

# **Lorenn Walker, Hawai'i-based health educator and restorative lawyer, spent a month working with VDS**

"I arrived in Belgrade May 24, 2015 as a Fulbright Specialist to work with the Victimology Society of Serbia (VDS) until July 11, 2015. I lived with a family who needed extra income and rented me a room in their flat in a building near five minutes walking distance from VDS's offices. I worked on a variety of areas with VDS including reviewing its application of restorative justice to intercultural conflicts between Balkan neighbors. VDS has brilliantly outlined a "Balkan restorative circle" process, which people who they met with from three different regions, developed. VDS is also doing restorative work in Serbia's women's prison. What I learned both personally and professionally, and the ties I have made with people I will know and work with on other projects, far surpassed my expectations. I am honored and feel so lucky to have been asked and supported to come to Serbia."

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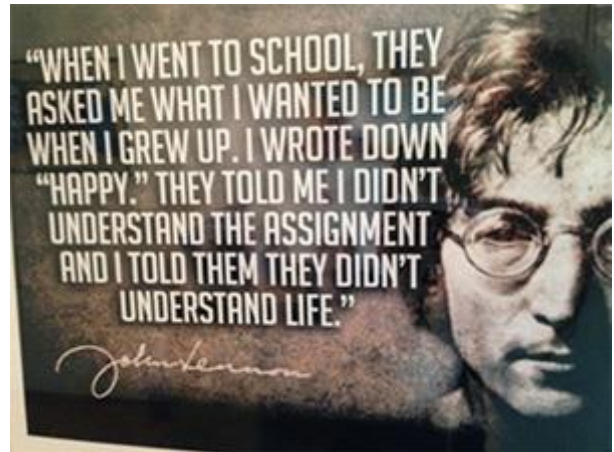


Lorenn worked on peacemaking projects for a month as a Fulbright Specialist program for the  
Victimology Society of Serbia

The team (more like a family) included those pictured here director Vesna Nikolic Ristanovic,  
reserachers Sanja Copic, Bejan Saciri, Nikola Petrovic and visiting Australian Michelle Veljan



Mahatma Gandhi statute in a New Belgrade park



Some inspiration hanging in Vesna's office at the Victimology Society of Serbia



Vesna and Loren outside the Serbian women's prison in Pozarevac about 80 kilometers from Belgrade



Serbian Ministry of Justice/ Administration for the enforcement of penal sanctions -Dusanka Garic, Head of treatment and alternative sanctions department and Milan Tanskovic, Head of financial department with Jasmina from the Victimology Society and Loren



Lorenn with staff of Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE) <http://www.osce.org> in Belgrade which helps support the Victimology Society of Serbia's work



After our 3 hours circle where we learned more about what we like about each other, want for ourselves and the Victimology Society, and how we can achieve those goals