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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm CRI, Oxford Road, B'mouth

Small steps can make big changes – positive or negative

9 Participants: 5 Ex-offenders, 2 Police, 1 B'mouth Council & 1 Agency

LEARNINGS

"I like coming to this group. I like talking. I feel like I've talked a lot tonight, but it's the only time I'm listened to. It's good talking when you know you're being listened to."

Ex-offender

"I've made a choice to use again and walked out of Chapmans because I can't handle being normal."

Ex-offender

"Since last week I've moved into accommodation and I've been 5 days clean."

Ex-offender

"I've relapsed recently but haven't been kicked out of my accommodation. I've been given another chance."

Ex-offender

"What's different since you left prison this time?"

Police

"Me – I'm taking the help on offer."

Ex-offender

"I've been kicked out of my accommodation before because I stayed out one night. I never even used and as far as I'm concerned I did nothing wrong."

Ex-offender

"If you know the rules and break them you face the consequences"

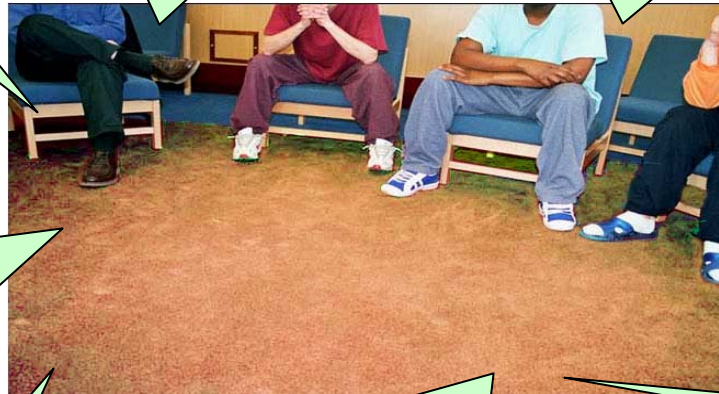
Police

"There are steps to take to get from where you are now to where you want to be. To enable you to get your own front door you need to take those steps."

Agency

"You need to keep focussed on your goals. Focusing on those short and long term goals will help you to get where you want to go."

Council



Having a relapse doesn't have to mean you go back to square one.

By continuing to behave in a negative way you can reinforce a bad reputation.

If you engage with services that are available in a positive way you are more likely to have a positive outcome.

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.