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A Chance for Change: Addressing gender-based violence among youth through restorative justice

Today, with Erasmus+ funding, the Restorative Justice for All International Institute are launching the “Chance for Change” (C4C) project. It will bring together a cross-sector, strategic partnership of 6 organisations from the UK, Greece, Italy, France, Cyprus and Spain to develop innovative, community-led, educational methods and tools to help address the root causes that lead to gender-based violence (GBV) and gender discrimination in youth settings.

In our modern European societies, GBV continues to be a widespread phenomenon impacting on young peoples' lives regardless of their religion, ethnicity, socio-economic status or level of education. There is also evidence to suggest that youth workers need more capacity to deal with this persistent phenomenon, putting emphasis on supporting marginalised groups of girls and young women as they tend to be more exposed to GBV. The project results will help deliver the Europe 2020 Strategy and EU gender equality policies, by:

- **Increasing young people's awareness** of their rights and responsibilities particularly pertaining to GBV, discrimination, exclusion and abuse.
- **Empowering young people** to get involved in the project through volunteering and social action.
- **Developing and piloting 2 accredited courses and a "GBV Youth Workers' Competence Framework"**
- **Building relationships** among organisations servicing youth in the participating countries and across Europe, while providing key workers of the participating organisations with new skills and knowledge so that they can deliver the project's objectives and transfer them to others.

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, RJ4All Founder and Director, said: “We are delighted to have received Erasmus+ support to implement this innovative youth programme based on the restorative justice principles of power sharing, equality, dignity and respect. We look forward to working with our partners, users and young people over the next two years”.

Desiree Noriega, RJ4All youth project officer said: “I am excited to be a part of such an important project and to be able to spread our findings to the rest of Europe. We are striving for an important change in the lives of young people and we are happy to work with such diverse and experienced partners”.

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