

Prison Dialogue sessions at HMP Blakenhurst



DON'T DO THIS,
-DO DIALOGUE!

Prison Dialogue has been running sessions in HMP Blakenhurst for five years.

What do we do?

- Dialogue sessions give opportunities to listen and talk about things that interest or concern you.
- They provide space to have conversations with people you wouldn't normally talk to and get to know each other better.
- If you are new to the prison you can learn more about what's going on.

What people have said about us?

"I would be here if it was just me on my own because it's an opportunity to talk. You always begin with a large group and then it reduces in size and that's when you end up with a core group who want to have a proper conversation. That's when real change begins to happen."

"I chose to come here today rather than have a family visit because I welcomed the opportunity to talk....there's something that everyone can gain; inmates, officers and governors."

"I was feeling really bad in my cell but I joined the dialogue and I'm glad I came out. I feel different now..."

"People get their views across in the dialogues; it's the first time I've been asked questions about things that interest me."

When do the sessions happen?

There are two half-day dialogue sessions every Monday. The morning session is for the Main Houseblocks (in the Chapel) and the afternoon session is for Healthcare (in Lower Medical).

What to do next?

If you would like to join the dialogue next time, put your name down in the wing office.

You should be able to take time off work to take part and still get paid.