

Biography of Sonya Shah



Sonya Shah is the Replication Program Director at Insight Prison Project and responsible for the replication of the Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG) program in prisons statewide and nationally. VOEG is a restorative justice and trauma healing inspired program. She is a founding member of Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice with Californians for Safety and Justice. Sonya has served on the advisory board for Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth and the board of trustees for the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS), where she is an Associate Professor. Sonya is actively immersed in seeding restorative justice practices locally and nationally and ending the charity-based model of working in “marginalized” communities. Sonya has been teaching social justice education for 20 years and grounds all of her work in a systemic analysis. She has appeared on various radio programs including NPR, KPFA, KQED, KALW and more.