



# Restorative Justice Week 2014

## Activities to ensue for the month of February

### PROPOSAL OF EVENTS TO BE HELD

## Theme: “Restorative Justice as a catalyst for unity, healing and transformation”.

#### *Purpose*

The Events of Restorative Justice Week 2014 will be based on **deepening understanding of the different applications of Restorative Justice in Jamaica, with particular focus on healing and transformation.**

The main goals of the Restorative Justice week of events are to raise public awareness and build support for the Restorative Justice Programme as well as to invite national participation and collaboration with the government in implementing this effective Model of Justice.

#### *Specific Objectives Include:*

1. Increase public awareness of Restorative Justice Programme in Jamaica throughout the island and in specific target sectors.
2. To increase the motivation of Jamaicans to support and participate in the Restorative Justice Programme.
3. To increase the knowledge of Restorative Justice among key implementing partners and to meaningfully engage the educational sector in restorative practices.

#### *Expected Outcomes*

1. Jamaicans will be aware of and understand the applications of Restorative Justice.

2. Key sectors in Jamaica will become aware of and involved in Restorative Justice in their respective fields.

## WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity
Saturday/Sunday 8/9 February	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Restorative Justice Sermons across Jamaica:</b> Ask Pastors across the pilot communities – through the Field Officers- to incorporate the message of Restorative Justice in the sermons preached on that day. In this way a wide cross section of Jamaica will hear the message of Restorative Justice on the same day.</li> <li>2. <b>Restorative Justice Church Service:</b> the Restorative Justice Service is used to give thanksgiving and to officially launch Restorative Week. Venue: Emmanuel Apostolic Church.</li> </ol>
Sunday thru to Saturday 2 - 28 February	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <b>Mounting of special RJ Week street signs</b> along Oxford, Knutsford &amp; Trafalgar Roads and Tom Redcam Drive.</li> <li>4. <b>'Media Opps'</b> – CVM's 'Direct Talk', TVJ's 'Smile Jamaica'</li> </ol>
Friday, 14 February  <b>Rescheduled</b> To be advised	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <b>Special Message in the Senate</b> - through the Minister of Justice, Senator the Honourable Mark Golding, a special message on Restorative Justice will be delivered.</li> </ol>
Tuesday, 18 February	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <b>Restorative Justice Facilitators Reception</b> – to appreciate the contribution of Facilitators and award those that have successfully completed the Training Course.</li> </ol>
Friday, 21 February  <b>Knutsford Court Hotel</b>  <b>9:00am – 4:30 pm</b>  <b>No cost</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. <b>Restorative Justice International Conference</b> - This Conference will primarily seek to examine the use of Restorative Justice in Jamaica as a vehicle for bringing people together for healing and transformation, under the theme: <i>"Restorative Justice as a catalyst for unity, healing and transformation"</i>. This theme was developed in light of the National Security Ministry's thrust in the 'Uniting for Change' initiative as a crime-prevention/fighting strategy; it is anticipated that support from that ministry may be garnered for the conference. Other areas of Restorative Justice in keeping with this theme will be explored at the</li> </ol>

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	<p>conference, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <i>A Restorative approach to conducting investigations: seizing the opportunity to repair harm and enhance community</i> - Kay Kyungsun Yu, USA</li> <li>II. <i>Forgiveness and healing in the Process of Restorative Justice and Restorative Practice</i> – Katy Hutchison, Canada</li> <li>III. <i>Creating a values-based and Restorative-centred workplace environment</i> - Sharon Mast, Canada</li> <li>IV. <i>Restorative pathways out of violence and gang culture: what works?</i> - Dominic Barter, Brazil</li> <li>V. <i>Moving forward: the application of Restorative Justice to victim survivors</i> – Carl Stauffer, USA</li> </ul>