



WOULD YOU MEET THE MAN WHO BURGLED YOUR HOUSE TO ASK WHY?

Many victims of crime have chosen to do just that. It's called restorative justice and brings a victim of crime into contact with their offender in a safe way.

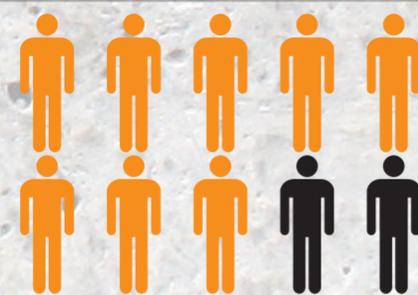
Restorative justice allows the victim to explain the impact the crime has had on them, ask questions and seek an apology. It encourages the offender to take responsibility for their actions and make amends.

"For me, restorative justice turned the tables and I don't feel like a victim any more. I'm in control now."

Daughter of a murder victim.



80% of offenders who took part in restorative justice said they would be less likely to reoffend.



78% of victims who took part in restorative justice would recommend it to others.

"Restorative justice was my turning point. When I realised what effect my crimes had on other people, I felt ashamed and embarrassed."

Ex-burglar.

To find out more about restorative justice and to take part in the debate visit www.facebook.com/whatwouldyoudo.rj

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