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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:45pm BCHA, Bournemouth

What a difference a year makes

Participants: 2 Ex-offenders, 2 Police & 1 BCHA

LEARNINGS

"I have got clean for myself. Before I have only got clean for others, like my family or the Judge. This way everyone benefits."

(Ex-offender)

"This time eight months ago I was sitting in a prison cell. Yesterday I moved into a flat. By thinking positively, positive things have happened."

(Ex-offender)

"I have used rehab to get what I want, like a flat. Now I have got it, I don't want to lose it. If I relapse it will be gone in a blink of an eye."

(Ex-offender)

To change, you have to start with yourself.

The help is out there, it's knowing when you're ready.

Bad things happen to us all. It's how you deal with it that counts.

"You think that you will be able to control the next hit. Ideally I would have liked to have been a weekend junkie but that would have never have happened."

(Ex-offender)

"Heroin is not a social class drug. It can effect people from all walks of life."

(Police)

"Total abstinence doesn't work for everybody. Some people feel they need something more."

(Agency)

"I have been offered help before by Police Officers but I have just not been ready. Looking back and by attending these sessions I can see that there are genuine Police Officers out there wanting to help."

(Ex-offender)



Bournemouth Threshold Dialogue brings Bournemouth offenders together in open conversation with the agencies responsible for their supervision and support. Dialogues are themed on the issues affecting re-offending. The process starts in custody and continues post-release in the community, emphasising support, challenge, responsibility and early intervention. Threshold Dialogue is supported by Bournemouth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.