



The Lillooet Restorative Justice Program

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK 2012



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November 18 – 26, 2012

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Restorative Justice Week Activity Agenda:

Date	Venue	Activity	Classes	Participants	Partners
19.11.2012	George Murray Elementary School	Caught in the Net	6	126	DFO SD 74 LRJP
20.11.2012	Lillooet Secondary School	Caught in the Net	5	121	DFO SD 74 LRJP
21.11.2012	Cayoosh Elementary School	Caught in the Net	8	194	DFO SD 74 LRJP
22.11.2012	Sk'il Mountain Community School	Caught in the Net	4 (grades K-10)	56	DFO SD74 NNTC LRJP
23.11.2012	Radio Lillooet	Snooze Button morning show		3	Radio Lillooet LRJP
23.11.2012	Old Mill Plaza	"Just Deserts" information table: cookies and prize draw		400	Buy-Low Foods DFO LRJP Lillooet Ambulance Service
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Activity Descriptions:

1. "Caught in the Net": A participatory session with age-appropriate modifications that involved drawing out from students their understandings of justice and restorative justice, conducting a

simulation activity during which students role played wildlife that use the Fraser River or local lakes (loon, duck, sturgeon, otter, bear, turtle). During the activity the participants are caught in a real “ghost net”. Following the role play students participated in a mini community justice forum during which they could hold those responsible for the ghost net (facilitators, teachers and older student volunteers) accountable for the harm they suffered. Expert presentations during the activity included information about “ghost nets” and their impact on the environment, and real examples of ways restorative justice has been used in our area to address harms done against nature. Facilitators included: Eric Zimmermann, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Kevin Duncan, Natural Resource Officer, Nhlakapamux Tribal Council (Lytton); Trevor Chandler, Facilitator, LRJP; Sarah Chandler, Coordinator, LRJP. At the end of each class period there was a draw for prizes donated by Fisheries and Oceans, in partnership with Winners’ Edge Sporting Goods. Each school was presented with a “Species at Risk” kit donated by Fisheries and Oceans, and with a book donated by the Lillooet Restorative Justice Program: The Teacher’s Guide to Restorative Classroom Discipline by Luanna H. Meyer and Ian M. Evans.

2. “Snooze Button” is a morning radio show hosted by Jeff O’Kelly on Radio Lillooet. It features news, community information and “non-threatening” classical music. Radio Lillooet is a regular partner of LRJP during the annual National RJ Week. On Friday 23 November, O’Kelly featured music related to nature, interspersed with interviews with RJ team members Toby Mueller and Sarah Chandler. The show was recorded and is available on the LRJP web site, and on CD, which can be borrowed from the LRJP office.

3. “Just Deserts”: On Friday afternoon, 23 November, from 2-6 pm at the Old Mill Plaza Shopping Centre, volunteers Betty Weaver, Sarah Chandler and Trevor Chandler distributed information on the Lillooet Restorative Justice Program, along with home and store-baked cookies, dried fruit and hot chocolate. There was an “everybody wins” draw for prizes donated by Fisheries and Oceans, in partnership with Winners’ Edge Sporting Goods. Cookies were baked by Erica Barten,

Kim Halayko, Toby Mueller and Sarah Chandler. Cookies were donated by the Lillooet Naturalist Society and by Bob Sheridan and Buy-Low Foods, who also donated hot chocolate, the use of a large urn and a table. BC Ambulance crew members and Lillooet Food Bank volunteers who were hosting a “Fill the Ambulance” benefit for the Food Bank, continued to hand out cookies and information for the Restorative Justice Program until the end of their event on Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. Some visitors to the “Just Deserts” event wished to make a donation to the Lillooet Restorative Justice Program, even though that was not the purpose of the event. A total of \$60 was donated.

