



# EUROPEAN FORUM FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Connecting People to Restore Just Relations

## Call for Stories and Testimonials A European Forum for Restorative Justice Campaign

### Information for Participants

#### Dear Participant,

We are an organisation that works for making restorative justice accessible for any person at any time Europe. We do this by connecting organisations that work with restorative justice and helping them to exchange good practices, by giving recommendations for policy makers and by promoting restorative justice through different online and offline channels. We are the largest restorative justice network in Europe.

This year we collect stories about people who have experiences related to restorative justice. People who were victims of a wrongdoing, who caused harm, or who experienced harm in any way, and participated in a restorative process that was seeking to make amends or to repair the harm. We are interested in your experience. We would like to know how did you hear about restorative justice? Why did you choose to take part in it? What was the experience like for you? Or anything else that you think it is worth to share.

We also think that others would be interested in your story as well. That is why we have launched this campaign to collect your stories, and to share them publicly.

#### Some key questions:

##### Will I be identified or identifiable if I share my story?

That depends on your choice. If you choose to remain anonymous, we will ensure that you will not be identifiable in any way. We will change or remove any information that could lead to your identification. If you prefer to use your name and share your identity together with your story it is also possible. However, you need to be above 18 years old, and we need to be sure: if identifiable, the other parties who took part in the restorative process should also give their consent.

(It might be possible that you are okay with making the story public, but another party who was involved, is not in favour of that. That's why we need consent from everybody who could be identified through your story.)

##### How can I submit my story?

You can write about your experiences. (You are welcome to use your mother tongue.) You can also choose to ask someone to talk about these with you, and then you could record this discussion as an

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interview about your story. It can be a video or an audio recording. If you choose to make a recording please contact us in advance and we will assist you in arranging the details.

You may also let us know if you would like to take part in our future photo campaign about victims and survivors. You can submit your contribution here: [balint.juhasz@euforumrj.org](mailto:balint.juhasz@euforumrj.org)

The submission deadline is 15 June 2020.

### How will be my story published?

We might publish the full story that you submit or maybe just parts of it. It may be made public on our website, in our communication materials (newsflashes, newsletters, information videos, brochures, handouts, policy papers, research summaries, thematic briefs, reports) or in public presentations (such as conferences or webinars). A quote from it may be printed on gifts (like t-shirts). If it is an audio or video material, we may publish it on our video-channels (such as Vimeo) or social media (for example on Facebook or Twitter).

When we receive stories we will work on them and we will contact you again to seek your consent for the exact way we would like to use your story. If we do not find an adequate form to publish your story or a part of it, we may decide to keep it completely unpublished.

### Can I change my mind?

Yes, if you decide in the future that you want to withdraw the information you shared with us, you have the right to do so at any time. In that case we will delete all your data. You should be aware that if you would decide to withdraw your consent, once we already published your story or a part of your story, it might be already copied or cited by other people (for example a newspaper can write about the campaign and quote what you said). We do not have any control over that and cannot be reliable for it.

### Will I be rewarded for my contribution?

We cannot pay you for your contribution, even if your story or a part of it will be published. Yet, your testimony might help other people to better understand what restorative justice is.

### Do you have further questions?

You can contact us with any questions here: [balint.juhasz@euforumrj.org](mailto:balint.juhasz@euforumrj.org)

Thank you for taking the time to read this:

**The EFRJ Team**

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## Consent Form

If you would like to participate in the stories and testimonials campaign of the European Forum for Restorative Justice, please answer the following questions below. Please note that the information that you provide below will only be used to contact you about sharing your story in our communications work. We will not pass the details recorded on this form on to any other organisation without your permission. Please send your consent form to: European Forum for Restorative Justice, Herbert Hooverplein 10, 3000 Leuven, Belgium; or scanned to [balint.juhasz@euforumrj.org](mailto:balint.juhasz@euforumrj.org)

Full name	
Year of birth (only year) <sup>1</sup>	
Nationality	
Telephone	
Email	

I am happy for my real name to be used.  / I do not want my real name to be used.

My story would lead to the identification of someone else: Yes<sup>2</sup>  / No

Format of my story or testimony (you can choose more): written  / audio recorded  / video recorded

I wish to participate in the photo campaign of the EFRJ about victims and offenders who took part in a restorative justice process: Yes  / No

**My story or a part of my story may be used (please check all that applies):**

1. in the online and printed communication materials of the European Forum for Restorative Justice.
2. in the public presentations of the European Forum for Restorative Justice.
3. in the online video channels and social media channels of the European Forum for Restorative Justice.
4. on gifts printed by European Forum for Restorative Justice (*for example t-shirts*).

Are there any identifying features you do NOT want included in our communications work? (*For example: your location or the age of your children*) If yes, please describe:

Date and place	Signature
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<sup>1</sup> If you are under 18, we need written permission from a parent, guardian or responsible adult (see page 4).

<sup>2</sup> Please submit the additional consent form(s) of the person(s) that may be identified through your story or their contacts (see page 5).





## Parent / Guardian Consent Form

*(please fill in if applicable)*

I understand and support the choice of \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) to participate in the EFRJ Campaign to collect stories and testimonials. I agree with her/his choice of consent as indicated above.

Full Name	
Date and place	Signature of parent / guardian

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## Identifiable Person Consent Form

*(please fill in if applicable)*

I understand and accept the choice of \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) to participate in the EFRJ Campaign to collect stories and testimonials.

Regarding identification *(please indicate your choice)*:

I am okay with being identifiable through details of his/her story.

I prefer to remain unidentifiable.

Full Name	
Date and place	Signature

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