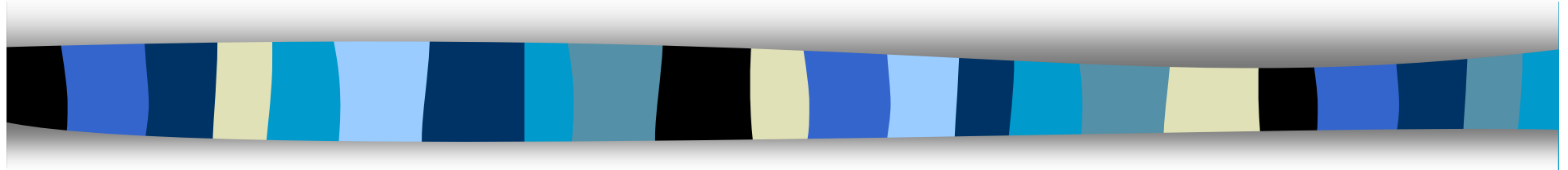


Defining features of a restorative society?



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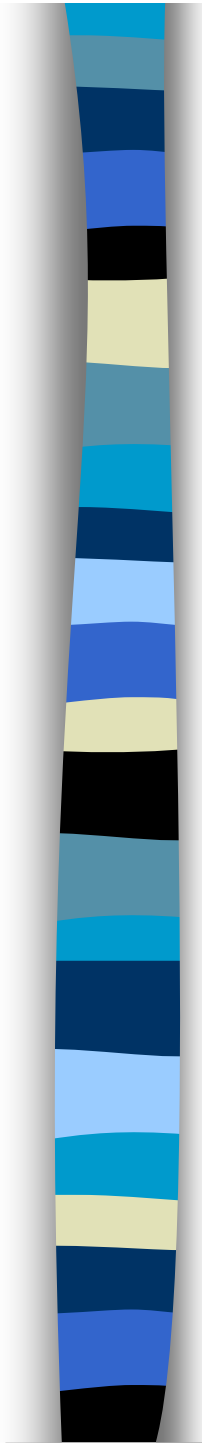
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Restorative justice

- Wellbeing - of offenders, victims and community
- Diversion - from courts, custody and exclusion
- Protection of rights - timely, fair and just
- Participation & empowerment - of those affected
- Accountability - taking responsibility, making amends
- Reintegration - repairing harm and preventing re-offending

Empowerment Repair Healing Forgiveness



Restorative practices outside the criminal justice system

- Restorative conferences in schools
- Restorative approaches to mediation and civil disputes
- Restorative approaches to resolving conflict in prisons
- Restorative approaches to injustices of the past
- Restorative approaches to social control in police, to peace making & to peace keeping
- Restorative approaches within communities and families



Key constructs

- Respect
- Fairness
- Support and affirmation vs shame
- Belonging
- Participation and empowerment
- Responsibility and repair
- Reintegration, healing and forgiveness₆



Conclusions

- I believe it is timely to articulate a new rhetoric that promotes a constructive and reintegrative model for the resolution of conflict, disputes and injustice
- Core values underlying restorative justice may provide a starting point
- The same key practice concepts reappear in many aspects of New Zealand practice
- But can we pull together these similarities without losing the important distinctions that are necessary in different arenas
- And are there other options?