

Quakers Fostering Justice Workshop Descriptions

Those Who Suffer: Being with those Harmed by Crime

This workshop is for people who care about those who have suffered as a result of crime. It asks us to consider our own stories of victimization, and consider what helps people who have experienced harm. It explores how to compassionately accompany those in the aftermath of harm, and how to recognize the limits of our capacity as friends and facilitators. The power of story-catching is experienced, and the possibility of resilience is considered.

Exploring Justice in Canada

Using the perspective of those directly suffering as a result of crime, we offer the opportunity to explore what the goals of the legal system are in Canada, and what a more satisfying model of justice might look like. We work with the group to define a concrete vision of a values-based model, and help everyone understand what role they might take in creating this new reality.

Restorative Justice: What is it?

You have heard the phrase, and may even have some strong feelings about the value or fairness of this approach. This workshop of participatory exercises helps people understand the values and principles of restorative justice in schools, communities and institutions. It asks people to reflect on the intersection of discipline, punishment and penal abolition with restorative approaches, and to explore appropriate responses to harm in our families, classrooms and communities.

Art Tools for Justice: Get creative! Be bold! Act messy!

Engage with your creative juices to begin a different conversation about justice: what it is, what it feels like, and the possibilities it offers. Different art projects will be used to explore quotations about justice, resilience and compassion. Each person will have a chance to express themselves through art, and share about their experiences with others in a safe environment. No artistic talent is necessary!