

Everyone benefits when communities and organizations take a fresh look at how they respond to harm, violence and injustice. This has been a remarkable year of meaningful work, and we're excited to share it with you!

## Fuelling Restorative Justice in Oregon

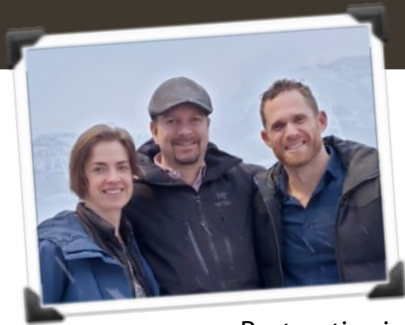
A shared vision and strong partnerships are keys to justice reform. Across the state of Oregon, we've been bringing together restorative justice advocates and practitioners to strengthen the movement with an emphasis on racial equity and needs of victims and survivors. Through diverse partnerships we have trained community-justice providers across the state, facilitated a series of groundbreaking restorative justice workdays, and held a state-wide symposium bringing together a powerful coalition of both restorative justice and victim assistance advocates. As 2020 begins, we look forward to continuing our work alongside those dedicated to justice transformation in Oregon.

Read more about our state-wide work in Oregon

## Neighbourhood Peacebuilding in Social Housing

What does it mean to live well with your closest neighbours? The **Co:Here Housing Community** in Vancouver, BC is making that topic a priority in their innovate co-housing model. With the support of Just Outcomes, Co:Here tenants and staff came together to form a Community-Builder's Group dedicated to enhancing community-life in the building and helping neighbours resolve tensions as they arise.

Check out this short CBC article quoting Just Outcomes Co-Founder Aaron Lyons on managing intergenerational conflict in shared living environments



## Crime Victims' Experience of Restorative Justice: A Listening Project

Restorative justice claims to put victims at the centre of our response to crime: but does it deliver in practice? Working with the Department of Justice Canada, our team travelled to five cities across Canada to understand and document the experiences of victims/survivors who have participated in restorative justice services across the country through a series of Listening Sessions. The results of this innovative project have piqued a great deal of interest -- since the completion of the project, we've been responding to requests from professional conferences, government agencies and associations to present on the findings.

A Listening Project photo of Catherine with practitioner partner Alana Abramson.



Find out what Canadian crime victims and survivors said about restorative justice



Matthew and Aaron, presenting in Portland (Transforming Justice Project)

## Victim Offender Conferencing meets the flourishing restorative justice movement in Brazil

Just Outcomes was invited to deliver its comprehensive training on Victim Offender Conferencing to groups of Brazilian judges, prosecutors and other professionals at the Summer Peacebuilding Institute in Virginia. We cannot say enough about the dedication, warmth and skill of our Brazilian friends!



Brazilian lawyers and judges who participated in Victim Offender Conferencing training

Read about the Brazilian delegation to the Summer Peacebuilding Institute

## Just Outcomes team recognized for leadership

At the 2019 Northwest Justice Forum in Portland, OR, Just Outcomes Co-Founder Matthew Hartman was presented with the NWJF Regional Restorative Justice Award. In her presentation of the award, NWJF representative Cara Walsh spoke of Matthew as "a living example and embodiment of restorative justice in action."



Co-Founder Aaron Lyons was elected to the inaugural Board of the newly formed Restorative Justice Association of British Columbia. As an RJABC Board Member, Aaron brings "a deep understanding of restorative justice, a passion for strategic innovation and systems' change, and a genuine fondness for teamwork." Stay tuned for more news about RJABC, including the launch of the Association's website in early 2020!



Don't miss Catherine's recent blog, *Restorative Justice and Sexualized Violence: New Conversations Emerging*. A must read!

Co-Founder Catherine Borgen received the 2019 Restorative Justice Memorial Award from the British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Catherine was selected because she "demonstrated a commitment to innovative partnerships that have

advanced the work of restorative justice and brought caring and respective service to victims, offenders, and their communities."

Read about Catherine's Crime Prevention award (page 7!).



Matthew and Aaron presenting in Portland with project partner Alison Allen-Hall (Transforming Justice Project)



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## The year ahead

As 2020 gets underway, we are excited in anticipation of the partnerships and results yet to come. Our state-wide work in Oregon continues to elevate the voices of survivors and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) in the restorative justice movement. We launch our partnership with the esteemed **Ending Violence Association of BC**, with whom we'll be convening a roundtable dialogue on the intersection of restorative justice and gender-based violence. We'll be working with a Canadian University to help develop conflict resolution and restorative justice policy consistent with best practices. With our good friends at **Turning Point Resolutions**, we embark on new implementation of restorative justice in schools. We'll be travelling to the **National Association for Victim Assistance (NOVA)** annual training event in Orlando to present on the findings of the **Canadian Listening Project**. As always, we continue to expand our support of individuals and organizations through front-line intervention, training, research and policy-development as we work together to develop more just responses to harm within the places where we live and work.

Just Outcomes team members are skilled, professional, and personable – and we love what we do!



**Left:** Matthew (with Aaron and Alison) leads advanced skills training for restorative justice practitioners in Oregon.  
**Right:** Catherine facilitates training for the Ministry of Children and Family Development.



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