbeing



How it works

Voice is here to help you cope, recover and thrive following crime. Restorative Justice can be part of this process and can take place at any point in the

Crime occurs

future.

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I would like to know a bit more.



Self-refer/be referred

You can speak to Voice at any time to say you're interested in the process. Alternatively, with your consent, a police officer or partner organisation may refer you to Voice.



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Facilitator meets with Offender

A facilitator will also meet with the offender, to understand if they are willing to participate and if communication will be productive.



At the start of the process, you'll meet with one of our trained facilitators to help understand what you're looking to achieve and to prepare you for communication with the offender.



Victim and offender make an informed decision to engage

If both parties still want to communicate after preparation, and the facilitators think this would help the victim, communication methods are agreed.

Victim and Offender communicate

This can be by letter, phone or face to face with a facilitator in a safe, controlled environment. Over 85% of people who took part would recommend restorative justice.

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Recap:

Simply put Restorative Justice is a process that brings together the victim and the offender so that they are able to communicate in a safe and controlled way with the aim being to repair the harm done to the victim.

Criteria:

A crime , an offender who admits guilt or takes responsibility and the victim and offender must be willing to participate

Process is voluntary, free and confidential and victim focussed.

Number of ways this can be done Face to Face, Shuttle, Video, letter and in some cases by proxy

As trained practitioners we carefully manage expectations and risk throughout the process.





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