



About Maidstone Mediation...

- Maidstone Mediation Scheme is a Registered Charity No. 1052104
- Maidstone Mediation also offers free services for...
 - people with neighbour disputes
 - victims of crimes and offenders
 - peer mediation training for young people
 - parent teenager disputes
 - young people facing homelessness

Maidstone Mediation is supported by:

- The Children's Fund
- Kent YOS
- Kent Police
- Maidstone Borough Council
- Golding Homes
- Connexions



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Client Comments...

"It was brilliant!"

"School attendance greatly improved as a result of mediation."

"This is probably the happiest I have seen these pupils together."



Restorative Conferencing in Schools and the Community

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Restorative Justice can be described as...

“A process whereby all the parties with a stake in a particular offence come together to resolve collectively how to deal with the aftermath of the offence and the implications for the future.”



APPLICATIONS

- Bullying
- Theft
- Criminal Damage
- Anti-social Behaviour

Restorative Conferencing

PRINCIPLES

- Acknowledges that harm has been caused
- Looks to include everyone affected by an incident/crime in a safe way
- Enables and encourages all participants to communicate effectively
- Looks for outcomes which are mutually acceptable to all parties
- Considers everyone's needs and views equally
- Respects and enables participants to retain their dignity
- Allows all concerned to draw a line under the incident and move forward

BENEFITS

- Enables re-integration of offender in to school and in to the community
- Offers an alternative to exclusion
- Gives victims a voice
- Raises self-esteem

THE PROCESS



Referral



Meeting with person/s causing harm and their supporters



Meeting with person/s harmed and their supporters



Prepare and assess



Restorative conference - scripted process - facilitated by impartial mediator also includes those affected by the incident and those who can influence the future behaviour of the person who caused the harm.