

Te Kaupapa Whakaora 'A Healing Vision'

post sentencing

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

a community group collaboration



Edmund Rice Justice

Works to establish civil justice using principles of reconciliation, restoration and right relationship - toward a reformed justice system



Pathway Charitable Group

Supports released prisoners to rebuild positive lives in the community



NZ Victim Support

Provides emotional, practical and financial support, advocacy and information to victims of crime and trauma



Community Law Canterbury

Is a non-profit organisation providing free, quality legal help to those facing barriers in accessing justice

This project provides a safe and professional restorative service for victims and offenders to meet, either during or post a prison term

what is **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?**

Restorative Justice conferencing gives voice and healing to the victims of crime or conflict and enables offenders to accept direct responsibility for their actions and the hurt that they have caused.

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Restorative Justice is:	Restorative Justice is:
A soft option for offenders	Harder for offenders when victims are personalised
A 'new fangled' experiment	Ancient and more recent societies have used R.J, e.g. Celts, Nth Americans, Marae justice for Maori
Re-victimising	An opportunity for choices and empowerment for victims
Pandering to offenders so they can get a lighter sentence	Giving victims a place in what happens, and making their needs a focus
Obliging angry, distressed people to re-live the trauma and 'forgive'	Allowing victims the opportunity to express anger appropriately and have their questions answered, so they can move on.

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