

The facilitators that generally work within HMP Blakenhurst are:

Jane Ball
Lynda Calter
David Parsons

We also have volunteers that attend some of the dialogues and these come from a wide variety of backgrounds, from research to commercial business.

Who is the contact here for Prison Dialogue?

We have a convenor, Officer Richard Taylor, who organises the venue, refreshments etc on a fortnightly basis. He is the Lifer Liaison Officer and is based on HB2. Richard also issues the lists to the Houseblocks for attendees prior to the Dialogues.

Some Quotes From Prison Staff Who Have Attended Previous Dialogues.

'Despite my Officer Training, the most I've ever learned is from prisoners – more staff should be involved in opportunities to learn from prisoners.'

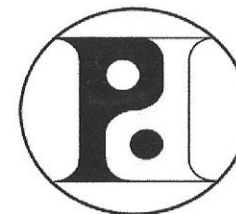
'A lot of officers on the House Blocks get stressed out at the thought of coming to these groups but I've found it helpful. It was good that we talked about so many different subjects.'

'This is my first one ever. I've been invited but couldn't make it before. I've seen different forums for different things, training for staff etc. To me – for prison to get better is for you to understand us and us to understand you. This is a must.'

'I had no idea what I was coming to this morning. I asked one of the other managers what it was like and he said "It's like a barn dance, no one looks forward to going to it but by the end you're really enjoying yourself".'

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