

Recommended Resources for schools interested in implementing restorative justice

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The following list of recommended reading will help educators get a sense of the potential restorative justice holds for their school.

If you are exploring or getting started, 'must reads' include:

Amstutz, L., & Mullet, J. (2005). *The little book of restorative discipline for schools*.

Pennsylvania: Good Books.

A little book that provides stories and practical beginning ideas for responses to student behaviour.

Hopkins, B. (2004). *Just schools: a whole school approach to restorative justice*.

London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

A practical handbook that presents a whole school approach to repairing harm using a variety of means including peer mediation, healing circles and conference circles. Clear, practical guidelines for group sessions as well as examination of issues and ideas relating to practical skill development for seeking a more positive and effective way to deal with conflict in educational settings.

Hopkins, B. (2011). *The Restorative Classroom Using Restorative Approaches to Foster Effective Learning* Optimus Education: <http://www.optimus-education.com/shop/restorative-classroom-using-restorative-approaches-foster-effective-learning>

This manual explores relational pedagogy that truly does change school culture. It is packed with ideas for classrooms that include suggestions for curriculum, pedagogy and responses to student behaviour. A key resource

Lockhart, A., & Zammit, L. (2005). *Restorative justice: Transforming society*. Toronto: Inclusion Press.

A book outlining details for conducting full restorative justice circles with lots of Canadian/Ontario based school and community stories to illustrate the potential restorative justice holds for developing stronger relationship-based communities.

Pranis, K. (2005). *The little book of circle process: a new/old approach to peacemaking*.

Pennsylvania: Good Books.

A little book that provides practical ideas for using circle processes not just for conflict resolution but for discussions of all kinds.

Riestenberg, N. (2012). *Circle in the Square*. Minnesota: Living Justice Press.

Wachtel, T. (1999). *SaferSanerSchools: Restoring community in a disconnected world*.

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Available at: <http://www.iirp.org/library/safersanerschools.html>.

A clear, first article to introduce you to restorative justice practices in schools.

Zehr, H. (2002). *The little book of restorative justice*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books.

A little book that provides background to the theory and principles of restorative justice.

For a more in-depth look at foundational principles of rj the following resources are important:

Costello, B. Wachtel, J, Wachtel, T. (2009). *The Restorative practices handbook*.

Bethlehem: IIRP

A short book with three practical chapters: Restorative Practices in the Classroom; Restorative Practices and Discipline; Leadership and School Change. Each practical chapter is interspersed with stories of educators experiences.

Morrison, B. (2007). *Restoring safe school communities*. Sydney: Federation Press.

The only book available that gives a comprehensive overview of the field of restorative justice in education. Full of research related literature as well as practical information to help schools move from rule-based to relationship-based cultures.

Morrison, B. (2005). Building safe and healthy school communities: restorative justice and responsive regulation. *International Institute for Restorative Practices 6th International Conference*.

http://www.iirp.edu/article_detail.php?article_id=387
An article that provides the content of the book in abbreviated form.

Morrison, B. (2002). Restorative justice and school violence: Building theory and practice. *Restorative Practices E-Forum*.

http://www.iirp.edu/article_detail.php?article_id=NDQx

An article exploring developments in the building of theory and practice in the area of restorative justice, particularly in terms of addressing school bullying.

Pranis, K., Stuart, B., Wedge, M. (2003). *Peacemaking circles: from crime to community*.

Minnesota: Living Justice Press.

A key book in understanding indigenous perspectives of restorative justice and peacemaking circles.

Sullivan, D., & Tift, L. (2005). Chapter 9 in *Restorative justice: Healing the foundations of our everyday lives*. Monsey, NY: Willow Tree.

A key chapter in understanding rj as coming from a needs-based not an incident based place. A good thorough overview of rj as a philosophy that impacts all of life.

Wolterstorff, N. (2006). Teaching justly for justice. *The Journal of Education & Christian Belief*, 10:2, 23-37.

Though not addressing restorative justice specifically, this article provides significant Biblical foundation for understanding justice as honouring the worth of the other. It answers the question asked regarding why we as Christians often misunderstand the Biblical concept of justice.

Zehr, H. (2005). *Changing lenses: A new focus for crime and justice*. Waterloo: Herald Press.

The foundational book on restorative justice by a pioneer in the field. The whole book is important, but Zehr's chapter on justice as shalom is especially insightful.

