

Restorative Circles (RC) is a comprehensive approach to community self-care. Within the field of Restorative Practices, RC, as developed by Dominic Barter, is a unique approach. It invites us into a new way of understanding and experiencing being in community, engaging in justice, and living interdependently. It empowers individuals, families, groups /organizations, and communities to problem-solve misunderstandings, difficult situations, and conflicts. Key to RC is a structure and process through which sustainable strategies are developed by the people directly involved in the situation. It brings diverse people together to dialogue with respect and understanding and has been used successfully by a wide range of communities in the US and around the world.

During the events you will learn a simple, yet highly effective structure to facilitate your community in:

- addressing the immediate challenge(s)
- understanding the underlying long term causes
- creating and choosing solutions that are sustainable
- supporting healthy, harmonious community relationships

More than 90% of conflicts addressed through Restorative Circles have been resolved to the participants' satisfaction.

To learn more: www.restorativecircles.org

Facilitator Duke Duchscherer has shared Restorative Circles throughout North America, Europe and Asia with universities, faith communities, families, neighborhoods and social action networks. He is a certified trainer with the International Center for Nonviolent Communication and is on the board of directors for the MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

Everyone Welcome

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RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

Transforming Conflict Building Community

Two-Day RC Introduction

January 28 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)
and January 29 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm), 2012
Khalsa Montessori School
3701 East River Road

- Identify the key components and how they lead to sustainable solutions
- Learn and practice a dialogue process of respect, empathy, and understanding
- Learn the five steps to setting up an effective Restorative System
- Discover how RC enhances community connection, social cohesion, & safety

Three-Day RC Learning Community

January 30, 31 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm),
February 1 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm), 2012
Medicine Wheel Dental & Conference Center
4650 W. Jojoba Drive

Prerequisite: The RC Introduction is a prerequisite to register for the RC Learning Community

- Substantial practice of facilitator skills
- Developing precise action plans with concrete steps
- Understand the concept of multi-partiality
- Dealing with emotionally charged situations
- Explore using Restorative Circles in a range of settings, including your specific community

Fee to Register:

- two-day training is \$30
- three-day training is \$50

The fee to register covers basic expenses for the trainings. The Compensation for trainers is on gift economy / Free will offering

Register by January 18, 2012 at
www.ourfamilyservices.org

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