

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

human rights and personal realities

**Storytelling in Dutch prisons –
a unique journey**

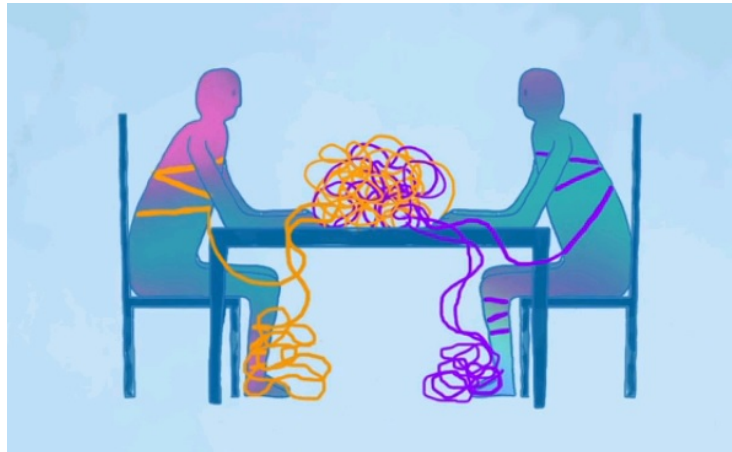
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Restorative Justice in prison

- 2000 referrals for victim-offender mediation each year
- 75% by offenders
- Only 5% from prisoners



Need

- Unfamiliar – professionals and prisoners
- Focus on proper execution of sentence
- Change: EU Directive on Victim Rights – more victim oriented
- *Victim right to be offered information on available restorative justice services*
- *Dutch government: provide offenders in detention the information so they can decide themselves*

Form

- Target group: professionals and prisoners
- Tour to visit all 25 prisons
- Organised together with Dutch Custodial Institution
- Information and inspiration



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Tour

- 25 events – 50 to 100 attendees
- Video speech by Dutch State Secretary
- Documentary with victim and offender
- Animation victim-offender mediation
- Story-telling victims and former detainees
- Poetry and discussion

Movie

- Short movie shown at the finish



Results

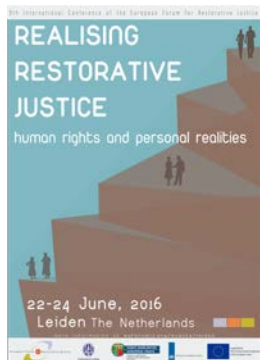
- Over 1100 professionals reached
- Over 500 prisoners participated
- Over 5.000 brochures were distributed
- About 140 registrations last year, increasing this year
- Knowledge and awareness

What we learned...

- Experience I: first change in culture is to talk about crime (doing = showing)
- Experience II: impact (story telling) is necessary
- Experience III: each prison is different
- Experience IV: positive to invite professionals and prisoners together

Discussion

How can we influence prison culture into a more restorative one?



Questions & remarks

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