

One Minute Guides - Restorative Justice

What is RJ?

Restorative justice enables victims to meet or communicate with their offender to explain the real impact of the crime. This could be a direct apology or work undertaken for the victim or on behalf of the victim. Government research shows that restorative justice produces a 14% reduction in the frequency of reoffending.

What is RJ like for victims?

RJ gives victims a chance to ask the offender questions or tell them how their criminal behaviour has affected them. Victims of crime who decide to take part will have their needs and wishes taken into account and will be fully supported in any choices they make, Supported by a Victim Liaison Officer. Participation in the process is completely voluntary.

What is RJ like for Offenders?

Offenders can often realise the seriousness of their offences by the thoughts and reactions of victims. It allows offenders to make amends for what they have done. This is often in the form of reparation where the offender will undergo tasks that benefit the victim directly or for the benefit of the wider community. By doing so it is hoped that the offender will gain skills that can be applied to employment or education, giving them more motivation not to reoffend.

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