

qathet Community Justice (qCJ)  
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## Social

### Trend 1: Mental Health Awareness

Drivers: trauma-informed practice

Potential Impacts: partnerships, specialized training

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## Trend 2: Substance-Use Decriminalization

Drivers: Harm Reduction Approaches, vancouver application to decrim? Increased services in qathet (OPS, iOAT, Supportive Housing, etc)

Potential Impacts: more cases, partnerships and more training

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## Trend 3: Acknowledgement of Systemic & Individual Racism

Drivers: BLM, TRC, MMIWG2S+, Discovery of Murdered Children, Anti-Asian sentiment (COVID-19)

Potential Impacts: decolonize our approach, strong partnerships with Indigenous ppl, acknowledge that our practice is appropriated from Indigenous ppl, hate-motivated RJ cases

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Drivers: #MeToo, Harvey Weinstein, Canadian Military, personal pronouns)

Potential Impacts: partnerships with victim services and training, taking gender-based RJ cases

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## Trend 5: Youth Empowerment

Drivers: Greta Thurnberg, student in US re gun violence, RJ programs run by youth, RJ in schools

Potential Impacts: youth program, schools partnerships

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## Technological

### Trend 1: Shift to remote working

Drivers: COVID-19, housing shortage means ppl move rural

Potential Impacts: MS Teams and digital literacy; online conferences

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## Economical

### Trend 1: Increased gov funding

Drivers: RJABC est., increased funding from CF and CAP

Potential Impacts: maybe more money!

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### Trend 2: Transformative investment and social innovation

Drivers: ?

Potential Impacts: look into private investment, less reliance on gov

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## Ecological/Environmental

### Trend 1: Climate Activism

Drivers: Greta Thurnberg, qCJ youth Circle, Climate Action PR

Potential Impacts: use of RJ in community discussions

Sources

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## Trend 2: Landback/Indigenous Land Defenders and rights

Drivers: Fairy Creek, Tla'amin youth south of town, Wetsuiatin (sp), fishing rights!

Potential Impacts: more DFO cases, training and knowledge of local land

Sources

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## Political

### Trend 1: Decolonization

Drivers: land acknowledgements, Nations getting treaties, TRC, MMIWG commission)

Potential Impacts: may work more closely with Tla'amin on RJ referrals

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## Trend 2: Grassroots Democracy

Drivers: Deliberative Democracy, Sociocracy, that thing in Ireland, Imagine PR (Maureen), open community meetings, co-housing in PR, against radicalization and polarization

Potential Impacts: more community Circles, more knowledge of RJ in com needed

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### Trend 3: Community empowerment

Drivers: defund the police, BC Prosecution new MOU, shortcomings of criminal legal system mass incarceration, RJ programs growing, increased RJ training

Potential Impacts: we need to up our capacity

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- **UFV Peace and Reconciliation Centre (PARC)** - <https://ufv.ca/peace-and-reconciliation/> (Oct.5 – resources)
- **Center for Justice & Peacebuilding (at Eastern Mennonite University)** - programs, practice, resources: <https://emu.edu/cjp/> (Dec.26 – resources)
- **Restorative Justice Certificate - Eastern Mennonite University**  
<https://emu.edu/leadership-organizational-management/restorative-justice> (Mar.29 – resources)
- **Acumen Academy** <https://acumenacademy.org/> (Apr.13 – resources)
- **Ashoka** <https://ashokacanada.org/> and <https://www.ashoka.org/> (Mar.23 – resources)
- **Restorative Justice for All (RJ4All)** <https://rj4all.uk/online/> (Jan.7 – resources)
- **Amplify RJ Restorative Justice** <https://www.amplifyrj.com/> (Oct.29 – resources)
- **"Why Me?" - UK** <https://why-me.org/> (Mar.12 – resources)
- **"European Forum for Restorative Justice"** <https://www.euforumrj.org/en> (Mar.12 – resources)
- **Impact Justice's RJ Project:** <https://impactjustice.org/impact/restorative-justice/>
- **"Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change (RJS4C)"** <https://restorativejustice.ie/>