Like a fart in a mitten? Trying to Capture the Social Impact of Restorative Justice

Panel Session: From evaluation towards the social impact of restorative justice

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“Like a Fart in a Mitten”

- being frenetic or very active
- something insignificant – or disappears but you were sure it was there
- something you know is there you can smell it but you can’t see it

Nova Scotia
How to move towards social impact?

**Relational mapping** – ask about ideas and who and where they came from - Six degrees of separation – ask what new things are connected to

**Keep looking for connections** – ask people as they are finishing a restorative process/program/initiative to come back and tell you how things are going / what difference this is has made? Be open to the answers

**Foster Connections & Build relationships** across sectors, silos, communities, cities and the world – nurture less competitive/credit drive environments so that ideas can spread – not through a marketplace but like a community potluck
References & Resources


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