

PROGRAMME
WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2009

- 14.00-14.30 **Opening**
Siri Kemeny, EFRJ and Mediation Services, Norway
Brunilda Pali, EFRJ
- 14.30-15.00 **Restorative Justice and media: friends or foes?**
Charles Pollard, Restorative Justice Consortium, UK
Lucy Russell, SmartJustice, UK
- 15.00-15.30 **With their own voices: The Wolf Within-a short film on RJ**
Peter Wolf, writer of "The Damage Done"
Will Riley, founder of "Why Me", UK
- 15.30-16.00 **Debate**
- 16.00-16.30 **Coffee break**
- 16.30-18.00 **Parallel workshops: workshop 1:** Towards openness and communication planning within RJ organisations. Brunilda Pali, EFRJ /// **workshop 2:** Common ethical agreements between the media and RJ organisations. Kristel Buntinx, Suggnomè, Belgium /// **workshop 3:** Simple media tools that RJ organisations can use to tell their stories. Gro Jorgensen, Mediation Services, Norway /// **workshop 4:** Using free media services to support RJ. Robin Imray, MediaTrust, UK
- 20.00 **Optional Social Event**

Thursday 4 June 2009

- 09.00-09.30 **RJ, the media and public opinion: a tricky triangle**
Michael Kilchling, EFRJ
- 09.30-10.00 **Debate**
- 10.00-10.30 **Coffee Break**
- 10.30-12.00 **Parallel workshops: workshop 5:** Our messages for the media: from an entertainment-education perspective. Anneke van Hoek, Radio La Benevolencija, The Netherlands and Steven Eggermont, School of Mass Communication Research, K.U.Leuven /// **workshop 6:** Building social support for RJ through the media: a procedural justice perspective. Vicky De Mesmaecker, K.U.Leuven, Belgium /// **workshop 7:** New media and RJ: a necessary way forward. Han Zinzen and Stephan Kolgen, StampMedia, Belgium /// **workshop 8:** Listening to the radio in a penitentiary: experiences from San Vittore, Milan. Marta Perrotta, Università Roma Tre, Italy
- 12.00-12.30 **The stories from the media workshops**
- 12.30-13.30 **Lunch**

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Thursday 4 June 2009

- 13.30-14.00 **RJ and civil society: ways to foster social support**
Ivo Aertsen, K.U.Leuven, Belgium
- 14.00-14.30 **RJ and civil society in Europe: challenges and promises**
Borbala Fellegi, Foresee Research Group, Hungary
- 14.30-15.00 **Debate**
- 15.00-15.30 **Coffee Break**
- 15.30-17.00 **Parallel workshops: workshop 1:** Towards a strong cooperation between victim support organisations and RJ organisations. Rui Cortez, APAV, Portugal /// **workshop 2:** Implementation of a RJ culture through networking between officials and private agencies: a critical view on the Flemish example of the 'local district steering-committees'. Leo Van Garsse, Ghent University, Belgium /// **workshop 3:** Involving civil society with RJ: doing it the hard way. Inge Vanfraechem, NICC, Belgium /// **workshop 4:** Teamwork with citizens in Restorative Practices. Rob van Pagée, Eigen Kracht Centrale, The Netherlands
- 17.00-17.30 **The stories from the civil society workshops**
- 20.00 **Social Event**

Friday 5 June 2009

- 09.00-09.30 **Citizens in RJ as volunteering mediators**
Siri Kemény, EFRJ and Mediaton Services, Norway
- 09.30-10.00 **Participatory democracy and RJ: a dream or reality**
Christa Pelikan, IRKS, Austria
- 10.00-10.30 **Debate**
- 10.30-11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00-12.30 **Parallel workshops: workshop 1:** Citizens' involvement in initiatives of justice: beyond victim and offender. Johan Deklerck, Katrien Smeets, and Leen Muylkens, K.U.Leuven, Belgium /// **workshop 2:** Citizens and communities engaging with RJ: Looking back. Tone Skare and Sigrid Camilla Pedersen, Mediation Services, Norway /// **workshop 3:** Networks of citizens in RJ: Possible elsewhere? Alice and Tim Chapman, Youth Justice Agency, Northern Ireland /// **workshop 4:** Exploring the potential of community mediation: A contribution to participatory democracy? Martin Wright and Wendy Freshman, East Kent Mediation, UK
- 12.30-13.00 **The stories from the citizens' workshops**
- 13.00 **Closing Plenary**
- 13.30 **Lunch**

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The debate on restorative justice has neglected public opinion and public involvement with respect to this paradigm, despite the critical role that public acceptance and support has for restorative justice. The concept of restorative justice remains still an unfamiliar one for many people. Research reveals that when people know about it, they strongly support the idea and the practice. If we want restorative justice to belong to the people as it should, we must start building on tendencies for more democratic participation within societies and working together with the media, civil society organisations and citizens.

The project 'Building Social Support for Restorative Justice' started precisely due to the above concerns. Throughout the project the European Forum attempts to investigate possible ways that can lead restorative justice to reach more active support in society. The concept of social support is itself a fuzzy one, but for the purpose of this seminar it will be translated in three main categories of investigation, reflected in the following questions:

- 1) how can interaction and cooperation with the **media** be set up in order to inform and educate the public about restorative justice?
- 2) how can cooperation be developed with **civil society organisations** in order to inform and educate the public and to create broad support for restorative justice?
- 3) how can we increase the involvement of individual **citizens** and/or volunteers in the functioning of local restorative justice programmes?

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