



European Forum for Victim-Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice

Summer school 2005



Dates: 29 June to 3 July 2005



Theme: Training for victim-offender mediation and restorative justice



Participants: The summer school is aimed at trainers and programme managers in victim-offender mediation and restorative justice



***Venue: Hotel Victoria, Pilsen, Czech Republic
(<http://www.hotel-victoria.cz>)***



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ARRIVAL DAY

29th June 2005

3.00 - 4.00pm

Welcome & introductions;

Setting the tone for these next few days - facilitation of practitioners and trainers by practitioners and trainers.

4.00pm - 4.30pm Coffee/tea

4.30 - 5.30

Geographical orientation including info on local area and amenities

7.30pm

dinner and bonding time

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FIRST FULL DAY

30th June 2005

On the first full day, we will work together on the European recommendations on the training of mediators in criminal matters. Representatives of Suggnomè will facilitate this day.

Aim:

Participants can expect, at the end of this day, to have a thorough underpinning knowledge of the rationale behind the European recommendations

Method:

Pre summer school evaluation of existing training programme in participants' country in the light of the recommendations.

Interactive exercises to evaluate, refine and concretize the recommendations.

Questions to aid discussion and reflection include:

- Which training models are most frequently used and given by who (profession and background)?
- What are the necessary skills, knowledge and personal qualities of a victim offender mediator? What is the ideal victim offender mediator?
- What contact or collaboration is there with civil/commercial mediation services?
- What difference does it make if training is recognised by a certificate or organised by a parent organisation? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each of these options?
- How can we organise more intensively international exchange of experience?

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SECOND FULL DAY

1st July 2005

On the second full day we will explore issues to do with the support needed, institutionally, professionally and personally, to work effectively as a mediator/restorative justice facilitator. Representatives of the Czech Probation and Mediation Service facilitate this day.

Aim:

Participants can expect, at the end of this day, to be clear on what they need to do this type of work and how they might have their needs met.

Method:

- Group discussion on participants' experience of training and support which they have received so far.
- Presentation and demonstration on support structures within the context of the Czech Probation & Mediation Service.
- Reflection on experience and presentation with a view to identifying important needs that must be met for effective practice.
- Group discussion on how best to address needs.

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THIRD FULL DAY

2nd July 2005

On the third full day we will look in a practical way at training materials and methods of training. Representatives from SACRO (Safeguarding Communities Reducing Offending) will facilitate this day.

Aim:

Participants can expect, at the end of this day, to have a greater range of training materials and methods from which to develop training programmes on mediation and restorative justice

Method:

- Group discussion on experiences of adult education
- Presentation and demonstration on training materials used by SACRO
- Reflection on current training practices among participants'
- Practical exercises in designing and improving current training materials and programmes

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FINAL DAY

3rd July 2005

10.00am - 11.30am

Practice & Training Committee remit etc.

11.45 - 1.00pm

Review of Summer School. Where to from here? Farewell time.

1.00pm lunch

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Departures