

## **SECOND LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

### **CONCLUSIONS**

In this 2nd Latin American Congress of Restorative Justice we proposed to exchange, reflect, collectively and collaboratively produce knowledges, awareness, practices on the restorative field and contribute to the articulation of academia, justice, public policies, and social organizations so that carry out projects and programs that summon us to a culture of dialogue, human rights and peace.

This Congress is, in itself, a model of collective construction, collaboration and the sum of good wills, all sponsoring Restorative Justice and going a little further, to expand its limits and seek the healing of ties so that it is installed in the different activities of human culture.

We plot a narrative in which the restorative dialogues with community, transformative, therapeutic, traditional and transitional justice. We emphasize the importance of thinking about the organizational culture of our institutions and the belief system of those who work in each of them. Humanize the norm, the areas and the actions to invert power relations, be servers of the restorative field and not just operators.

We saw the urgent need, not only theoretical but also practical, for the inclusion of broad, diverse, inclusive perspectives, which could incorporate other cultures, other views, other laws and other legalities; that contribute to the restorative approach that makes visible all the omitted and forgotten historical groups: women, indigenous peoples, LGTBQI+, youth as well as inequalities and structural social exclusions.

The need to attend to victims and offenders, as well as to the entire community, in the specific needs of each of these actors was mentioned in several expositions and that they should be heard in safe spaces, without evaluating, without judging, with the sole purpose to rebuild what each human being needs to be able to live in peace. This does not necessarily imply a commutation of sentences or interference in the criminal process,

since restorative processes tend to be parallel to judicial processes, here we propose to work on personal ties to futurize relationships and ultimately think about a peaceful social future.

We were able to make visible that the identity of the Latin American RJ cannot be thought without recognizing our ancestors and within the context of high inequality and social injustice. In our countries we have the urgency to generate a movement from the restorative field to strengthen the social fabric, which is altered and unwoven.

We highlight in each exhibition the importance of work in red, multidisciplinary, intersectoral, co-responsible, articulated and coordinated by all state and non-governmental agencies.

We were able to virtually generate a democratic space, a circle of dialogue and understanding that invites us to rethink and reflect on the construction of new forms of intra and interpersonal, institutional, legislative, judicial and social relationships.

We know that we can infect others by promoting these actions conducive to peaceful coexistence and social reconstruction, we want to continue walking within a culture of dialogue, human rights and peace.

### **Some questions**

In what legal framework can work on justice and restorative practices, the devices that do not belong to any legal framework?

We challenge ourselves to continue thinking about the concept of PEACE as a process, construction, a transforming, participatory and collective peace.

Ask ourselves about the role we assume and the leading role we have in the task to build a new social culture, which puts at the center the value of all human beings and the knowledge they possess to carry out the processes of

change, it will constitute a starting point towards the transformation that without a doubt is the future that humanity deserves.