

Unpacking Justice Reinvestment

Discover what justice reinvestment is all about and hear about how other communities have put it in practice. Think about how it might work for your community & plan for the next steps.

Helping Community Understand JR

Justice reinvestment is still a relatively new concept within Australia, and many people may have never heard of it before. By allowing time to unpack, communities can make a collective and informed decision about embarking on a justice reinvestment journey. You might want to do this through a workshop, presentation, information session, social media feature, and/or any other way that will work for your community. Even though justice reinvestment looks different in every community, there are key principles and elements that guide the journey, and a solid foundational understanding is integral to success.

Who Needs to Be Involved

Anyone in the community can be the kickstarter of conversations around JR. Often, a group of people have come across the concept whilst looking to stop the cycle of crime in their community. For example, the idea may be seeded by a group of Elders wanting to reduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration or a local social services interagency wanting to address community safety.

If you're thinking about bringing a group of people together to learn about JR together, consider including:

- **Local Aboriginal Elders and families**
- **Local champions** and community figures
- **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations**
- **Not-for-profit community and social services** including youth, family support, housing, FDV, AOD, mental health
- **Local Government departments**, including youth, safety, community development
- **State Government agencies**, including Department of Communities, WA Police, Department of Education, Department of Housing, Department of Health, Community Alcohol and Drug services
- **Young people**



Workshop Suggestions

Introductions

- **Who is Here, and Why?** It's helpful to know who is in the room. Sometimes, it is good to leave out organisations and roles so that everyone comes to the space as equal community member instead of with a label or agenda. By sharing why we are each here, we start to understand the different passions, skills and experiences that can help along a JR journey.

What is Justice Reinvestment

- **History:** To understand justice reinvestment, it is helpful to understand its origins - starting in America and its more recent development and application in Australia. Refer to the *Getting Started with Justice Reinvestment Kit* or the *JR explainer video*.
- **Principals and Frameworks:** These are useful guides for the way that justice reinvestment should be implemented in Australia. Developing a shared understanding of these helps everyone get on the right path. Refer to the *Getting Started with Justice Reinvestment Kit*.
- **Examples of JR in Australia:** Building on the history, principles, and frameworks, showcasing tangible examples of JR in progress helps cement an understanding of the concept and build a hopeful vision of what is possible

Why is the Community Interested in JR?

- Understanding the unique context of your community and the how and why you are considering a justice reinvestment approach is valuable information for the next steps in the JR journey.

The What and The How

- **Breakdown of the JR journey:** with a new way of working and a long-term project, people will often want to know what the journey looks like. Refer to the *Getting Started with Justice Reinvestment Kit*.
- **SRWA's role in Supporting JR in WA:** We're here to support your community in undertaking a justice reinvestment. Learn more about what we can offer in *the Getting Started with Justice Reinvestment Kit*.
- **Community Readiness:** Your community may like to consider our *Readiness Checklist*, which outlines some factors that influence the likelihood of the JR journey getting up and going.

Initial Planning for the Next Step

- Refer to step 2. *Bring Everyone Together for a Yarn*



Helpful Tools and Resource

Access these resources on our website:

- Unpacking Justice Reinvestment Presentation
- Getting Started with Justice Reinvestment Kit
- Justice Reinvestment Community Info Sheet
- Justice Reinvestment Explainer Video
- Australian Justice Reinvestment Examples
- Justice Reinvestment Network of Australia
- Justice Reinvestment Principals & Frameworks
- The Justice Reinvestment Journey
- SRWA's role in supporting Justice Reinvestment
- Justice Reinvestment Readiness Checklist
- Just Reinvest NSW JR Toolkit
- Neighbourhood Justice Centre

We're here to support along the way!

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