Bio

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Abstract

This presentation will outline a brief history of the development of restorative justice and how that history has influenced its theories and practices. This will lead to the view that the modern restorative movement is emerging from its adolescence into its maturity. This will entail a transition from an 'ego-centric' state towards full engagement with ecosystems. Tim Chapman will argue that this transition will demand a fundamental reorientation and changes in concepts that have been seen as crucial to restorative thinking and practice. Some of these suggested changes will be challenging to those active in the field and should stimulate an interesting dialogue.