



# *Restorative Approaches*

## **The 5th Annual Restorative Approaches in Education and Residential Child Care Conference**

### **MAKING THE LINKS...**

#### **Day 1: Winning Hearts and Minds**

Making the case, in schools and residential settings, for an emotionally literate, highly effective way to address low-level disruption, conflict, bullying and challenging behaviour

#### **Day 2: Individual, Organisation, Region**

Understanding how you fit into the wider picture of restorative partnerships and cross-agency approaches to bullying, anti-social or offending behaviour and violence reduction

**26th - 27th February 2009**

**The Think Tank, Millennium Point, Birmingham**

This annual conference has become the 'home' conference for those using restorative approaches in education and youth settings. This year's event is a time for meeting old friends and making new ones, sharing best practice, networking and having those 'light bulb' moments. Delegates may attend one or both days and are warmly invited to join the conference dinner on 26th February – a lively occasion where everyone feels included.

Speakers are educational and restorative approaches professionals who will share not only their experiences of implementing restorative systems, but also their passion and enthusiasm for this highly effective way to create safer, more harmonious and respectful environments, whether in educational or residential settings.

This year's conference is centred on how restorative systems in school, units and residential homes reinforce and complement strategies for developing social and emotional skills (SEAL) and contribute to delivering all aspects of the 'Every Child Matters' agenda and, in residential childcare settings, the 'Care Matters' agenda.

Day 1 will focus on how to get started: senior managers from primary, secondary, special schools and residential homes will share their experiences. Each will have a different story but all will inspire and encourage those who are new to the approach. Following their presentations, our World Café and workshops will ensure that, however experienced or inexperienced you are, there will be those who can learn from you, and those who will encourage you to do even more.

The second day will look at the development of restorative approaches beyond your educational or youth establishment, and how restorative partnerships and cross-agency working within an area can help create safer communities for us all to live in. Afternoon discussions will focus on individuals' contributions to this wider stage, from whatever role they find themselves in currently.

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### CONFERENCE STYLE

The 2009 conference will employ a variety of formats. Highly regarded plenary speakers will share their knowledge and wisdom; workshops will enable in-depth exploration of key issues, and a World Café approach will be used to enable deepening understanding through dialogue and challenging questions.

This mixture of approaches allows the embedding of restorative principles into the way the conference is run. Delegates will have the chance to work with experts and with each other in a highly interactive way.

### PREVIOUS CONFERENCES

The annual Restorative Approaches in Education and Residential Child Care conferences have brought together professionals from a variety of disciplines: teachers, social workers, education and school managers, YOTS personnel and Local Authority officers and elected members. The conference is unfailingly challenging.

Here are just a few quotes from delegates at the Restorative Approaches 2008 conference:

*"thought-provoking and inspiring"*

*"a superb awareness of restorative approaches with a variety of contributors and really good mix of contributors and delegates"*

*"I was inspired by colleagues and had lots of 'light bulb' moments"*

*"very good structure and organisation - many thanks to all concerned for a valuable experience"*

*"a very interesting two days - thank you"*

*"I was inspired by the speakers and have gained renewed enthusiasm and insights - buzzing with ideas"*

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### CONFERENCE DINNER AND ACCOMMODATION

An optional conference dinner for speakers and delegates will take place at 8.00 pm on 26th February 2009. The dinner is open to those attending just one day or both days of the conference. A hosted drinks reception will start at 7.30 pm.

We are therefore holding some overnight accommodation within the same complex for delegates' use. It is a short walking distance to the conference venue.

For further information regarding all aspects of this conference please refer to the notes on the back of the booking form, or contact the conference administration team on 01483 203536 or by emailing [benedictbr@btinternet.com](mailto:benedictbr@btinternet.com)

### REGISTRATION

#### ONLINE

You can register for this conference online at [www.psstrategies.co.uk](http://www.psstrategies.co.uk)

#### FAX / POST

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Making the case for a restorative approach into your school, unit or residential setting and linking it to your goals for SEAL, 'Every Child Matters' and Community Cohesion.

#### The Morning Programme

10.00     **Registration and Refreshments**

11.00     **Chair's Welcome and Introduction**

Dr Belinda Hopkins, Transforming Conflict

#### Plenary Speakers

The plenary sessions will provide informative accounts of the introduction, implementation and expansion of the use of restorative approaches in different educational and youth settings. Speakers will link their initiatives to their achievements in relation to SEAL and 'Every Child Matters'. The presentations are delivered by inspiring practitioners and will provide a framework for World Café discussions and conference streams later in the day.

11.10     **Getting Started - the Primary School Experience**

Jayne Franklin, Headteacher, Childs Hill Primary School, London Borough of Barnet

11.35     **Getting Started - the Secondary School Experience**

Rory Wilson, Deputy Headteacher, East Barnet School, London Borough of Barnet

12.00     **Comfort Break**

12.15     **Getting Started - the Special School Experience**

Speaker to be confirmed

12.40     **Care Matters – the Residential Child Care Experience**

Dave Ayres, High Peak and North Dales Residential Services,  
Derbyshire County Council

13.05     **Questions and Discussion**

13.15     **Lunch with Exhibition**

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#### The Afternoon Programme

14.00 **World Café**

Facilitated by Dr Belinda Hopkins  
Vanessa Randle, Graphic Recorder

The objective of this session is to share experiences and gain insights into introducing and sustaining emotionally literate responses to relationships, conflict and challenge.

