



Restorative Theory in Practice:

Insights Into What Works and Why

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This will be an invaluable resource for restorative practitioners working across sectors including education, social services, youth offending or policy.

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