

IMPLEMENTING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WITH CHILD VICTIMS



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Conference

Implementing Restorative Justice with Child Victims

**Final event of the EU-funded research project coordinated by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO): "Implementing Restorative Justice with Child Victims" (2016-2018)
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Intro- duction

This conference is the final conference of the project ‘Implementing Restorative Justice with Child Victims’ (2016-2018). The goal of this conference is to present the results and outputs of this two year project. The aim of the project was to develop and promote good standards and safeguards in the application of restorative justice practices where children are the main stakeholders, either as victims or as perpetrators of harm, as well as to implement successful practices of juvenile restorative justice in the EU. The project provides opportunity for mutual learning and the sharing of best practices between six countries, three of which are already successfully using restorative justice with children, Belgium, Northern Ireland and Finland, and three of which implement observed restorative practices as part of a monitored pilot project, France, Latvia and Bulgaria. For more information on this project contact the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO): www.oiji.org.

Programme

7 December 2018

- 9.00 - 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 - 9.45 **Welcoming word**
Chair of the day: Tim Chapman, University of Ulster, UK
TBD, European Commission
Edit Törzs, European Forum for Restorative Justice,
Belgium
Anne Reynaud, International Juvenile Justice
Observatory, Belgium
- 09.45 - 10.00 **General introduction: Restorative Justice**
Ivo Aertsen, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 10.00 - 10.30 **General introduction: Victim's Rights**
Joanna Goodey, European Union Agency for
Fundamental Rights, *TBC*
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 - 11.45 **Restorative justice with child victims : needs and
safeguards**
Peter Adriaenssens, KU Leuven, Belgium *TBC*
- 11.45 - 12.30 **Restorative justice and child victims**
Tali Gal, University of Haifa, Israel
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30 - 14.00 **From the European Model on Restorative Juvenile
Justice to the piloting of restorative practices with
child victims: the story of a journey**
Tim Chapman, University of Ulster, UK
Maija Gellin, University of Lapland, Finland

14.00 - 15.30 **Implementing Juvenile Justice practices with children: Challenges and promising practices in European countries.**

Latvia

Diana Ziedina and Tatjana Malceva , State Probation Service, Latvia

Kelvin Doherty, Youth Justice Agency, UK

Brunilda Pali, KU Leuven, Belgium

France

Soraya Mehdaoui, Direction de la protection judiciaire de la jeunesse (French Ministry of Justice), France

Emilie Matignon, Institut Français de la Justice Restaurative, France

Inge Vanfraechem, European Forum for Restorative Justice, Belgium

Bulgaria

Petya Dimitrova, Social Activities and Practice Institute, Bulgaria

Saana Vuoristo, National institute for Health and Welfare, Finland

Monique Anderson, KU Leuven, Belgium

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 16.20 **How to overcome the challenges which are preventing the implementation of a successful and sustainable Juvenile Restorative Justice in Europe?**

Brunilda Pali, KU Leuven, Belgium

Monique Anderson, KU Leuven, Belgium

16.20 - 16.30 **Conclusions**

Edit Törzs, European Forum for Restorative Justice, Belgium

Anne Reynaud, International Juvenile Justice Observatory, Belgium

Keynote speakers

Tali Gal

Tali Gal is a Senior Lecturer and Head at the School of Criminology of the University of Haifa. Her scholarship integrates legal, criminological, and psycho-social knowledge and involves restorative justice, children's rights, and therapeutic jurisprudence. She is the author of the book *Child Victims and Restorative Justice: A Needs-Rights Model* (Oxford University Press, 2011), and co-editor (with Benedetta Faedi-Duramy) of *International Perspectives and Empirical Findings on Child Participation* (Oxford University Press, 2015). Tali is an Editorial Board Member of the *International Journal of Restorative Justice* and her papers have been published in leading academic journals such as the *British Journal of Criminology*, *Children & youth Services Review*, *Contemporary Justice Review*, *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, and more. Prior to joining academia, Tali was the Legal Advisor of the Israel National Council for the Child.

