

## **Restorative Practice in the aftermath of serious crime:**

### *Examination of the evidence and identification of learning for practice*

**Monday, February 10, 2014**

**Collins Suite, Lecture Theatre, University of Strathclyde**

**This event is free to attend.**

Restorative justice practice in Scotland commonly targets low to moderate tariff cases. This conference will consider how the practice can be applied in the context of more serious crimes, where evidence suggests it can be particularly effective.

Keynote speakers who are leading experts in the field will discuss current research about restorative justice as well as exploring the use of such approaches in the aftermath of serious offences such as sexual assault and homicide cases. This is an excellent opportunity for practitioners who have experience of using restorative justice practice with lower tariff cases to find out more about applying it to situations involving more serious forms of crime.

### **Who is it for?**

Professionals (social workers, psychologists, residential care workers, prison-based staff, voluntary sector staff, police and academics) with a particular interest or experience in the field of restorative justice and restorative practices.

### **How to book**

[Please complete the application form](#) and return to [cycj@strath.ac.uk](mailto:cycj@strath.ac.uk) no later than **Monday, January 20**. Successful candidates will be notified by email week beginning January 27.

### **Speakers**

**Keynote 1: Professor Lawrence Sherman (Director of the Institute of Criminology of the University of Cambridge) and Dr Heather Strang (Deputy Director of the Jerry Lee Centre of Experimental Criminology at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge)**

Restorative Justice Conferencing (RJC): The Effects of Face-to-Face Meetings on Offender Recidivism and Victim Satisfaction.

**Keynote 2: Vince Mercer (Restorative Justice Coordinator, AIM Project)**

Under the radar...or over the rainbow: Restorative Justice Practice and adolescent sexually harmful behaviour.

**Keynote 3: Professor Bill Whyte (University of Edinburgh), Niall Kearney (Trained Restorative Practitioner) and Billy Nicol (SACRO)**

Learning through doing: Shaping a Restorative Practice Model in the aftermath of serious crime.

**Afternoon workshops showcasing and exploring restorative practice**

**Restorative practice with Survivors of Institutional Abuse:** Ian McDonough, Service Manager, Sacro.

**Responding to violence: restorative practice in the prison estate:** Kirsten Park, National Restorative Practices Development Manager, Scottish Prison Service (SPS) (HMYOI Polmont).

**Severe violent crime and RJ – how, when, where and who:** Niall Kearney, Trained Restorative Practitioner.

**Practice challenges in using Restorative Justice approaches in addressing adolescent sexually harmful behaviour:** Vince Mercer, AIM project.