

Executive Director November 2017 Report

Key Take-Aways from the National Restorative Justice Forum

- We need to create a more formalized/structured risk assessment process in terms of assessing suitability for our program and risks to volunteers. The BC government has developed some best-practice standards we can possibly adapt to our needs.
- We can access the accreditation standards used in New Zealand for domestic violence and sexual violence RJ cases so we can build internal capacity of key facilitators and staff
- Restorative families will be one of the most effective ways to build restorative communities and we can develop some additional materials for this within our Building Restorative Communities program
- The conflict resolution training at St Paul's University may be a good fit with our work. I'll be meeting with their ED in the new year to discuss possible collaboration

General Updates

- Training on Inuit culture and needs of youth in care in our area was incredibly informative. We will share some of the info with our facilitators at the monthly meeting in Jan.
- I have been attending a couple of speaking opportunities with United Way Lanark County as they launch their major campaign in corporate offices across Lanark County to share how we use UW funding to have a positive impact in our community.
- Dec 6th is Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action to End Violence Against Women as it is the anniversary of the massacre in Montreal at the Ecole Polytechnique. There is a vigil at the Lanark County Women's Monument (near the Crystal Palace in Perth) at 5:30pm with an event at The Table immediately following. I'll be there to represent LCCJ and I welcome any Board members who wish to join me.

Key Messages



- I will be on vacation the week before Christmas, Dec. 18-22
- Reminder our annual holiday party will be held on Tuesday, December 12th from 6:30-8:30 upstairs at Carleton Place arena (in the smaller hall). Hors D'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available. Spouses/partners are welcome to join our celebration this year. Please bring a wrapped re-gifted item if you want to join the gift exchange game. Everyone who brings a gift will join and go home with a gift.
- Safer Spaces training will be held in Jan. It will have a focus on LGBTQSI+ gender identity. This is a free training organized by the Social Issues sub-committee of the Lanark county Planning Council (which I sit on). Poster will be shared on fb, website and twitter