

Workshop “Victims and restorative justice: violence in intimate relationships”

Helsinki, Finland, 9-10 February 2012

Introduction

This workshop is organised by the European Forum for Restorative Justice in co-operation with the Finnish Ministry of Justice. The workshop is part of a larger Nordic-Baltic conference “The status and needs of the victim of crime in mediation”. 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 workshops in Helsinki, there will also be a workshop organised on 2 February 2012 in Tilburg (the Netherlands) on “*Victim Policy and Mediation*”. A 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop will take place in Vienna (Austria) on 28 February 2012 and will be entitled: “*Victims and Restorative Justice: What method to use?*”. 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 9th

*08:30-09:30* Registration and coffee

*09:30-10:30* Opening of the seminar

*10:30-12:00* Opening plenary by Antony Pemberton

*12:00-13:00* Lunch

*13:00-14.30* VOM in the Nordic and Baltic countries (Country reports)

*14:30-15:00* Coffee break

*15:00-17:00* Workshop: Presentation of the preliminary results of the project

Friday, February 10th

*09:00-10:00* Plenary: “Victims and RJ in Europe” by Inge Vanfraechem

*10:00-12:00* Workshop continues: “RJ and violence in intimate relationships”

*12:00-12:30* Coffee Break

*12:30-14:00* Restorative Justice with serious crimes

*14:00-15:00* Lunch and closure of the conference

**Registration:**

This workshop is integrated in a broader seminar on victims and restorative justice, organised and funded by the Finnish Ministry of Justice and the Nordic Council of Ministers. Registrations have to be made through the website of this seminar: <http://www.confedent.fi/vom-2012/> For this seminar no fee is charged.

**Location:**

The conference will take place at the Scandic Marina Congress Center.

**More information:**

For more information on this event, please visit: <http://www.confedent.fi/vom-2012/>

