

## Greetings to all!

We are so eager to share with you some of the work we have been doing in 2022. Here are just a few highlights from the Just Outcomes team over the past year.



## Supporting National Justice Reform in Halifax

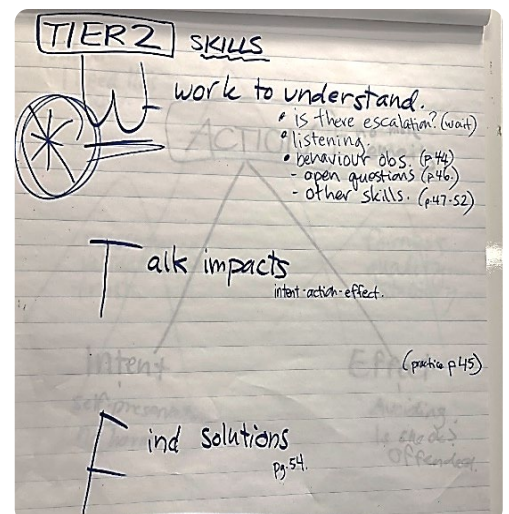
We were thrilled to join delegations from all provinces and territories for the “National Restorative Collaborative Learning Conference” in Halifax from October 24-26, 2022, hosted by the [Dalhousie Restorative Lab](#). Our role was to assist the facilitation team, led by the inimitable Dr. Jennifer Llewellyn, to capture and facilitate the learnings at the multiple table groups at the event.



Groups were working both across sectors and within delegations to how to advance restorative justice principles and practices across Canada. We loved reconnecting with justice change-makers across the country and meeting new colleagues doing this important work. We anticipate hearing the themes, action items and results of this important working conference soon!

## Training with BC Corrections

Our first in-person trainings since the beginning of the pandemic of March 2020 were with BC Corrections in Canada, at sites in both Kamloops, BC and Surrey BC in May 2022. Catherine and [Warren](#) delivered one of the 3-day restorative justice trainings, and Aaron and [Terri](#) the other! Below you can see a little snippet of one of our communication skills tid-bits from that training—the “WTF”! “Work to Understand, Talk Impacts and Find Solutions.” We were honoured to be working with the dedicated staff at BC Corrections in enhancing their already progressive services among staff and between staff and inmates at their centers.



## Launch of our Resource in Portuguese



Launch of the “[Serving Victims of Crime Through Restorative Justice](#)” Guide—a project funded by the Department of Justice Canada and shepherded by the Alberta Restorative Justice Association—was translated into Portuguese toward justice reform and better serving victims of crime in Brazil. – The vice presidency of the Court of Justice for Paraná State organized an International Congress on RJ and victims for the launch of this guide in March 2022, which Just Outcomes was sponsored to attend. Aaron Lyons represented us well and we are thrilled that this valuable resource is now more accessible than ever!

*(Beyond the conference: Aaron in Brazil with Judge Laryssa Copack and Dina Thrasher from the Canadian Consulate)*

## Oregon Youth Authority

Just Outcomes has been privileged to have the opportunity to accompany and support the Oregon Youth Authority in an incredible restorative justice, system-wide implementation project! In 2022, we have worked intimately with the Restorative Justice Project Coordinating Team, Steering Committee, and Facility Project Teams to build a foundation of relationships, knowledge and experience that can steward this implementation process through the next three years. Some of this year’s activities included:



- working with the Steering Committee to think about how restorative justice fits into the incredible matrix of initiatives already in motion within OYA at the Initiative Alignment Retreat in August;
- provision of several restorative justice and project overview presentations to members of the OYA leadership and staff community;
- co-facilitating the Project Kick-off Event in September to generate awareness and share the vision of this project to the wider OYA community;
- designing and facilitating the six-day Restorative Justice Leadership Training in October and November to equip the leadership teams with knowledge, skills, and capacities for how to lead through a restorative justice framework (thanks to our partner Alison Allen-Hall for her facilitation of a day focused on equity), and;
- facilitating an Asset Mapping Process at four OYA facilities (Maclaren, Oak Creek, Tillamook, and Eastern) to generate qualitative and quantitative data to customize facility specific implementation plans.

We have been awed by the incredible commitment, passion, and integrity of the individuals we have had the opportunity to work with from the top down within this agency, and anticipate the great potential that exists within this project to demonstrate to the world how youth corrections might look when explicitly and intentionally informed by restorative justice values and principles.



Many of you know we have had the chance to work with justice-changers over the world, but most notably along the west coast of Canada and the USA. Recently, we had the great privilege of meeting in person with a group we had worked with on Zoom/Teleconference for over a year! Here's a snapshot of Matthew, Catherine, Aaron, and Cara at the event—we are feeling quite thrilled to be working with this amazing group over the long term as they tackle some very significant, polarizing challenges in their international community. What happened at this event?



Twenty of us gathered at a retreat centre for three days in California, with Just Outcomes guiding the diverse group in healing justice work (Circle and dialogue), in addition to action planning to spread the good work they were doing throughout their community. We continue to work alongside this exceptional team to see them put their plans towards dignity, healing and belonging into action.

## In Case You Missed it: Recent Articles & Resources

- Our fabulous new team member, Michelle Jackett, introduces herself in a [recent blogpost](#).
- Have you checked out our [new website](#) launched February 2022? It's so full of information on our project, you're bound to learn something new about us on this site!
- Did you know we published [an article](#) about a project we undertook with the Ending Violence Association of BC and Department of Justice Canada in November 2021? The project and the article reflects on the opportunities and challenges of applying restorative justice in situations of gender based violence.



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