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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30pm BCHA, Dorset Lodge

The wrong path in life

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

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

LEARNINGS

"I have been institutionalised most of my life. That's why I like it here. I can be with people but still go to my room and be alone if I want to."

(Ex-offender)

"I'll probably end up going to the same prison as my mate now. If I do I probably won't want to leave."

(Ex-offender)

"You have a choice now. You haven't been to prison yet so try and do the right things now before you go that way."

(Ex-offender)

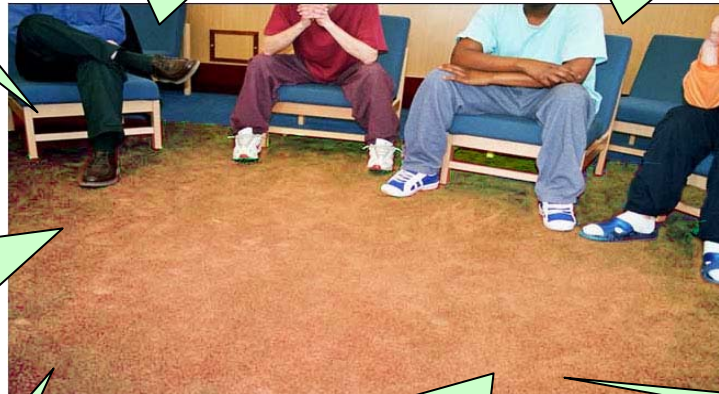
People have choices, right or wrong.

Having nothing to lose affects offenders' decisions to commit crime.

Money matters to some.

"If I go to prison I'll be missing out on so much benefit money. That's what I'll miss most. I have nothing else to lose."

(Ex-offender)



"Although I have low self esteem and suffer from depression I still have aims and ambitions."

(Ex-offender)

"Some people don't even know outside of Dorset. I want to make the most of the area and stay active."

(Ex-offender)

"People who have nothing to lose don't care about going to prison."

[(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.