4. Media coverage: In addition to the Snooze Button Radio Program, the Bridge River-Lillooet News featured an article on the Lillooet Restorative Justice Program’s Play it Fair and Speaking Rights activities in local schools the week prior to RJ Week, and, during the week itself, there was an apology from an offender in the paper, an article providing context for that apology, and an opinion piece on RJ and the contribution of our program by the editor. In addition, the article from the previous week was picked up by the Smart Justice Network and distributed the following affirmation:

A Smart Justice Network communiqué ...

Editorial Comment:

- *SJN starts today with an inspiring story of a lady who believes in children and the future of RJ. RJ as a perspective on human rights is becoming more and more an underpinning that is both sustainable and direction setting. SJN salutes Ms Chandler and her work “to bring change in small places close to home.”*

Media coverage is attached to this report.

5. Thanks: We thank the following people and organizations for supporting Restorative Justice Week 2012 in Lillooet:

- Tom Grantham and Eric Zimmermann, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Don Sam and Kevin Duncan, Nhlaka’pamux Nation Tribal Council
- Lori Robinson, Pat Teskey, Kim Halayko, Deborah Ralston, Jacquie Ledoux, School District 74, Gold Trail.
- Jeff O’Kelly, Radio Lillooet
- Bob Sheridan and Staff, Buy-Low Foods, Lillooet
- Winners’ Edge Sporting Goods
- BC Ambulance Crew, Lillooet
- Lillooet Naturalists Society

- Anonymous donors at the “Just Deserts” table
- Kim Halayko, Toby Mueller, Erika Barten, Sarah Chandler, cookie bakers, Trevor Chandler, dried fruit
- Wendy Fraser, Bridge River-Lillooet News
- Lillooet and Shalalth students, all of whom participated enthusiastically in our activities

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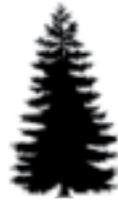
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Restorative Justice Week: Nov. 18-25



Sarah Chandler talks about the rights and needs of persons with disabilities with students in Mr. Blakely's Grade 6 class at Cayoosh Elementary School.

Human rights and restorative justice go hand-in-hand

WENDY FRASER

"Eleanor Roosevelt said 'change happens in small places close to home, and that's what we're trying to do with the Restorative Justice program. To change the way people deal with harmful behaviour. To try to bring our community into a healthier place. To try to lay the groundwork among children for respect for human dignity and rights.'" - Sarah Chandler

Lillooet's Restorative Justice Program seeks to create fair outcomes through a process that addresses crime victims' individual needs and holds offenders accountable for their actions. Restorative Justice is based on a theory of justice that considers crime and wrongdoing to be an offense against an individual or community, rather than against the state.

Sarah Chandler is a local co-ordinator for Restorative Justice. While most people associate Restorative Justice with diverting people away from the court system and its punishment, she says restorative practices, including

human rights education programs, can take place anywhere at any level, including our local schools.

Several years ago, Chandler began working with Gold Trail School District 74 on how to use restorative practices in schools as a way to reduce student suspensions and other kinds of punishment that were not constructive.

"Four years ago, Restorative Justice was asked to come and help with a bullying incident at LSS," said Chandler. "We were asked to come in and do a circle to solve the issue. We asked instead if we could do some activities with the whole class. These were activities designed for children and youth for after-school programs and day camps, but they work in classrooms, too."

Chandler has also worked for the Montreal-based Equitas Centre for Human Rights Education, which offers two award-winning programs, Play It Fair and Speaking Rights. She says Play It Fair and Speaking Rights are human-rights, values-based participatory activities for kids in which they can experience co-operation, fairness, inclusion, respect, respect for diversity and other values. "By using activities and games that feature inclusion and exclusion, they can talk about what that feels like,"

she explained.

Students participated in several Play Fair activities, including Bully Tag and Big Wind Blows, and Follow the Motion, which asks children to consider who they imitate and whose example they follow. An activity called Needs and Offers asked students what they needed to do well in class and also what they needed to do to help others do well in class.

