

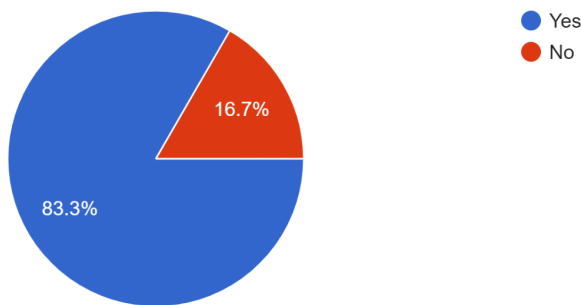
Collaborative Learning Circle of Asia Hub: Session on Restorative Circles
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Enfold Proactive Health Trust hosted an exclusive workshop session on Restorative Circles for the members of the Asia Hub. A core member of the Asia Hub, Enfold addresses gender based violence and sexual abuse through education, awareness, rehabilitative support for children who have faced sexual violence, and restorative processes with children and adults in schools and the juvenile justice system.

The session gave the participants a first hand experience of how restorative circles work in a closed group. The session resulted in some intensive sharing and brought the hub members closer at a personal level. It also highlighted the importance of empathetic listening and communication while working with children in school who may have faced difficult moments and traumas in their lives.

This is a brief report on the feedback received for the session.

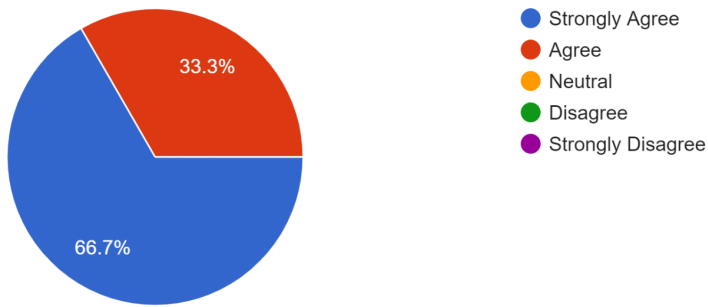
Q1. This was my first experience participating in a Restorative Circle.



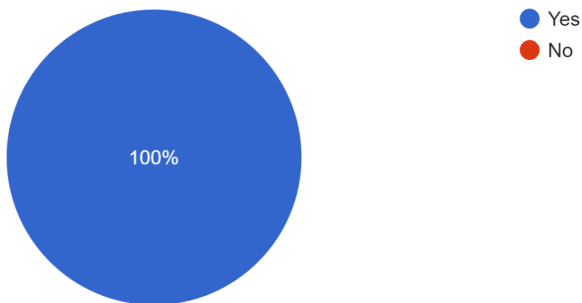
Q2. I found the restorative circle experience meaningful and useful.



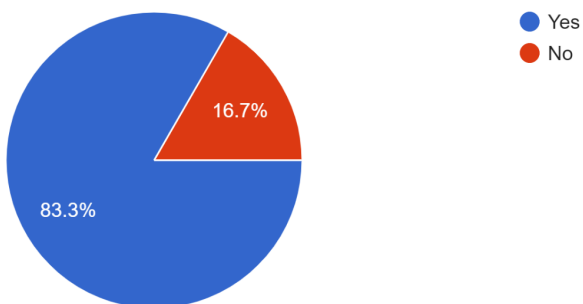
Q3. The circle was well designed and conducted.



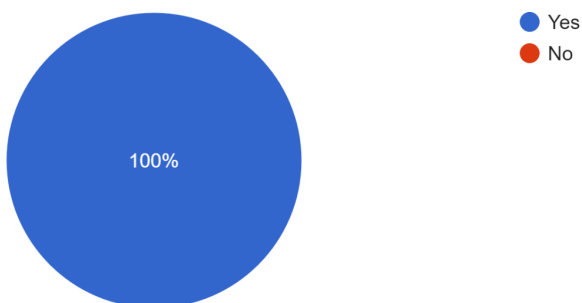
Q4. I would like to learn more about how to use Restorative Practices in a school environment to prevent violence against children in schools



Q5. I would like to go through the training to be able to hold facilitate restorative circles in my office/school system/community



Q6. I would like to be in an online restorative circle with the same group again.



Q7. Please share your comments / reflections from the session as well as any suggestions you have to make the circle process more effective

- a) I think that the process can also provide inspiration to its application/adaptation in the other aspects of our work in child rights advocacy (e.g. providing support to caregivers of children, service providers directly providing services to children and their communities, child rights advocates). On a personal level, I think that the session allowed me to reflect on my role and how I can get pass from feelings of burn out and to be more understanding of the different contexts in which colleagues are operating/working. In a quick survey from some members of our network, it seems that they employ somewhat similar methods in "counseling sessions" but "restorative circles" per se is still unknown.
Thank you very much for the session. And I will mention this in our relevant engagements.
- b) I personally think we need to organise more sessions on restorative circles to get better sense and understanding on the same to apply it effectively in schools to prevent violence against children in schools or create inclusive, violence and discrimination free environment in schools so that children will grow and learn in the provision of safety.
- c) That was comprehensive sharing because I was able to share about my bad experience that happened to me and it makes me release burnout and stress free.
- d) I felt connected to the group, and felt a lot lighter (emotionally) after the session.