



Skills for Justice is pleased to announce the launch of a programme to pilot a new qualification in restorative practice. We will be working in partnership with the **Restorative Justice Consortium** and the **Office for Criminal Justice Reform** to offer this exciting opportunity for practitioners to gain formal recognition for their skills in restorative practice. The pilot is also supported by Norfolk Constabulary and the Association of Panel Members.

Funding may be available to take part in this pilot and we are looking for paid workers and volunteers to sign up. The restorative practice qualification is suitable for a variety of restorative practitioners working in a range of settings including:

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| POLICE | YOUTH OFFENDING TEAMS |
| PRISONS | SCHOOLS |
| HEALTH SERVICES | CARE HOMES |
| COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS | THE WORKPLACE |

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list

This nationally recognised qualification will be a competence based award approved onto the Qualifications and Credit Framework. It will recognise the skills and knowledge that practitioners need in order to work effectively in a restorative practice environment.

What's in it for me?

- An opportunity to build on your professional training with a qualification in restorative practice
- A chance to achieve a nationally accredited qualification which links to the Best Practice Guidance for Restorative Practitioners (2004)
- The opportunity to meet and share good practice with others who work in a range of restorative practice settings.

Why should my organisation take part in this programme?

- Confidence that your employees have the right skills and knowledge to use restorative practice to its best effect as the process increases in popularity and use
- Help develop and retain a highly skilled, motivated and flexible workforce. The programme also provides the opportunity to value the contribution of volunteers
- The qualification can become part of your organisation's learning and development strategy.

Qualification Structure

The qualification will be made up of five units – four mandatory units and one optional unit from a pool of six:

Mandatory Units

- Assess the circumstances of an incident towards identifying a restorative response
- Prepare participants and agree an appropriate restorative process
- Facilitate participants' interaction within a restorative process
- Evaluate the outcomes from a restorative process

Optional Units

- Co-working the restorative process
- Implement and monitor agreed outcomes from a restorative processes
- Facilitate informal restorative process
- Provide expert advice on restorative practice
- Contribute to the promotion of restorative practice
- Maintain quality assurance of restorative processes

Please note that these titles are subject to confirmation

TO FIND OUT MORE

Please come along to our information workshop on Thursday 1 April at Euston House Training, Meeting and Conference Venue, London, 11.00 until 14.00

To register for the information workshop, or to find out more about the pilot, please contact Linda Millington at linda.millington@skillsforjustice.com or **07795 815781**

We are also holding a workshop on the pilot at the Restorative Justice Consortium's Annual Practitioners Day on Tuesday 20 April at the Birmingham & Midland Institute, Birmingham. Call the RJC office on 020 7831 5700 to book your place.