



The Chair in Restorative Justice at Victoria University is pleased to offer, for the first time in New Zealand, two intensive training workshops of the remarkable American programme STAR – Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience.

The workshops will be held in Wellington over the last week of September (27-30th) and the first week of October (4-7th). Both workshops will cover the same essential ground, but each will be tailored to slightly different audiences.

- **Workshop One** (September 27-30) will have a particular focus on the implications for restorative justice facilitators and those who support victims of crime.
- **Workshop Two** (October 4-7) will consider the implications for public sector agencies and NGOs working with traumatized populations.

Places are strictly limited. Each workshop can accommodate a maximum of 23 trainees. **If you are genuinely interested in attending, please RSVP to Josephine.stone@vuw.ac.nz to register your interest.**

Please specify whether you are a restorative justice facilitator, as we want to give first option to facilitators before opening the workshops up to a wider group. We expect strong interest; we have already had five inquiries from Australia.

At present, each four-day workshop will cost around \$1300 per person, but we are seeking sponsorship support to reduce costs.

Background

Emerging from the ashes of 9/11, STAR is an interdisciplinary, evidence-based programme that equips individuals and organisations to work restoratively with those who have suffered trauma as a result of violence, crime, accidents, natural disasters, historical harms or sustained poverty.

One of the most innovative features of STAR is the way it integrates the latest neurological and psychological research on trauma with insights drawn from conflict transformation theory, peacemaking, community development and restorative justice. No other known programme takes such a holistic approach to understanding trauma and trauma recovery and none draws so helpfully on restorative justice principles and practices.

The understanding of trauma has increased greatly in recent years and it is now commonly accepted that those who work with disadvantaged or vulnerable groups, such as crime victims, need to be trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive in their practice.

This is a unique opportunity to receive trauma training from a restorative justice perspective. The trainers are being brought over from the US to run these workshops, so don't miss out.

Further details to follow.

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