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Connecting People to Restore Just Relations



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BIO

I am an advocate for victim-initiated restorative justice following my own experience of a restorative meeting with the person who offended against me in 2014. My experience in restorative justice is not professional but of a personal nature. I am passionate about it and have travelled internationally and domestically (within Ireland) advocating for its use in cases of serious violence including sexual crime. I participated in a film depicting my real-life experience entitled 'The Meeting' in which I play myself.

ABSTRACT

My presentation will take place in the form of a documentary-style interview/presentation which would last a maximum of thirty minutes. I will split my story several segments which will detail (i) my experience of crime and of the criminal justice system and what remained unresolved for me (ii) my experience of a restorative justice meeting with the person who harmed me and (iii) the long-term impact of the restorative meeting and my observations as to how it can help victims of crime, including those who have experienced serious sexual violence. Each segment will have a title to it which will highlight the area I plan to cover. My presentation will take place in a similar format to that of Dr. Marie Keenan's which may be linked in some manner with my own.

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