The World Café approach will be used to enable deepening understanding through dialogue and challenging questions.

16.00 **Refreshment Break**

16.15 **Workshops**

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**Workshop A: Getting Started in Residential Child Care**

Gordon Murray, Lead Trainer for Residential Child Care, Transforming Conflict  
Dave Ayres, High Peak and North Dales Residential Services,  
Derbyshire County Council

**Workshop B: Getting Started in Schools**

Caroline Newton, Restorative Approaches Co-ordinator for Lewisham Council  
Anne D'Ouse, Stepps Primary School, North Lanarkshire

**Workshop C: Working with Governors and Parents**

Phil Bence, Family Group Conference Co-ordinator, Warwickshire  
Lindsay Hopkins, Chair of Governors, Swaffield Primary School, Wandsworth

17.30 **Closing Plenary**

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#### The Morning Programme

09.00 **Registration and Refreshments**

09.30 **Chair's Welcome and Introduction**

Graham Robb, Board Member, Youth Justice Board

09.40 **Keynote Address – Developing and Sustaining Cross-Agency Restorative Approaches to Challenging Behaviour**

Neil Scanlon, Head of Lancashire Service for Learners Out of School (LSLOS)

10.05 **Taking Restorative Approaches Authority-Wide: Case Studies**

Wendy Thompson, Deputy Head of Service, Walsall Youth Offending Service

Estelle MacDonald, Headteacher, Collingwood Primary School, Kingston-upon-Hull

Mark Finnis, The Hull Centre for Restorative Practice

An increasing number of areas are developing partnerships and cross-agency working to embed a restorative ethos across their area. These presenters are pioneers in the field.

11.35 **Questions**

11.45 **Refreshments**

12.00 **World Café – Making Links**

Facilitated by Dr Belinda Hopkins, Director, Transforming Conflict

Vanessa Randle, Graphic Recorder

This session will ask a series of questions around experiences of making links between schools, residential care and partners across the Children and Family workforce. This format will allow delegates to ask, and answer, increasingly challenging questions to provide insights into how, and why, links could be made within their own place of work.

13.15 **Lunch**

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14.00 **Widening Restorative Approaches**

Dr Belinda Hopkins, Director, Transforming Conflict

14.25 **Questions**

14.30 **Workshops**

The afternoon workshops will look at the use of restorative approaches to enable an emotionally literate response to challenging behaviour. The workshops will develop the earlier themes from the conference: delivering SEAL, 'Every Child Matters' and the 'Care Matters' agenda, together with the development of cross-agency restorative approaches.

**Workshop A: Restorative Responses to Bullying in Schools and Residential Units**

Paul Moran, ex YOT Manager in St Helens; Senior Trainer, Transforming Conflict  
Peter Burton, Senior Trainer, Transforming Conflict

**Workshop B: Restorative Responses to Low-Level Disruption**

Christine Hatwell, Pupil Services Manager, Iffley Mead School, Oxford  
Mandy Thompson, Deputy Headteacher, Ormesby School, Middlesbrough

**Workshop C: Schools, Residential Homes, YOTs and Police Officers Working Together – Responding to Anti-Social, Violent and/or Offending Behaviours**

Workshop leaders: Gordon Richardson, Wantage Youth Offending Team Manager, Wantage  
Wendy Thompson, Deputy Head of Service, Walsall Youth Offending Service  
Helen Flanagan, Restorative Approaches Lead, Lancashire County Council

16.00 **Closing Plenary: Target Setting Until We Meet Again**

Graham Robb, Board Member, Youth Justice Board

The closing plenary will provide a summary of the key issues from the conference and will use these as a basis to work with delegates in setting targets and tasks to achieve before the conference in 2010. Come back and tell us all about what you have achieved!

16.30 **Conference Close**

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Transforming Conflict is an organisation that offers training, consultancy and support in educational settings for people seeking to enhance their skills in building a sense of community, fostering a spirit of inclusion and dealing creatively with challenging situations. Our work is underpinned by the philosophy of Restorative Justice, which stresses the importance of relationships above rules and the value of dialogue in healing the damage done to relationships by inappropriate behaviour.

Further information:

**0118 933 1520**

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## Who Should Attend:

- Directors of Education
- Members Responsible for Education
- Headteachers and Senior Pastoral Staff
- Year Heads
- School Governors
- Youth Offending Team Managers
- Educational Psychologists
- Behaviour Support Managers
- Learning Support Managers
- Healthy Schools Advisers
- Safer School Partnership Team Managers
- Residential Social Workers
- Directors of Children and Family Services
- SEAL Advisors
- Inclusion Managers
- Anti-Bullying Coordinators
- Police School Liaison Officers

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