

* ‘Restorative justice in Northern Ireland:’

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Community system

- * Community restorative justice Ireland
- * Alternatives NI
- * CARE

School system

Children's Services

- * Family Group Conferences
- * Children's Units

Criminal Justice System

Pre-sentence

- * Low risk – Police restorative cautioning
- * Medium risk – Public Prosecution Service referral for diversionary conference by Youth Conference Service
- * High risk – Youth Court referrals to Youth Conference Service

Post sentence

- * Prison Service – desistance and resettlement
- * Probation Service – Victims Unit

* **Northern Ireland and Restorative Justice**

- * Statutory since 2002
- * Mainstream within the youth justice system
- * Prosecution referred
- * Youth court referred
- * Offenders and victims decide
- * All offences other than those with a mandatory sentence
- * Referrals and ratification by PPS or Youth Court

* Youth Conferences

* Outcomes for Youth Conferences

- * Number of youth conferences now almost 13,000
- * Nearly 80,000 people have participated in a youth conference

- * Victim attendance; 50/70%
- * Victim and young person satisfaction ; 90% and 95%
- * 100% victims would recommend conferences to others

- * 26% serious or very serious offences, 53% intermediate, 21% minor

- * 94% successful completion of plans
- * Reoffending 35.4 % (22% for serious harm)
- * Reoffending for all other community disposals 53.5%; for custody 68.3%

- * England and Wales put three times as many young people into custody as Northern Ireland

- * A flexible, inclusive and participative model
- * Strong principle led leadership
- * Appropriate performance management and quality assurance
- * Quality accredited training
- * Support and supervision
- * A community of practice
- * Quality research
- * Patience and persistence

* Lessons

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Thank you