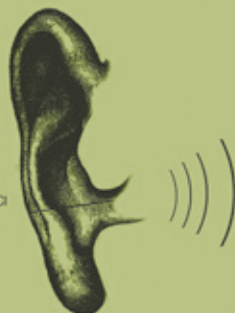


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Doing Restorative Justice in Europe

Established Practices and Innovative Programmes

Bilbao 17-19 June 2010



CONFERENCE TOPIC

The 6th International Conference marks the 10th anniversary of the European Forum for Restorative Justice. This milestone is an opportunity to look back at restorative justice practices developed in Europe so far and to look forward to new practices, possibilities and opportunities.

The Conference will cover three main themes:

1 The work of the practitioners (mediators and facilitators) – Restorative justice in different countries

In a series of workshops, emphasis will be on the work of the practitioners, presenting and 'visualising' how the process looks in the different countries. This will be done mainly through re-enacting actual examples of restorative justice processes, discussing and comparing practices from different countries. The comparison will enable more detailed analysis and discussions of potentials and limitations of organisational and methodological approaches.

2 Cooperation with legal practitioners – A way to increase the involvement of judges, prosecutors and police

From the beginning, the closest cooperating partners for restorative justice practitioners have been professionals within criminal justice and legal agencies. This cooperation is necessary in implementing and developing restorative justice. Restorative justice practitioners and legal practitioners need to support themselves and each other to increase the use of restorative justice in Europe. The aim is to provide an opportunity for professionals from the different criminal justice and legal agencies to discuss from their own perspective the benefits of restorative justice.

3 Conferencing – A way forward for restorative justice in Europe

A model of restorative justice called 'conferencing' is emerging in Europe. This has already been developed quite extensively in other parts of the world such as New Zealand, Australia or the USA. Conferencing may include, besides the offender, the victim and the facilitator, also members of their families and/or friends, and other members of the local community such as the social services, lawyers and the police. Several workshops on conferencing will be organised next to a plenary in which the preliminary results of a project on conferencing, run by the European Forum and funded by the European Commission, will be presented together with findings from research.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

We will again strive for a highly interactive conference. Each half day will start with a plenary session dedicated to 1 of the 3 main themes outlined in the programme. These themes will then be further explored in the course of workshops. Workshops on all the themes will be organised throughout the conference, thus providing participants with an opportunity to attend more than one workshop on a given theme. Each workshop will consist of only two or three presentations to give ample time for discussion, not only between presenter and participants, but also between participants.

During the Conference the 10th anniversary of the Forum will be celebrated by, amongst others, handing out an award to a person/organisation who has contributed substantially to the development of restorative justice in Europe or in a specific country.

A more detailed programme, including the workshop programme, will be sent to registered participants as soon as it becomes available, together with detailed practical information. All conference information will also be posted on the Forum's website (www.euforumrj.org) under 'conferences'.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME *PROGRAMA DE LA CONFERENCIA*

Day 1 - Thursday 17 June / *Día 1 – jueves 17 de junio*

08.00	Registration / Registro y entrega de documentación
09.00	Opening by Mr. Patxi López, Lehendakari, President of the Basque country / <i>Inauguración oficial. Excmo. Sr. D. Patxi López Álvarez, Lehendakari de la Comunidad Autónoma del País Vasco</i>
	Plenary one / <i>Primer Plenario</i> The development of the practice of restorative justice, by Howard Zehr, PhD, Professor of Restorative Justice / <i>El desarrollo de las prácticas de la Justicia Restaurativa. D. Howard Zehr. Conferencia en inglés con traducción simultánea a castellano</i>
10.00	Coffee break / <i>Pausa</i>
10.30	Workshops / <i>Grupos de trabajo</i>
12.30	Lunch / <i>Comida</i>
14.00	Workshops / <i>Grupos de trabajo</i>
16.00	Coffee break / <i>Pausa</i>
16.30	Plenary two / <i>Segundo Plenario</i> Conferencing in the world: state of affairs, by Prof. Joanna Shapland, Dr. Estelle Zinsstag and Carmen Borg / <i>Conferencias Restaurativas en el mundo: situación actual. Dña. Joana Shapland, Dña Estelle Zinsstag y Dña. Carmen Borg. Conferencia en inglés con traducción simultánea a castellano</i>
17.30	End of day one / <i>Fin del primer día</i>
18.00	Annual General Meeting / <i>Asamblea General anual</i>

