

Restorative Surrey Schools: Building a Culture of Care and Responsibility

Surrey Schools Professional Learning Opportunity : WEBINAR (same session will be offered twice to allow more participants to enroll) and QUESTION PERIOD

Students thrive when they experience a sense of dignity and belonging at school. Based on this recognition, restorative approaches in schools seek to foster safe, respectful and vibrant school communities while addressing disruptive or harmful behaviours in ways that promote responsibility, equity and learning. Restorative approaches range from every-day community-building activities within the classroom, to more intensive interventions addressing student misconduct, all aligned with a comprehensive set of guiding principles. Studies have shown significant reductions in school suspensions, more positive classroom environments, and better academic scores, among other benefits.

Highlighting examples from this rapidly growing movement across North America and beyond, this District-wide professional learning opportunity will provide an overview of restorative approaches in schools and lay out a strategy for implementation which promotes effective 'whole school' methodologies.

Please join us! We welcome all interested Surrey Schools staff to this unique online opportunity for learning and discussion as we work together to build positive, inclusive and restorative school cultures in Surrey. To maximize the value of this workshop, you are encouraged to enroll along with a counterpart or team of colleagues from your school.

This on-line webinar/workshop, is provided by Turning Point Resolutions (TPR) in partnership with Surrey Schools. TPR highly recommends you use something other than a Chromebook as participants will be participating in breakout room discussions during the sessions and you may not be able to participate using a Chromebook.

There are three separate registration links for each of the sessions associated with this offering. Please note that we ask you to select **EITHER** May 27 or May 29, not both learning sessions:

Professional Learning Session –

- **May 27, 2-3:30 p.m.**
<https://turningpointresolutions.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrce-vrjgoGNLwwf1P5nqd0kv1a1clzdu>
- **May 29, 9-10:30 a.m. (Same Session Repeated)**
<https://turningpointresolutions.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwlduugrT0tGd0ukMMbdJyfgqmvHg5krZDv>

Q and A - June 2, 2-3 p.m. (because we have less space in the Q&A, you may want to register only one person from your team who will share the questions and answers with the rest of the team after the session)

<https://turningpointresolutions.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErd-uopjkvGdObUJeLq8Jm3NemlY1VmoM4>

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Presenter Bio: Aaron Lyons is an experienced restorative justice specialist and peacebuilder bringing over 15 years' international work in intervention, facilitation, consultation, coaching and training. He holds a Masters' Degree in Conflict Transformation from the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Virginia. Aaron supports schools and a variety of other organizations to design and implement trauma-informed and restorative approaches to climate, conflict and discipline. From 2009-2018 he facilitated victim-offender dialogue in crimes of severe violence within Correctional Service Canada's pioneering Restorative Opportunities Program. He brings international experience facilitating restorative justice processes, including within New Zealand's pioneering youth justice system and the United States judicial system. Aaron has delivered training in restorative approaches within criminal justice and educational settings in across British Columbia, Canada, and internationally including the United States, Bermuda, Brazil and Hong Kong. A former youth-worker and outdoor leadership instructor, Aaron also brings extensive facilitation experience leading arts-based dialogue programs among students involved in international political conflict. He brings an upbeat, insightful, and engaging presence to all of his workshops. Aaron lives in Fort Langley, BC with his wife and two young boys.