

Workshop “Victim Policy and Mediation”

Tilburg, the Netherlands, 2 February 2012

Introduction

This workshop is organised by the European Forum for Restorative Justice, in cooperation with Intervict. The workshop is organised in the framework of the Victims and Restorative Justice project, led by the European Forum for Restorative Justice. The general objective of this project is to achieve more knowledge, through empirical evidence, on the needs, experiences and position of victims when participating in restorative justice (RJ) programmes. The development of RJ has led to some questions with regard to the position of the victim and therefore this project will deal with questions at both micro- and macro-level.

This project will lead to a better understanding of the needs, experiences and position of victims in victim-offender mediation and conferencing and will formulate recommendations with regard to the further development of restorative justice practices as well as the cooperation between restorative justice programmes and victim support organisations. More information on this project can be found at this link: <http://www.euforumrj.org/Projects/projects.Victims%20and%20RJ.htm>

In the framework of this project, 3 regional workshops will be organised during which the interim results of the project will be discussed. Next to the workshop in Tilburg, there will also be a workshop organised in Helsinki on 9 and 10 February 2012. This workshop will be entitled “*Victims and restorative justice: violence in intimate relationships*”. A 3rd workshop (“*Victims and Restorative Justice: what method to use?*”) will take place in Vienna (Austria) on 28 February 2012. More information on the other 2 regional workshops can be found on the Forum’s website: <http://www.euforumrj.org/Activities/seminars.htm>

At a later stage the interim results of the project will also be discussed at an international conference, organised by the European Forum in Helsinki on 14, 15 and 16 June 2012. This conference will be entitled “Connecting people. Linking Victims, Communities and Offenders”. More information on this international conference can be found at <http://www.euforumrj.org/Activities/conferences.htm>



Programme:

Thursday, February 2nd

09:30-09:45 Welcome and introduction to the workshop by Prof. Rianne Letschert, Intervict (chair)

09:45-10:15 Overview of the European project Victims and RJ (Inge Vanfraechem, European Forum for Restorative Justice, University of Leuven)

10:15-10:45 The Netherlands: SiB Overview (Henriette van der Klok, Slachtoffer in Beeld)

10:45-11:00 Questions/Short discussion

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 Presentation on the Dutch preliminary findings (M. Laxminarayan/K. Lens)

12:00-12:30 Questions/discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-13:50 RJ in the coming EU Directive on Victims (Prof. Katrien Lauwaert, University of Liège)

13:50-14:10 Further developing RJ in the Netherlands (Anneke Van Hoek & Gert Jan Slump, Restorative Justice Netherlands)

14:10-14:30 Towards VOM in the Netherlands: some critical reflections (Prof. Ido Weijers)

14:30-15:00 Questions/discussion

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:30 Panel discussion with the audience, using statements

16:30-17:00 Closing, book-launch *De slachtoffer-dader gesprekken: in de schaduw van het strafrecht*





Registration:

To register please fill out the registration form which can be found at the following link:
<http://www.euforumrj.org/Activities/seminars.htm>

The registration fee is 30 Euro.

Location:

The workshop will take place at Tilburg University: www.tilburguniversity.edu/contact/

More information:

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