

Restorative Justice: Rights, Needs and Voices of Young People

**Tuesday 12 December 2023
(1-4pm GMT / 2-5pm CEST)**

**The 5th Webinar of the Scottish Network of
Restorative Justice (SNRJR) in collaboration
with the Children and Young People Centre
for Justice (CYCJ)**

**The event is free, but registration is mandatory. Only
those that register will receive the Zoom link.
Please register by completing the [registration form](#).
Registration will close on Friday 8th December**

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The SNRJR, in collaboration with the CYCJ, are running an international webinar on Restorative Justice: the Rights, Needs and Voices of Young People.

Programme

1pm	Welcome and introductions by Estelle Zinsstag (Co-Chair of SNRJR)
1:15pm	Karen Ralston, Co-Director of the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ)
1:45pm	G15 Youth Group
2.15pm	Sheriff David Mackie: Revealing and Releasing the Potential of Restorative Justice
2.45pm	Break
3pm	Professor Tali Gal: Conducting Restorative Justice with Children and Youth: Lessons from Theory and Practice
3:30pm	Discussion
3.50pm	Closing remarks
4pm	END

Contributions

Karen Ralston

As Deputy Director at the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ), Karen supports and supervises the practice development and participation teams within CYCJ. As a committed and compassionate social work practitioner with over 35 years' experience she ensures that children and young people's voices and needs are pre-eminent and central to what we hope for their future. Karen participates, leads, and represents the organisation and deputises for the director in a range of national and local youth justice stakeholder's groups including restorative justice, national taser advisory group, NYJAG, NYJAG Executive as well as other Scottish Government short life working groups. She always promotes the values, professional ethics, and standards integral to building and maintaining trusting relationships across organisations with external partners. She has embedded participation, evaluation and improvement into CYCJ's practices and policies and promoted with partners.

G15 Youth Group, Drumchapel

The G15 Youth Project is an information and advice service for 12 - 25 year olds in the Drumchapel area of Glasgow. The youth project is Managed by a committee of young people aged 16-25 years old and they hold monthly meetings about the vision and structure of the organisation and this method keeps the project relevant for each new generation of youths. They are a huge part of the local community of Drumchapel and have served the young people here for over 20 years.

'The G15 Drumchapel Youth Group will be showing a video made by the Young People from the G15 Youth Group in Drumchapel, supported by Iain Corbett participation worker CYCJ. In the video the young people will be interviewing a couple of frontline practitioners trained to deliver RJ (from Includem and Thriving Survivors), about how they are going to involve the views of children and young people throughout any RJ process.'

Sheriff David N Mackie

David Mackie is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and was in private practice as a Solicitor and an Advocate for 25 years before being appointed a Sheriff in 2001. For 15 years until his retirement from the Bench in 2019 he sat as the resident Sheriff in Alloa Sheriff Court. Through his work as a Sheriff and with charities supporting disadvantaged and marginalised young people, he developed a belief in the power of redemption and applied compassion and understanding of both the victims and perpetrators of crime to his personal judicial practice. Retirement has given him the opportunity of making a greater commitment to charity work and to contribute, where he can, to the continued development of smarter approaches to justice.

Revealing and Releasing the Potential of Restorative Justice

Sheriff David Mackie will address a proposition that while the benefits of RJ and RJ processes have been proven, they are still not widely understood and so the development of RJ processes, especially in a criminal justice setting, must go hand in hand with a programme of education and information.

Professor Tali Gal

Prof. Tali Gal is Chair in Child and Youth Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law and Institute of Criminology. Her scholarship involves restorative justice, children's rights, and therapeutic jurisprudence. She is the author of the book *Child Victims and Restorative Justice: A Needs-Rights Model* (OUP, 2011), and co-editor (with Benedetta Faedi-Duramy) of *International Perspectives and Empirical Findings on Child Participation* (OUP, 2015). Tali holds editorial roles at *The International Journal of Restorative Justice*, *Youth Justice*, and *Frontiers of Psychology*. Prior to joining academia, Tali was the Legal Advisor of the Israel National Council for the Child.

Conducting Restorative Justice with Children and Youth: Lessons from Theory and Practice

This talk will begin with an overview of the needs-rights model for conducting restorative justice with children and young people. Then, some of the lessons learned from empirical studies conducted in Israel in recent years will be shared. Particular attention will be given to cultural manifestations in RJ, the role of community and family members, and unique characteristics of RJ following cyber-offences.