Ivo Aertsen

Ivo Aertsen is a Full Professor of Criminology at the University of Leuven (Belgium). He holds degrees of psychology, law and criminology from the same university. At the Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC) he is leading the Research Line on 'Restorative Justice and Victimology'. His main fields of research and teaching are restorative justice, victimology and

penology. He has carried out a number of (local and European) research projects on various aspects of restorative justice and on victims' needs, services and legislation. The research focused on specific victim categories such as victims and their relatives in cases of homicide, terrorism, sexual violence, partner violence, child abuse, road traffic accidents and corporate crimes. Ivo Aertsen has been chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) between 2000-2004, and has coordinated COST Action A21 on Restorative Justice research in Europe between 2002-2006. He has been expert for the U.N, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the European Union. He was appointed as an expert to the Belgian Parliamentary Commission on sexual abuse in the church (2010-2011), followed by membership of the Permanent Arbitration Chamber on sexual abuse (2012-2016). Ivo Aertsen was also the academic coordinator of the European FP7-project 'ALTERNATIVE' (2012-2016) on developing alternative understandings of justice and security. He is the Editor-in-Chief of 'The International Journal of Restorative Justice'.

Joanna Goodey

Joanna Goodey's areas of expertise with respect to the FRA's work include: victims of crime; hate crime; trafficking in human beings; quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, including surveys. As for the mid-1990s she held lectureships in criminology and criminal justice, first in the Law Faculty in the University of Sheffield and subsequently at the University of Leeds. She was a research fellow for two years at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and was a consultant to the UN International Narcotics Control Board. She was also a regular study fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg. She studied criminology, as well as human geography, and is the author of the academic textbook 'Victims and Victimology: Research, Policy and Practice' (2005), and co-editor of the book, together with A. Crawford, on 'Integrating a Victim Perspective within Criminal Justice: International Perspectives' (2000). To date, she has published over thirty academic journal articles and book chapters.

Tim Chapman

Tim Chapman is a visiting lecturer at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, UK, teaching on the Masters programme in Restorative Practices. He has contributed to the development of restorative justice practice in both the community and statutory sectors in Northern Ireland. He spent 25 years working in the Probation Service in Northern Ireland. He played an active part in developing effective probation practice in the UK particularly through the publication of Evidence Based Practice, written jointly with Michael Hough and published by the Home Office. His ‘Time to Grow’ model for the supervision of young people has influenced youth justice practices especially in Scotland. He has published widely on restorative justice and effective practice and has conducted significant research into restorative justice in Northern Ireland including the ALTERNATIVE project which focused on restorative justice and intercultural conflict. Two books have been recently published on this research. In 2015 he wrote with Maija Gellin and Monique Anderson A European Model of Restorative Justice with Children and Young People (IJO). He is chair of the Board of the European Forum for Restorative Justice.

Inge Vanfraechem

Inge Vanfraechem is a senior affiliated researcher at the KU Leuven Institute of Criminology and runs her own business in consultancy (Libra). She works for the European Forum for Restorative Justice as a consultant for the Restorative Justice and Child Victims project, as well as the European PREPARE project on radicalisation.

Brunilda Pali

Brunilda Pali is an FWO funded postdoctoral researcher at the Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC). She has worked both in LINC and in the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) on several European projects, including the “Implementing restorative justice for child victims”.

She is also currently a board member of the EFRJ. Brunilda has studied Psychology in the University of Bosphorus in Istanbul, Gender Studies in the Central European University in Budapest and Cultural Studies in Bilgi University in Istanbul. Before coming to Leuven, she has lectured at the University of New York in Tirana and worked in the Albanian Foundation for Conflict Resolution. Her areas of interest are gender, critical social theory, social justice, restorative justice, and arts.

Monique Anderson

Monique's current PhD research (KU Leuven), examines the justice needs of young people in intrafamilial sexual abuse cases amongst minors. Formerly the European Forum for Restorative Justice's Executive Officer, Monique's previous roles include: Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Coordinator (Home Office Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Unit), Community Safety Coordinator, roles within Youth Offending Teams and Prisoner Officer. Monique holds a Master's in Criminology, a PGdip in Forensic and Legal Psychology and a BSc in Psychological Sciences.

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