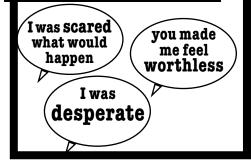
Now YOU can have a voice...



6 months later...



Karla was nervous about the RJ meeting, but she knew that she wouldn't be alone this time, and she wanted to understand why she had been picked on. Did they realise how they made her feel? It seemed like just a game to them...

"It was a difficult thing to do, but I really wanted to tell her how badly she'd hurt me...

I felt such relief afterwards"

Ri can be offered where a crime has been committed and the offender has been caught. It is voluntary, and both sides have to agree to it.

If you, or someone you know, has been affected by bullying that has become threatening don't keep it to yourself!

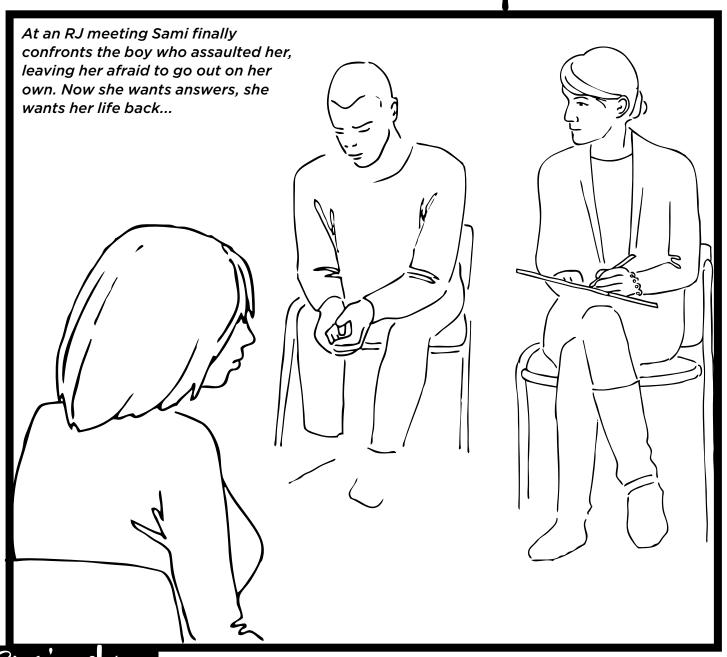
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What would YOU say?



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RJ is a way of dealing with crime

feelings of the victim into account.

It is an opportunity to explain the

impact of a crime or harmful act. It can be a face to face meeting, or a

that takes the experience and

written exchange.

Sami didn't know where to turn... She felt scared and unsafe but her friends said she should speak out, and with their help she was able to report it. Facing him at the RJ meeting was tough, but she was prepared and had good support.

"At last I feel I can move on"

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How does RJ work?

If you have been affected by crime your views and feelings are important. RJ gives you the chance to get your views and feelings heard, so you have a voice in the process.

RJ can be arranged through your victim liaison officer who will explain the different options available to you. These can range from receiving a letter of apology, to a face to face meeting which could involve all the people affected by the crime getting together. You can bring family or someone else you're close to to the meeting to support you in giving your views. If you don't want to be there someone else might be able to represent you.

Why get involved?

Taking part in the RJ process gives you the chance to:

- tell your side of the story
- get your questions answered, especially questions about your safety
- help the person who has committed the crime understand the effects of what they have done
- encourage them not to do it again
- get the person who has hurt you to make amends for what they've done
- have a say in what happens next
- feel better about what you have gone through.

The RJ process is voluntary for everyone involved, so you can withdraw, or change your mind, at any time. In the same way, the person who has committed the crime may also withdraw or change their mind; if this happens you will be informed and advised about what happens next.

restorative = something that revives health, strength, or well-being **justice =** just or fair treatment in law or society