Day 2 – Friday 18 June / *Día 2 – viernes 18 de junio*

09.00	Plenary three / <i>Tercer Plenario</i> Methods and practice: Experiences from several European countries / <i>Métodos y prácticas: Experiencias en diversos países europeos. Conferencia en inglés con traducción simultánea a castellano</i>
10.00	Coffee break / <i>Pausa</i>

10.30	Workshops / <i>Grupos de trabajo</i>
12.30	Lunch / <i>Comida</i>
14.00	Workshops / <i>Grupos de trabajo</i>
16.00	Coffee break / <i>Pausa</i>
16.30	Plenary four / <i>Cuarto Plenario</i> The role of legal practitioners. Panel with a judge, prosecutor, police officer and mediator / <i>El rol de los operadores jurídicos: Juez, Fiscal, Policía y Mediador. Conferencia en inglés con traducción simultánea a castellano</i>
17.30	Fringe meetings, networking and workshops / <i>Reuniones complementarias, redes y grupos de trabajo</i>
18.30	End of day two / <i>Fin del segundo día</i>
20.00	Conference dinner / <i>Cena oficial</i>

Day 3 – Saturday 19 June / *Día 3 –sábado 19 de junio*

09.00	Plenary five / <i>Quinto Plenario</i> Limits and possibilities of restorative justice: A view from social anthropology by Prof. Ignasi Terradas / <i>Límites y posibilidades de la Justicia Restaurativa: una visión desde la Antropología Social. D. Ignasi Terradas.</i> Research findings on victim-offender mediation in the Basque country, by Dr. Gema Varona / <i>Evaluación de los Servicios de Mediación Penal de la Comunidad Autónoma del País Vasco. Dña. Gema Varona. Conferencia en inglés con traducción simultánea a castellano.</i>
10.00	Workshops / <i>Grupos de trabajo</i>
11.30	Coffee break / <i>Pausa</i>
12.00	Closing plenary / <i>Conferencia de clausura</i> The 10 year journey of the European Forum: looking back and walking into the future, by Prof. Dr. Ivo Aertsen / <i>10 años de Foro Europeo de Justicia Restaurativa. Mirando hacia atrás y caminando hacia el futuro. D. Ivo Aertsen</i>
13.00	End of conference / <i>Fin de la Conferencia</i>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Boat trip

On Saturday afternoon, after the conference, a boat trip is planned. Only a limited number of people will be able to participate. Places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. You should register for this trip via the conference registration form.

Conference dinner

A conference dinner is organised on Friday 18 June in a Basque cultural place, in the centre of Bilbao. Registrations for the conference dinner have to be made by 15 May 2010 at the very latest. No late registrations and cancellations will be accepted.

Exhibitions and displays

A free sharing table will be provided for display of participants' programme materials. Publishers and other exhibitors may rent display place. They should contact the Secretariat of the European Forum. Note that the organisers will not sell any materials for others, nor will they take responsibility for supervising the materials being displayed.

Waivers

A limited number of waivers of the registration fee will be granted to people with financial difficulties to attend the conference. Applications for a waiver should be made by 15 April 2010 at the latest, using the waiver application form which can be found on www.euforumrj.org

Workshop presentations

We warmly invite you to present in a workshop, or to act as a chair or facilitator in one of the workshops. If you are willing to be actively involved in the conference, please indicate this on your registration form. The call for presentations can be downloaded from www.euforumrj.org

Fringe meetings:

On Friday 18 June, after the conference presentations, the workshop rooms will be made available for fringe meetings. Groups of people (for example the Committees of the Forum) who want to make use of this opportunity to meet, should inform the Secretariat as soon as possible. A programme for these fringe meetings will be sent to all registered participants in the conference.

Number of participants

The conference is limited to 300 participants. Places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Language

The working language of the conference will be English. However, the plenaries will be translated to Spanish and some workshops will be in Spanish as well.

Registration

The registration form can be downloaded from www.euforumrj.org. Registrations will only be final after payment of the fee. The deadline for registration is 15 May 2010. The registration fee for the conference includes lunches on Thursday and Friday.

Cancellation policy

Refunds (75%) will only be made if written notice of cancellation is received before 15 May 2010.



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