

“Towards Critical Restorative Justice Practices”

SUMMER SCHOOL 2009

Barcelona, Spain

20 to 24 JULY 2009

ORGANISED BY THE
EUROPEAN FORUM FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (EFRJ)
IN COOPERATION WITH

Waage Institut; Hull University
Centre for Legal Studies and Specialised Training (CEJFE)

The purpose of the summer school is to:

- * provide a supportive environment for restorative justice trainers and practitioners in which to share their perspectives on critical issues that confront the field of restorative justice practice
- * explore and adapt the European Forum recommendations on training programmes
- * motivate trainers and mediators to have more international exchange

Assumptions:

- Participants will have a minimum of 2 years experience in practice and/or training and/or research in restorative justice.
- English is the general working language of the summer school with translation from Spanish provided when necessary.
- Participants will have read the following two core texts and at least one article from a prepared reading list:
 - *“The Little Book of Restorative Justice”* by Howard Zehr (2002, Good Books, Intercourse, PA 17534)
 - *“Recommendations on Training from European Forum”* Available at:
<http://www.euforumrj.org/Training/Recommendations.pdf>



PROGRAMME

Day 1

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- 15.00 – 16.00 Arrival and registration
- 16.00 – 18.00 Welcome and orientation
- 19.30 Evening meal – a list of differently priced venues will be provided.

Day 2

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(before lunch open to the public; after lunch for summer school participants only)

- 09.00 – 09.30 Official opening of the summer school: director of the CEJFE and a EFRJ representative.
- 09.30 – 10.10 Challenges for Practitioners and Trainers.
Drawing on research and literature, Professor Gerry Johnstone will outline a number of challenges that RJ faces in Europe
- 10.10 – 10.30 Open debate chaired by Frauke Petzold (Waage Institut)
- 10.30 – 11.00 Break
- 11.00 – 11.45 Round table
Relations between research and practice. Challenges and difficulties to improve practice
Gema Varona (to be confirmed) 15 mins
Pepe Dapena (to be confirmed) 15 mins
Professor Gerry Johnstone 15 mins
- 11.45 – 13.00 Open debate chaired by Niall Kearney (EFRJ)
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 15.00 – 16.00 Group exercise with summer school participants on the challenges they face in their particular work
- 16.00 – 17.00 Developing a framework for effective practice
- 19.30 Evening meal – a list of differently priced venues will be provided.

Objectives

- Relate updates on research
- Analyse links between research and practice
- Develop a framework for critical reflection on practice

Day 3

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Local Exchange

09.00 – 13.00	Visit to the Barcelona “City of the Justice” Local organisations will introduce their work to the participants and engage in dialogue about issues of mutual concern.
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
15.00 – 16.00	Critique of Practice
16.00 – 17.00	Developing networks of support
19.30	Evening meal – a list of differently priced venues will be provided.

Objectives:

- Evaluate practice and training from an intercultural perspective.
- Identify methods to critique practice
- Gain a network of professional support.

Day 4

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Workshops

On the booking form participants are invited to identify relevant issues that they want to address in a workshop setting. Relevant issues can be identified and prepared in consultation with work colleagues before arrival at the summer school or at study times during the summer school. The following are suggestions for workshop themes:

- 1 **Overcoming challenges:** such as, gaining credibility for RJ among judicial and criminal justice agencies; building links with victim organisations; involving the media.
- 2 **RJ in crimes of severe violence:** for example, domestic abuse; traumatised victims; prisoners; working in partnership with other agencies

3 Learning from mistakes: for example, participants can focus on cases that proved difficult for them; issues of support and supervision can be explored.

4 Ethics and Restorative Justice: an exploration of ethical issues in relation to training based on the Recommendations of the European Forum

09.00 – 10.30	Workshops
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Workshops
12.30 – 13.00	Learning circles
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
15.00 – 16.00	Workshops
16.00 – 17.00	Workshops
19.30	Summer School Dinner

Objectives

- Practice more skills for effective intervention
- Design one's own learning opportunities
- Apply a framework of critical reflection to practice

Day 5 **24 JULY 2009**

Reviewing learning from summer school

09.30 – 10.30	Learning circle
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.00	The future
12.00 – 13.00	Evaluation and Closing circle

Objectives

- Prepare action points for the future practice and training
- Summarise learning
- Identify future training needs

Conclusion at 1 PM



Comments from previous Summer School participants

- “The combination of learning, sharing and having fun is very good.”
- “I expected to get inspiration and to get new knowledge and to get to know more people, and so I did! I learned more than I had the ability to expect.”
- “Meeting practitioners from other European countries and being able to take strength from this. All the separate events were also very stimulating.”

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Dates: 20 – 24 July 2009

Participants: The summer school is aimed at trainers, researchers, practitioners and programme managers in victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices.

Venue: Centre for Legal Studies and Specialised Training
C. Ausias March, 40
08010 Barcelona
Spain

Full Attendance Price: 210 euros (European Forum Members)
250 euros (non members)
(includes registration fee and lunch)

Day Attendance Price 70 euros (European Forum Members)
85 euros (non members)

Certificates of attendance will be issued after completion of the summer school.

Accommodation: You can find the details of hotels and guest houses at:

www.hrs.com or www.oh-barcelona.com or www.booking.com or

- **Hostel Campus Mar:**

http://www.barcelona-on-line.es/cas/reserves/plantilla_hotel.asp?Local=8275

Near to the beach with easy transport to the Centre of the city and the Summer School venue. Good facilities and prizes

- **Hotel Constanza (2 stars):** www.hotelconstanza.com

Very close to the Summer School venue and the centre of the city



- **Hotel Auditori** (3 stars): <http://www.hotelauditori.com>
Near the Summer School venue and the centre of the city
- **Hostel Girona**: <http://www.hostalgirona.com/>
Very close to the Summer School venue and the centre of the city
- **Hotel Montblanc**: <http://www.montblanc.barcelonahotels.it>
Near the Summer School venue and in the very centre of the city

Make your reservations as soon as possible because Barcelona is a very touristy city, even more in summer!

Bookings must be received before 29 May 2009

The European Forum reserves the right to cancel the event in case not enough people should register for it. Registrations will be confirmed by 13 June 2009.

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