Peacebuilders Canada

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Restorative justice isn't just right. It's smart.

For more than 20 years, Peacebuilders Canada has used restorative circles to keep young people facing barriers in school and out of the justice system. They stay accountable in their own communities, and public systems spend less.

The investment case

$10K vs **$100K+**
community diversion per young person, against custody for one year

$4 to $7[1]
in public costs avoided for every $1 invested in community diversion

8 in 10[2]
young people who complete diversion do not reoffend

1,300+
young people diverted from court since we began

How our work is organized

PREVENTION

Schools

Circles build social-emotional skills and resolve conflict without a suspension. We work in 13 partner schools today.

INTERVENTION

Courts

Restorative Youth Circles offer a real alternative to a criminal record. Young people who complete a circle have their charges withdrawn.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Systems

We train educators, legal professionals and youth leaders so the practice outlasts any one program.

Where we're going

Our Vision 2028 plan takes restorative schools and youth diversion across Ontario, growing from 13 schools to 25 or more.

Core investment funds what that growth depends on: facilitator training and independent evaluation, so quality holds as we scale.

> "To me, being a youth ambassador means being there for others ... growing as a person and using my voice to make a difference in my community."
>
> Youth Ambassador, Peacebuilders Canada

Built to be trusted

- Audited every year, with a clean opinion in 2025
- Programs reviewed by an independent evaluator
- United Way Greater Toronto member agency
- Supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Law Foundation of Ontario and Public Safety Canada
- Governed by a volunteer board with leaders from law, finance, real estate and academia

[1] In line with published social return on investment studies of youth restorative justice. Calgary Youth Justice Society (2010) found $5.52 in value per $1 in year one and $10.13 over three years.

[2] Calgary Youth Justice Society (2010): 80% of youth who completed diversion were not charged again within three years.

The model is proven. Your investment decides how far it goes.

Let's talk about a partnership
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