



RJ as a different perspective: the Czech experience

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The basic RJ questions by Howard Zehr

- **Who has been hurt?**
- **What are their needs?**
- **Whose obligations are these?**
- **What are the causes?**
- **Who has a stake in the situation?**
- **What is the appropriate process to involve stakeholders in an effort to address causes and put things right?**

How it all started? RJ as a new lens

- **Canada - Ontario, the youngsters and damaged property**
- **worldwide spread of RJ programmes**
- **search for a definition - can we get united?**
- **national developments**
- **..... so what we get on the international level?**



Legal documents

- United Nations
- Council of Europe
- European Union



Principals

the new lens of CoE Directive



- **principle of stakeholder participation**
- **principle of repairing harm**
 - ❖ voluntariness
 - ❖ deliberative, respectful dialogue
 - ❖ equal concern for the needs and interests of those involved
 - ❖ procedural fairness
 - ❖ collective, consensus-based agreement
 - ❖ focus on reparation, reintegration and achieving mutual understanding
 - ❖ and avoiding domination

How to seek for a principal change?

The Czech experience



top-down v. bottom-up - let's talk together!

- Strategy of RJ for the Czech Republic
- Restorative platform

find & punish and/or repair and participate?

RJ Strategy for the Czech Republic

A need for a new perspective



RJ: ČESKO
RESTORATIVNĚ

**STRATEGIE
RESTORATIVNÍ JUSTICE
pro
Českou republiku**



RJ
Strategies for change



26%

an old pattern



- Participatory process
- Broad inclusive discussion (RJ circle form)
- National online conference:

Czechia restoratively 2021

- Program declaration of the new Czech government

Restorative Platform: space to talk „restorative culture“

Pre-trial Proceedings

Trial Proceedings

Execution Proceedings

Helping
organizations/professions



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