

CONFERENCE *Workshops*

THURSDAY MORNING 3 HOUR WORKSHOPS 8:45-12:00 PM

1. Alternatives to Violence Project: An Overview

This workshop will introduce the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), an initiative created in 1975 by a partnership between Quakers and prison inmates. AVP goals are to help individuals and communities learn and utilize non-violent, creative ways of resolving conflicts to build trusting, supportive communities. Presenters will share highlights of the basic AVP 3-day training and provide information on where the full training is offered.

2. Bullying in Schools

Bullying is an all too common phenomenon among young people in schools. This workshop will explore the connection between Olweus's Bullying Prevention model and VOM and restorative responses, and offer ways to implement this research-based "blueprint" for violence prevention.

3. Organizational and Cultural Climates that Support Restorative Justice Initiatives

The assumption of this workshop is that restorative justice programs grow best when wrapped in an organizational model that is congruent with the core values and philosophy of restorative justice. This model includes: leadership style; decision-making processes; the role and use of volunteers; the use of power and coercion within the organization; the way staff are viewed and valued; the place of the community at the table; transitioning from the founder to subsequent leaders; developing a strong board and a strong staff; and personnel policies that reflect restorative justice values.

4. Innovations in Offender Accountability

The California Youth Authority's Impact of Crime on Victims (ICV) program has been replicated extensively in correctional settings to educate offenders about the impact of crime on victims and community. It is also being recognized as an innovative prevention program in the community with at-risk youth and non-offenders. This workshop will give an overview of ICV and its uses, as well as an offender restitution enhancement program designed to improve restitution collection and disbursement to victims and compensation funds.

5. Restorative Approaches in the School Context: Perspectives from the UK

Using restorative principles to guide the workshop, a police officer and an educationalist from Thames Valley, England, combine their perspectives to explore how restorative processes can be embedded in a "whole school" ethos of relationship-building and relationship maintenance.

6. Journey Toward Healing: A Canadian Model for Victim Offender Dialogue in Serious Crime

This workshop will focus on the Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives Association's (FRCJI) Victim Offender Mediation Program, the first state sanctioned and state-funded program for use in cases involving serious crime. In-depth information will be provided on VOMP objectives, values and principles with particular emphasis on process: referral sources, case development, building relationships, creating safety, what works and what to avoid.

PRESENTERS: Marc Forget, Program Associate for the Quaker Committee on Jails and Justice, has been a facilitator with the Alternatives to Violence Project since 1994. He has conducted peacemaking, nonviolence and facilitator training workshops around the world. **Teresa Tyson** is a survivor of a violent crime and has focused her life on the practice of restorative justice. She is a facilitator for victim offender mediations in crimes of severe violence with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

PRESENTER: Jane Riese LSW, is the Bullying Prevention Coordinator for Family-Child Resources in York, Pennsylvania, as well as creator of the local York VOM program. Jane was recently certified by Dr. Dan Olweus and Dr. Susan Limber as a regional trainer on Olweus's Bullying Prevention model.

PRESENTERS: Harry Mika, Ph.D., is a Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Central Michigan University, and a well-known specialist in planning, implementing, and evaluating community-based justice programs. **Al Wengert** is the Executive Director of the Center for Community Justice in Elkhart, Indiana, and was involved in the development of the first VORP in the US in 1978.

PRESENTER: Jill Weston, Parole Agent II, Specialist with the California Youth Authority, provides services to crime victims, and works with correctional staff, victim advocates, probation, judges and district attorneys.

PRESENTER: Belinda Hopkins has been a facilitator and consultant in the field of conflict management and mediation for six years, working mainly with schools. Inspector Dick Auger has been a police officer for 21 years and now works with the Restorative Justice Consultancy of the Thames Valley Police Headquarters, developing restorative practices in schools.

PRESENTERS: David Gustafson (MA, R.C.C.) and Sandi Bergen (BA) are Co-Directors of FRCJI in British Columbia, Canada. They work as a team doing case development and mediation for FRCJI's Victim Offender Mediation Program for victims and offenders impacted by serious and violent crime. Dave is also a registered trauma recovery clinician and Adjunct Professor of Criminology at Simon Fraser University.