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BIO

Malini Laxminarayan is a project officer at the European Forum for Restorative Justice in Belgium. She has worked on many projects related to (access to) restorative justice, victim rights, empowerment of sexual violence victims and transitional justice. Currently Malini is working on the project LetsGoByTalking: Protecting and defending the rights of victims of anti-LGBT hate crimes - Innovative paths through restorative justice.

ABSTRACT

The potential positive effects of restorative justice are undeniable. What is lacking, however, is a more solid understanding of the types of crime where restorative justice may be most impactful. While scholars have given quite some attention to controversial themes such as sexual violence and domestic violence, research understanding the experiences of anti-LGBT hate crime victims within the restorative justice discipline is lacking. This presentation will present preliminary findings from the Lets Go By Talking project (funded by the European Union 's Justice Programme 2014–2020), made up of 6 partners and coordinated by the University of Barcelona, which aims to better understand how to engage this group of victims in finding restorative means for conflict resolution. Their unique experience, largely due to the fact that the crime is an attack on their identity, requires a specific approach and more detailed understanding of how best to apply restorative justice.

