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REPORTING BACK:

DEVELOPING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN SCOTLAND

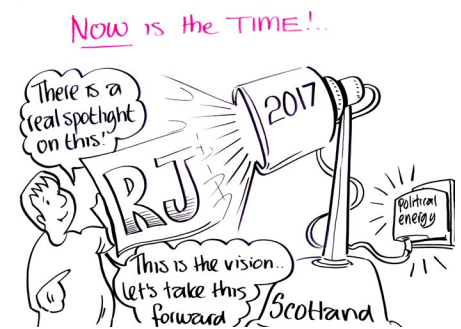
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OUR PREVIOUS ISSUE published in May this year was a special on restorative justice and was funded as part of the Scottish Universities Insight Institute's programme on developing RJ in Scotland, co-led by Steve Kirkwood of Edinburgh University and myself.

The message coming across during the programme's four seminars held across February to June and final deliberative conference held in October, was that there is a growing recognition in Scotland that restorative justice not only makes sense in terms of the needs of some people with convictions, but is also a powerful and helpful experience for many victims, including those affected by serious crime. In a miracle of timing, the Scottish Government also published its *new Guidance for the Delivery of Restorative Justice in Scotland* in time for the October meeting: (<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/guidance-delivery-restorative-justice-scotland/documents/00526079.pdf>)

All the videos and presentations from the SUII series are available online from the Scottish Universities Insight Institute website (<http://ewds2.strath.ac.uk/Programmes/ViewProgramme/tabid/5828/pid/93/rdid/5827/Default.aspx>)

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Cartoons by Graham Ogilvie of #ogilvieart based on comments from people attending the final conference on *Moving Forward with RJ in Scotland* (October 2017).