Chandler says, "In that activity, the needs of the bully were identified. The bully needed people to do well, people to play well, needed the class to win, but not everyone was good at that. Other kids said, 'I need coaching. I need support. I don't know how to play the game. I need people to be patient.' In the Offers part, the bully said, 'I think I'm too hard on people. I shouldn't push so much.' It was a class with different levels of maturity - some people are dating and shaving, some people are still playing with their Tonka Toys. The more mature kids had needs the less mature kids couldn't meet."

That particular bully problem at LSS was resolved and Gold Trail expressed more interest in developing restorative practices in its schools. As a result, Gold Trail is the first school district anywhere in Canada to offer Play It Fair and Speaking Rights programs.

Today, Chandler says the program works with "teachers and principals who invite us; we work with the willing." For the past two years, K-12 programs have been offered at Sk'il Mountain Community School in Shalalth. Students attending Cayoosh Elementary School this year in Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 participate in human rights-based programs and activities. For the last three years, Grade 8 students at Lillooet Secondary School have been involved in the Speaking Rights program.

Play It Fair is also being offered in the Lillooet Library and Friendship Centre day camps.

"We do human rights education as part of our crime prevention mandate as the Restorative Justice program," she said. "We're supporting the community to prevent crime, prevent harm, prevent bullying, to give students, teachers and students going home and telling mom and dad some grounding in human rights principles."

She concludes, "Respect is a key human rights principle. If you're asserting your rights, you have to do it in a way that treats others respectfully. They have rights too, they have human dignity also."



Our View Child is father of the man

Weeks and days celebrating, promoting and raising awareness of special events and worthy causes fill the calendar. Yesterday was Absurdity Day. Today is World Hello Day. Tomorrow is National Cashew Day. While we aren't into Cashew Day, we believe it's certainly worth acknowledging Restorative Justice Week in BC.

According to provincial Justice Minister Shirley Bond, "Restorative justice is an example of how we can build community by strengthening offenders' understanding of the impacts of their crimes and providing victims with a chance to be heard. The broader benefit is lower recidivism, which strengthens both community and family safety."

Approximately 50 community-based restorative justice programs across BC accept some 1,400 referrals annually. Staff and volunteers devote more than 90,000 hours to the programs each year.

Locally, the RCMP, Sel'at'imax Tribal Police, District of Lillooet, aboriginal governments and a variety of community organizations support the work of restorative justice programs.

We're particularly intrigued by efforts in local schools linking restorative justice to human rights education. We're even more intrigued to learn Gold Trail is the first school district in Canada to introduce two innovative human rights programs into its schools: Play It Fair and Speaking Rights.

Some may wonder why these programs are necessary in our schools. First, they were introduced as a way to prevent bullying and teach bullies and those who are bullied about the consequences of their actions. Second, they were introduced to ensure that when an arm is raised, the situation is set right. Third, they teach values such as respect, tolerance, fairness and inclusion.

The poet William Wordsworth wrote, "Child is father of the man."

We believe he meant that what we think and believe as children will determine what we think and believe as adults.

Thank you to the Gold Trail School District and Lillooet Restorative Justice for their efforts to ensure our students become responsible, informed and engaged citizens who respect the humanity of others.

R.F.



The Chi Another 31-year agreement destroys flexibility

In this month's Commentary, I intended to take a break from discussing like dilbit pipelines, fracking, and the deal of privatizing BC forests. But FIPA-China thing came along, and plans.

FIPA is the China-Canada Fostering Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement. Already Canada has FIPAs with other nations, many of them small islands like Barbados or Trinidad, concluded between 1990-2001. The difference here is the size of China's economy, the second largest in the world, and the adverse effect to which the Harper government is committed.

The agreement was to be signed for 31 years, but, for some reason, it didn't and currently (while I write) the Premier is in India. If signed at all, it is until Harper's return.

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Your View

Editor's Note:

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Let's help write a song about Lillooet

To the Editor,

Hey Lillooet!! I am putting a challenge out to you. It was brought to my attention by a member of our wonderful community that there is an opportunity to have a song written about our District. We have so much in our area that just makes me thankful and I would love to share it in a song. Unfortunately, you wouldn't want to hear me sing, but if someone else did it, I'm sure it would be fantastic.

