

Would you meet the victim of your crime?

Could you explain your actions to that person?

It's not easy meeting the person who was affected by your crime, but it can be helpful for you to understand the impact of what you did.

It also gives you the chance to listen and to answer any questions that the victim might have.

Offenders who have met the person they have harmed have said that the experience helped them to understand how their actions affected others and helped them to deal with feelings of guilt and remorse.



The thought of it terrified me. Prison was never a problem to me but for the first time in my life this has made me really think.



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Restorative Justice Information for Offenders

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What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice brings those harmed by crime or conflict and those responsible for the harm into communication.

It helps everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward.

What are the benefits?

Restorative Justice gives you the chance to make a real, positive difference to the person you have harmed.

It can help you face up to the consequences of what you have done and the opportunity to listen to the person you have harmed, answer any questions they may have and for you to explain, apologise, and to try to repair the harm done as a result.

Restorative Justice often reduces re-offending

Offenders who have taken part in Restorative Justice have said that their experience has helped them to understand how their actions affect others.

It might include, for example, addressing some of the issues in their own life that may have contributed to their criminal behaviour.

What is involved?

A trained facilitator will talk with you to see if you are ready, willing and suited to Restorative Justice.

They will ask you what you think about what happened and what you can do about it.

They will help you to prepare to meet the victim or support you with any other activity such as writing a letter of apology.

Will this change the sentence I get?

The Judge or the Magistrate are the only people who can decide on the appropriate sentence for the crime that you have committed.

If Restorative Justice takes place prior to you being sentenced, then a report from your facilitator on what happened, what was agreed and what the victim thinks and feels will be submitted to the court for consideration by the judge or magistrate.

It's your choice

If the victims decide to take part in the Restorative Justice process, then it is completely your decision as to whether you want to be involved. Your views will be respected.

