



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Youth Justice Agency  
Community Services



*The aim of the Youth Justice Agency is to reduce youth crime and build confidence in the youth justice system.*

In support of this, each Community Services Project will:

- Help and encourage children to recognise the effects of crime and to take responsibility for their actions.
- Work with the victims of crime and take account of their views.
- Have regard for the welfare of children for whom they are providing services with a view to furthering their personal, social and educational development.

## REPARATION ORDERS

A guide for young people  
and their carers



## ***What is a Reparation Order?***

This is a Court order which requires the young person who committed the offence to complete an agreed activity carried out to the benefit of the victim, or the community at large, for a period of up to 24 hours.

Reparation offers you an opportunity to make amends for the offence. You are required to consent in Court to the making of a Reparation Order.

## ***What is required of me?***

- To agree to a plan of things to do.
- To carry out the reparation activity at the agreed times until the number of hours made in the order are completed, or all parties are in agreement that the work has been successful.
- If you miss an appointment you must provide Community Services staff with a reasonable explanation.
- To keep in regular contact with Community Services staff and inform us of any change of address.

## ***Information on the Programme***

Each session will last between 1-4 hours depending on your age. Sessions will not interfere with school or your job.

You will be involved in work to enable you to better understand the consequences of the offence for the victim.

The programme will include individual work with a member of staff to prepare and support you to complete the agreed reparation activity.

Parents and carers will be fully involved throughout this process.

## ***Our responsibilities to you***

We are committed to equality of opportunity and treatment and to the elimination of discrimination of any kind.

We will at all times:

- Seek and respect your views.
- Ensure confidentiality.
- Provide a safe environment for meetings.

## ***Who will I work with?***

Staff in the Community Services Project are social workers, teachers and youth workers committed to working with young people and their families/carers. They will explain the order to you and work to enable you to successfully complete it.

At all times your views are important to us.

If you have any suggestions about how we can improve our service, or if you have any concerns or wish to make a complaint, please let us know.

If you need help and advice, you may contact us at the address on the back of this leaflet.

## ***Will I have to go back to Court?***

A return to Court is possible:

- If changes need to be made to the order.
- If you do not keep appointments.
- If you do not carry out the agreed activities in a respectful and safe way.