

Victims, young people, families
& communities have all benefited
from the **restorative** process:

"I know for a fact that if my son didn't get the help he got he would be in jail"

"He listened and he understood and he took it all on board"

"I feel I was listened to and felt free to talk about what had happened. I also had my chance to talk about the impact of what happened on me, my wife and my children"

"It was a well structured meeting, the young person's willingness to listen to me and he was genuinely interested in my story. His eye contact was very strong, he listened and told his own story".

"It feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders."



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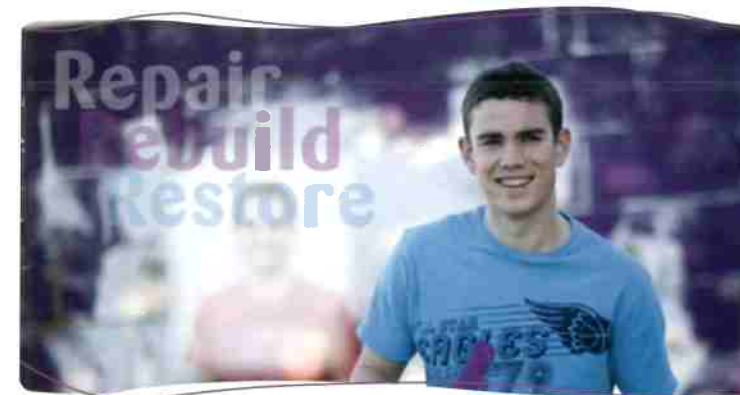


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Restorative Justice

Le Chéile works with young people
who are involved in the justice system,
victims, and family members to:

- **Repair** the Harm Caused
- **Rebuild** Relationships
- **Restore** Communities



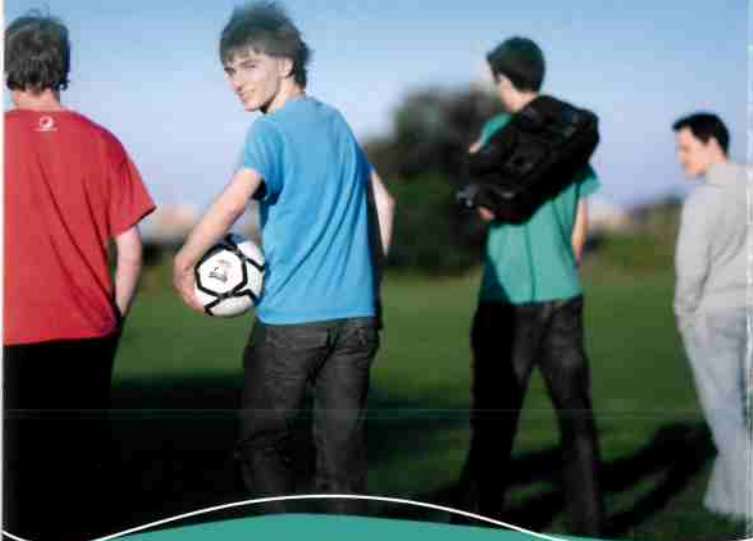
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What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice (RJ) is "a victim-sensitive response to criminal offending which, through engagement with those affected by crime, aims to make amends for the harm that has been caused to victims and communities and which facilitates offender rehabilitation and integration into society."

(National Commission on Restorative Justice, 2009)



Aims of the Project

- Promote Community Safety
- Reduce Incidence of Youth Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reduce Fear of Crime

Programmes Offered



All Young People, Victims and Family Members that voluntarily engage with the Restorative Justice Project are supported by trained staff and volunteers before, during and after the process.



About Le Chéile's programmes

Victim Empathy Programme:

One to one meetings with Le Chéile help a young person to develop empathy and to understand the impact their actions had on themselves and others, and how they can put things right.

Reparation Contract:

This aims to redress the harm done to the victim by the offender. The main objectives are (a) relationship building, (b) reconciliation, and (c) agreement on next steps to repair the harm.

Victim Offender Mediation:

The victim and offender meet in a controlled and safe environment, either directly or with a facilitator acting as a 'go-between'. The victim has a chance to tell how the offence affected them, and the offender can learn of the impact of their actions.

Victim Impact Panel:

A Victim Impact Panel provides a forum for crime victims to tell young offenders about the impact of their personal experience of crime on their lives and on the lives of their families, friends, and neighbours.

Restorative Conference:

This is a structured meeting that involves the offender, the victim, facilitator, and family members, friends and community representatives. The conference provides an opportunity for the victim to be directly involved in the process, showing the offender the impact their actions had on the victim, their family, and the wider community.