

Accessibility and Initiation for Restorative Justice

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Eleonore Lind works as a mediator and counsellor at medling.nu. She holds training courses in mediation as a method of conflict management and has a private practice as a mediator in the workplace as well as in schools and between neighbors. Since 2008, Eleonore trained in Advanced Integrative Counselling and Transactional Analysis in the UK between 1994-1998. From 2004 -2008, she was responsible for training, method development and implementation of Victim Offender Mediation in Sweden at the Mediation Secretariat at the National Crime Prevention Agency. Eleonore is also a board member for the European Forum for Restorative Justice.

Kjersti Lilloe-Olsen has been working in the field of mediation since 1992, in particular she is an expert in victim – offender mediation, school mediation, community mediation, conferencing and domestic violence. Today, she is a Senior Adviser at the Mediation Service in Oslo and Akershus, she is a national instructor in training of mediators and she is also a facilitator and trainer in conferencing. She gives lectures at the Police Academy and the academy for child care and her main responsibility is the cooperation between the police and the Mediation Service.

Andreea Răduț studied Law at the Nicolae Titulescu University in Romania. Her initial training as mediator was done in 2008 at the Craiova Mediation Center in Romania. Since then, Andreea continued her mediation training at different international institutes (e.g. Association Nationale de Mediateurs, France; Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, UK; Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, USA;). Her professional experience includes managing positions for different projects in the field of education, youth policies and social inclusion. She is currently professional mediator and mediation trainer at Pro Training Mediation Romania.

Malini Laxminarayan is the research coordinator of the project Accessibility and Initiation of Restorative Justice at the European Forum for Restorative Justice. Through this research, she is examining the barriers existing within Europe that restrict greater numbers of referrals from reaching restorative justice organisations. Before beginning as a research coordinator, Malini obtained her PhD in law, with a specialty in victim rights and victimology from the International Institute of Victimology at the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands.

Emanuela Biffi studied the Liberal Arts program of University College Maastricht (The Netherlands) focusing on social psychology and criminal law. She then obtained her Master degree in Criminology at KULeuven. She wrote her thesis on the relevance of restorative justice for cases of organized crime, using the Italian Mafias as a specific case-study. She is part of the team of the European Forum for Restorative Justice since March 2013, first as a volunteer, then as an administrative assistant and finally as a research assistant for the “Accessibility and Initiation of Restorative Justice” coordinated by Dr.Laxminarayan.

