

# RESTORATIVE JUSTICE :

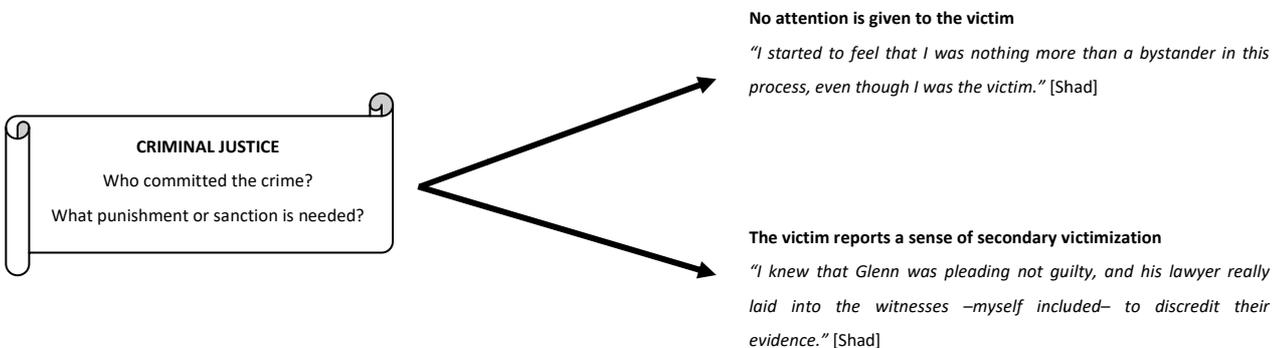
## from theory to practice.

### Shad and Glenn's story

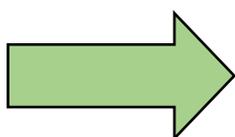


Shad, a Pakistani man, was riding his bike in the centre of Nottingham, when he noticed Glenn angrily shouting racist abuse at two fellow countrywomen. He stopped to make sure there was no need to intervene, but when Glenn realised that Shad was looking at him, he reacted with rage and physical violence followed. Glenn knocked out Shad, who later had to undergo a five-hour-long major reconstructive facial surgery. [Source: Restorative Justice Council 2015]

During the first trial:



During the appeal, Glenn finally changed his plea to guilty. Shad, already desirous to meet his attacker from the very beginning, grew more and more eager to talk with him face to face. After years of failed attempts, thanks to a restorative justice facilitator, he managed to meet Glenn. During the meeting, guided by the restorative justice facilitator, they talked about everything, from what had happened on the day of the attack to their respective background and their projects for the future:



Restorative justice is a complementary approach to criminal law, which helps to solve conflicts by acknowledging both their intrinsic complexity and the value of the emotions involved. Restorative justice methods aim at re-building human relationships damaged by the crime and at encouraging actions of restoration, reparation and reconciliation. In so doing the parties become capable of looking at the future on the basis of a new vision of the conflict; they overcome the feeling of loneliness and revenge and may increase their sense of security.

