



## **Project Articulate: Widening access to Restorative Justice for victims of crime with English as an additional language (EAL)**

### **INVITATION TO TENDER - external evaluator**

#### **1. Background**

This invitation to tender sets out summary information about Why me?, our new project on widening access to Restorative Justice for victims of crime who have English as an additional language (EAL), and our reasons for commissioning this evaluation. We invite responses from suitably qualified individuals or organisations who are interested in collaborating with us to undertake the evaluation.

#### **2. About Why me?**

**Why me? Victims for Restorative Justice** is a national charity (registered number 1137123) established in 2009, focused on opening up access to Restorative Justice to people affected by crime. Why me? is the only charity combining direct provision of Restorative Justice with a sustained, targeted campaign aiming to influence decision-makers to ensure that Restorative Justice is offered to victim survivors and offenders, and is readily available at point of need. More information on [www.why-me.org](http://www.why-me.org).

#### **3. About the project**

The Bell Foundation has funded this project initially for one year, with a view to probable extension to years two and three. If funding is confirmed for years two and three, we would like the evaluator to work with us for that length of time. This project aims to open up restorative options to victims of crime for whom English is an Additional Language. It will do this by:

- Building the capacity of up to six services already working with EAL, and introducing them to the power and potential of restorative practice;
- Building the capacity of three regional RJ services to be accessible to these groups;
- Developing a national delivery model, best practice guidance and checklist;
- Influencing policy-makers and inspiring them to commission restorative and victims' services effectively, to better serve the needs of people with EAL.

The involvement of people with lived experience - in service design, communication development and policy influencing - will be important in making sure that outcomes meet the needs of people with EAL.

#### **4. Evaluation tasks**

There are four tasks that the evaluator should contribute to:

- a). Additional indicators of impact for the project's theory of change.
- b). End of year reports for the project funder, the Bell Foundation, with data gleaned from Interviews with project participants.
- c). Quarterly reviews of the data being collected by the project.
- d). Evaluation of the impact made by Why me? as an organisation.

## 5. Timeframe

Deadline submission date	5th October 2020
Online Interviews with prospective evaluators	8th October 2020
initial meeting with Tehmina Kazi, Why me? Policy and Development Officer, and Lucy Jaffe, Why me? Director	13th October 2020
Develop evaluation framework	October and November 2020
Quarterly reviews and interviews with project participants	December 2020, March 2021, June 2021, September 2021
End of year report for Bell Foundation	September 2021

## 6. Budget

Our budget for the evaluation is **£3,700** plus reasonable expenses for year one.

## 7. Specification and tender requirements

**We are seeking individuals or organisations who can ideally meet all of the following criteria, or can explain how they could demonstrate transferable competency:**

- Have sound experience and expertise in social research and evaluation, preferably in the criminal justice field (restorative justice would be a bonus).
- Have experience of evaluating work with people who have English as an Additional Language (EAL) needs.
- Have experience in the use of participatory methods for evaluation.
- Have experience of working with small charities.

**Tenders will need to include:**

- A framework and methodology for the work, including key milestones and accompanying timeframe.
- CVs of key personnel involved in undertaking the work, along with samples of similar work.

- A budget for the work, including any overhead costs, expenses and VAT where appropriate.
- Contact details of two referees

**Please submit tenders by 5th October 2020 to Tehmina Kazi, Why me? Policy and Development Officer, at [tehminkaazi@why-me.org](mailto:tehminkaazi@why-me.org)**

For an informal discussion about this tender, please contact Tehmina Kazi on the e-mail address above to organise a telephone call.