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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30pm BCHA, Dorset Lodge

Change is not easy

Resettlement Pathway: Drugs & Alcohol / Children & Families / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 3 Ex-Offenders, 1 Police, 1 B'mouth Council, 1 CRI

LEARNINGS

"My sister's been having difficult times recently. She has 2 young children and a husband and they can't cope financially in these difficult times. There's only so much I can do to help her."
(Ex-offender)

"Sometimes you do everything you can but you can't actually do everything for someone. They have to do things for themselves as well."
(Ex-Offender)

"When I was younger I never thought I'd end up like this but when I was a child I never had a role model. The only role model I had was crime, drugs and dishonesty."
(Ex-offender)

You can manage on a giro and in situations you're not used to if you change your thinking.

Sometimes the best support you can get is from people who understand exactly what you're going through.

"Tomorrow I've got my morning organised and my evening organised, but I don't know what I'm going to do in the afternoon."
(Ex-Offender)

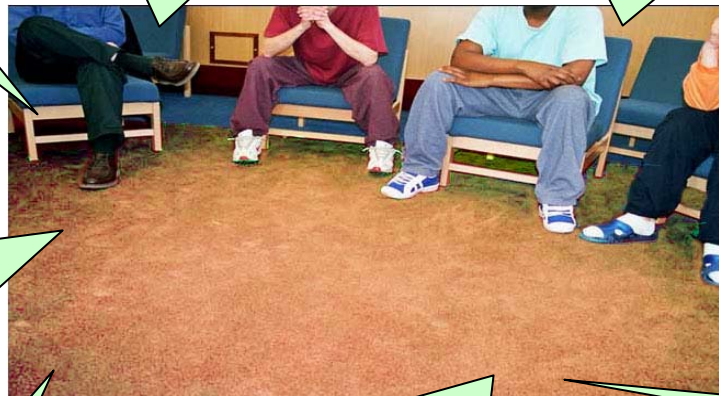
"What about the group they run at the Clubhouse? That's tomorrow afternoon."
(Ex-Offender)

"I'm a serial relapser. I can only go for 3 days without relapsing. I'm a time bomb waiting to explode...I just need to get through the next 48 hours and I don't know how I'm going to do it."
(Ex-offender)

"If I told you how much money I've spent on drugs over the past 15 years you'd be shocked...I always thought I could make the money and keep it but I just spent it on drugs."
(Ex-offender)

"My Granddad's not well and I don't know how I'm going to be able to cope with it...it's the first experience I've had of this sort of thing when I've not been using...I know now where I can get the help from and I think I can do it."
(Ex-offender)

It doesn't have to be this way if you choose to change it.



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.