If you've begun using restorative justice principles and practices, the following resources are important for digging deeper, answering questions that arise, and developing more explicit practice:

Thorsborne, M. & Blood, P. (2013). *Implementing restorative practices in schools—a practical guide*. London: Jessica Kingsley Press.

<http://www.thorsborne.com.au/training-manual>

A current, very helpful manual that gets into the hope and complexity of implementing restorative practices in schools.

Blood, P., & Thorsborne, M. (2006). *Overcoming resistance to whole-school uptake of restorative practices*. Paper presented at the International Institute of

Restorative Practices Conference, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Available from: www.iirp.org/pdf/beth06_blood.pdf

Blood, P., & Thorsborne, M. (2005). *The challenge of culture change: Embedding restorative practice in schools*. Paper presented at the Sixth International

Conference on Conferencing, Circles and other Restorative Practices, Sydney, Australia. Available from:

www.decs.sa.gov.au/barossa/files/links/The_Challenge_of_Culture_C.pdf

Costello, B., Wachtel, B., Wachtel, T. (2009). *Restorative Circles in Schools*.

Bethlehem, PA: IIRP

An excellent book that presents a vast array of practical ideas for how circles can be used in classrooms, hallways, playgrounds, and staffrooms. Written clearly and with lots of examples, it is the type of book you can pick up and skim as you look for ways to nurture a relational culture.

Costello, B., Wachtel, B., Wachtel, T. (2009). *Restorative Practices in Schools*.

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Thorsborne, M., & Vinegrad, D. (2004). *Restorative practices in classrooms: rethinking behaviour management*. Queensland: Inyahead Press.

Thorsborne, M., & Vinegrad, D. (2007). *Restorative practices and bullying: rethinking behaviour management*. Queensland: Inyahead Press.

Thorsborne, M., & Vinegrad, D. (2002). *Restorative practices in schools: Rethinking behaviour management*. Queensland: Inyahead Press.

Helpful websites:

Bringing restorative justice into schools (Nova Scotia)

<http://www.tricountyrestorativejustice.com/rjschools.html>

Centre for Restorative Justice: <http://www.sfu.ca/cfrj/popular.html>

Circles at Rosehill College (New Zealand): <http://schoolcircles.blogspot.com/>

Heartspeak Productions: <http://www.heartspeakproductions.ca/>

International Institute for Restorative Practices: <http://www.iirp.org/whatisrp.php>
<http://www.safersanerschools.org/>

Living Justice Press: <http://www.livingjusticepress.org/>

Restorative Classroom Circles: <http://restorativeclassroomcircles.wikispaces.com/>

Restorative practices school-study trip blog: <http://rcrp.blogspot.com/>

Restorative Justice On-Line: Schools

<http://www.restorativejustice.org/programme-place/02practiceissues/schools-1>

Restorative Justice in Schools: <http://circlespace.wordpress.com/>

Transforming Conflict: <http://www.transformingconflict.org> (lots of good video on this one)

Videos on Line:

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St. Martin's in the Fields (there are many others there as well. This one is situated in high school):
http://www.restorativejustice.org.uk/resource/rjc_video_wall/

Transformation of West Philadelphia High school:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HatS11lu_PM

Restorative Justice an Introduction: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqagrDnhzDw>

Some early videos—restorative justice in action:

http://teachfind.com/teachers-tv/restorative-justice-action-1?current_search=restorative%20justice

http://teachfind.com/teachers-tv/restorative-justice-action-2?current_search=restorative%20justice

Restorative justice in Oakland schools—a variety including the one we saw in class.

<http://rjoyoakland.org/videos/>

Colorado—6 minutes—admin talking with a student about the experience of theft.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmpGg8Dy-K4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bKso6EJBZY> (the other side of the story)

Phil Gatensby—the problem with youth

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xFG2t5JIFU>

Restorative welcome and re-entry circle

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSJ2GPiptvc>

Restorative Practices to Resolve Conflict/Build Relationships Katy Hutchinson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcLuVeHlrSs>

Implementing restorative justice in schools:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP2M9TPNDZ0>

Transforming Conflict: <http://www.transformingconflict.org/films>

In their own voice: <http://www.safersanerschools.org/students-talk-about-restorative-practices/>

E-newsletter:

Restorative Justice in Education Monthly Dialogue.

<http://shalemnetwork.org/resources/rj-monthly-dialogue/>