Lowry Olson is a singer/songwriter from Gibsons, and he also runs a program called Theme hop.

Tell Lowry what makes our community special, and be specific! Lowry will then make the decision, and go to the community to write the song with people who live there. The deadline to send in our pitch is Dec. 2.

Some suggestions are what you love about our District, our scenery, weather and what makes

it unique.

So put your thinking caps on and send an email to lowry@lowryolafson.com and tell him what you think.

Please take a minute to check out this background story at: <http://www.cbc.ca/kamloops/>

Thank you for taking this challenge

Stephanie Witt

An apology to the community

To the Editor,

To the Community of Lillooet, I am truly sorry to everyone hurt by the incident on May 19, when I lied about my van being stolen. I am sorry for all the pain and fear that you all were in.

I am truly sorry. Words cannot explain how sorry I am. I know I messed up and I hope you all will forgive me.

Kevin John

Tireless REC Centre volunteer deserves recognition

To the Editor,

I read Georgia Colton's interesting article in the Nov. 7 Lillooet News and I would like her to know that at one time we had a very thriving pool committee that worked diligently to raise money for a new pool.

And as a matter of fact, it was the money (not a huge amount) we raised that was requested and given as the first payment to the architect of our REC Centre. On June 27, 1981, Barbara and Anne

Dalrymple and John Rockingham, the architects, met with some of our group in my house re: the pool plans.

Twice now, I have noticed that only two women's names have ever been mentioned as having devoted so much time to the efforts in seeing that the REC Centre came to fruition. But let me add one more name – one lady who worked physically harder and longer than anyone I know toward that goal; a good friend who is no longer with us who petitioned and gathered pledges large and small, arranged and ran many bingos with the help of many other swim team parents such as Edie Dockter, and gathered bottles as she walked, delivering the Vancouver Sun and Province around the whole town and Rancherie.

At the same time she worked diligently at our garden most days of the week and stood with me on Main Street by the post office, selling excess squash at the end of the season and helped with our raffles to raise more funds.

That lady was Louise Craig. She passed away this summer, but those of us who knew her well will not forget her dedication or let it go unnoticed.

Most of us of that era are now in our 70s and 80s and so we pass this torch onto you younger folk who desire a year-long open swim pool.

I'm sure you will reach your goal if you strive with a magnitude of good will and effort.

I admire your spirit, Georgia,

Man apologizes for phony carjacking story

Police investigation cost more than \$15,000

WENDY FRASER

Kevin John has issued a public apology for concocting a phony story about being carjacked at gunpoint on Road 40 in May of this year.

The reported carjacking caused widespread concern among motorists in the area and cost the RCMP at least \$15,000 in investigative costs.

John issued his apology to the community in the form of a letter to the editor in this week's edition of the Lillooet News and in the newsletters of the Shalalth and Xwisten communities.

His letter states: "I am truly sorry to everyone hurt by the incident on May 19, when I lied about my van being stolen. I am sorry for all the pain and fear that you all were in.

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know I messed up, and I hope you all will forgive me."

John reported that the green 1994 Plymouth Voyager van he borrowed had been hijacked by three men when he stopped to assist them with a flat tire. He said one of the men carried a rifle and warned him he would be shot if the three saw him again.

An air and ground search ensued, which involved both the Lillooet RCMP and St'at'imx Tribal Police and utilized RCMP helicopters from Kamloops and Kelowna.

John's story soon began to unravel as police investigated further and eventually he admitted he made up the entire story after the borrowed van became stuck in the bush.

Initially, John faced multiple charges under the Criminal Code and Motor Vehicle Act. But instead of proceeding through the courts, the matter was dealt with under the Restorative Justice process and a community justice forum was held on the issue. Part of the agreement arising from the forum was that John would publicly apologize for his actions.
