

RJ as a different perspective: the Czech experience

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The basic RJ questions by Howard Zehr

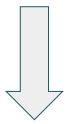


- > Who has been hurt?
- > What are their needs?
- Whose obligations are these?
- > What are the causes?
- Who has a stake in the situation?
- > What is the appropriate process to involve stakeholders in an effort to address causes and put things right?

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!

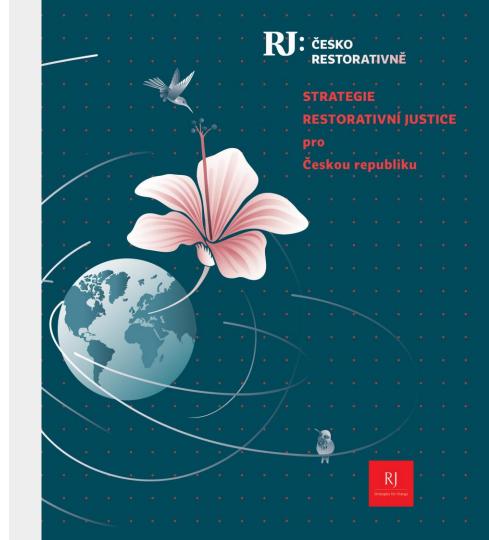
- Strategy of RJ for the Czech Republic
- Restorative platform

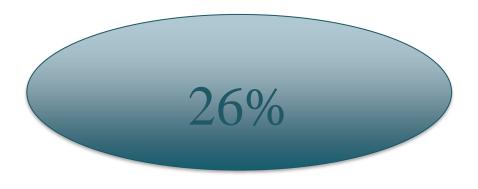
find & punish and/or repair and participate?

RJ Strategy for the Czech Republic

A need for a new perspective







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





Thank you for your attention!

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