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BIO

I am an independent human rights researcher, trainer and mediator in Utrecht, the Netherlands. My PhD (2012) was about RJ and children's rights and I continue to write and work around that theme. I am affiliated with Restorative Justice Nederland. I also start working as a part time juvenile judge in Rotterdam. In addition I am a member of the editorial committee of the Dutch/Flemish Journal on RJ and the vice chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice.

ABSTRACT

I will deliver a video conversation with children's rights expert prof. em. Jaap Doek. He was the chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child for many years and professor in children's rights / youth law at the Free University in Amsterdam. He was also my promotor several years ago. We know each other already since the nineties when I worked at Defence for Children in Amsterdam. He is retired, but still travels around the world to share his expertise and to rebuild and restructure child justice systems.

I asked him about his work and interest in the field of child justice, about cases and experiences. We talked about international and local developments within the child justice field where restorative justice methods also got a more solid

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place these days. We addressed new developments, promising practices and challenges. And we talked about the work of the UN. What is needed to improve the access to RJ for children and young people, what should be done to make the work done more child friendly. What cultures need to be changed to get this all done and implemented?

