

# Restorative Justice and Policing

Discussing international practices,  
exploring the future for Scotland

**17/11/2022**

**Webinar 1-4 pm (GMT)**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Webinar of the Scottish Network of Restorative Justice Researchers (SNRJR), organised in collaboration with the Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR).

The Scottish Network of Restorative Justice Researchers, in collaboration with the Scottish Institute for Policing Research are delighted to announce a webinar on RJ and policing on Thursday 17 November from 1-4 (GMT).

The aims of the webinar are:

1. To learn from different jurisdictions about practices and developments as well as from research in RJ and policing
2. Think together how this could be relevant for Scotland
3. Contribute to the reflection around the future role of Police Scotland in the rollout of RJ.

### Programme

1-1:15 Welcome and introductions

1:15 -1:40 Inspector Sam Greshon, Lerwick Police (Shetland/UK)

1:40 - 2:05 Dr Kerry Clamp, University of Nottingham (UK)

2:05 – 2:30: Superintendent Beate Støkkan, Trondheim Police (Norway)

2:30 – 2:45 Comfort break

2:45 – 3:10 Dr Katrine Barnekow Rasmussen, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)

3:10 - 3:35 Detective Chief Inspector Saara Asmundela, Central Finland Police (Finland)

3:35 – 3:55 General discussion between speakers and audience

3:55 - 4 Conclusions and goodbyes

### Practical information

The event is free, but registration is mandatory.

Please register by completing the [registration form](#). Registration will close on **Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 2 pm**.

The webinar will be run via Teams. Only those who registered will receive a Teams link (links will be sent after the close of registrations on the 16<sup>th</sup>).

Each speaker will present for 15 min followed by 10 min to ask questions – at the end there will also be time for a general discussion.

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### Speakers

#### Inspector Sam Greshon (UK)

Inspector Sam Greshon, Local Community Inspector based in Shetland since August 2021. I have 15 years service within policing with previous experiences in Tayside working predominantly in Perth and Kinross as a response Sergeant and in an operational environment. I am now the local Area Inspector for Shetland and have been involved recently in a Space to face case study as part of Shetlands restorative practices and restorative justice services.

Title: a personal RJ journey



My input will focus on the experience of this case study which I was involved in both in a professional and personal capacity and provide an insight into the positive experience this restorative process had on both the 'person harmed' and the 'person responsible'

### **Dr Kerry Clamp (UK)**

Kerry is an Associate Professor in Criminology at the University of Nottingham, UK. Her research focuses on the application of restorative justice within transitional settings, policing and the community. She is the author of *Restorative Justice in Transition* (2013), *Restorative Justice in Transitional Settings* (2016) and *Restorative Policing: Concepts, Theory and Practice* (2017, co-authored). She has always had a strong interest in practice and a desire to reduce the boundaries between academia, practice and policymaking. To that end, she was Editor of the Newsletter for the European Forum for Restorative Justice and Chair of the Editorial Committee (2011-2018) and Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Restorative Justice Council (2018-2021). Her new monograph series with Routledge entitled *Contemporary Issues in Restorative Practices* creates a platform for practitioners to share their practice and philosophy at the forefront of the field. She currently sits on the International Advisory Board of *The International Journal of Restorative Justice*. Her latest monograph *Restorative Policing: A Cultural Revolution in Policing Practice* is due to be published in 2024 by Routledge and will draw on lessons learned from empirical research conducted over the last 5 years on frontline practice.

Title: Restorative Policing in Practice: Lessons from England & Wales

This presentation will introduce attendees to how restorative policing works in England and Wales and provide an overview of recent research on the strengths, limitations and opportunities of different approaches that have been used across the region.

### **Superintendent Beate Støkkan, Trondheim Police (Norway)**

Beate works at Heimdal Police Station in Trondheim City (in the middle of Norway). She is a Superintendent of police and works also as a community police officer. She graduated in 2004 and has worked in different fields within the police and mostly with crime prevention. The district she is community police officer in has 56,500 inhabitants and is very diverse, with many minorities and a refugee reception centre. Prevention is a primary strategy and must underlie the performance of all police duties.

### **Dr Katrine Barnekow Rasmussen (Denmark)**

Katrine is postdoctoral researcher in criminology at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. In her research, Katrine has focused on restorative justice, including the Danish and Norwegian Conflict Boards and the restorative aspect of the Danish Juvenile Crime Board. She holds a PhD in Law, focusing on how police practices can affect offenders' access to restorative justice initiatives. In addition, Katrine works as a specialist consultant in the Criminal Prevention Unit in Albertslund Municipality, where, among other things, she is heading the municipality's work with relational and restorative practices in schools, youth clubs and residential areas.

Title: Screening practices in police-based restorative justice initiatives

In Denmark, the national restorative justice initiative (*Konfliktråd*) was launched in 2010. It was heavily inspired by as well as named after the national Norwegian restorative justice initiative (also *Konfliktråd*). Yet while the Norwegian programme is organised as a separate department under the Ministry of Justice, the Danish programme is placed in the police. Based on the research for my PhD thesis, I will discuss how this placement of the Danish programme affects its screening practices - especially when it comes to possible bias in offenders' access.

### **Detective Chief Inspector Saara Asmundela, Central Finland Police (Finland)**

Saara Asmundela works as a head of investigation in Central Finland Police. She has been involved in criminal investigations for over a decade as a detective, detective sergeant and now as a detective chief inspector. In her current position she is in charge of investigations regarding sexual and violent crimes committed against children. In her presentation DCI Asmundela will explain, in brief, the role of the Finnish police in RJ as well as the process of mediation in criminal cases.