

# Why me?

Have you been affected by a crime?

Are there things you want to say?

Do you have unanswered questions and unresolved feelings?



Why me? could help you.

## How can we help?

We work with people who have been affected by a crime or other harmful incident to repair the harm caused. We help to put things right and heal relationships.

*Why me?* can help people to work towards a positive outcome for everyone who has been affected. It can help:

Victims of crime understand why the offence happened.

Reduce crime and re-offending – making the community a safer place.



## Who can be a victim?

The victim of an offence can be one person, a group of people, a business or members of the public.



## Do you have to get involved?

This process is called **Restorative Justice** and it is completely voluntary. This means that everyone can choose if they would like to be involved. Anyone can change their mind at any time during the process.



## Hate crime

A **hate crime** is when someone is targeted because of their race, religion, sexuality, disability or transgender identity.

**Restorative Justice** can offer those affected by **hate crime** the chance to explain their thoughts and feelings around what happened, as well as how they have been affected. It can break down barriers between victims of **hate crime** and those responsible.

Victims of **hate crime** also have the chance to challenge or educate those who harmed them, if they want to. This process can work alongside traditional criminal justice processes.

**Restorative Justice** only happens when it is safe to do so.



## Some examples of Restorative Justice:

Face-to-face meetings – someone can come to support you

Video or audio recordings

Letters



If you think that this is something you are interested in and want to find out more, get in touch with **Why me?** at [info@why-me.org](mailto:info@why-me.org).

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