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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: BOURNEMOUTH

Thursdays 4pm – 6pm BCHA, Dorset Lodge

Laws – Positive and Negative points

Participants: 2 Offenders, 2 Police, 1 BCHA & 1 Ex-offender

LEARNINGS

“There is no sense of fear in doing something wrong these days. For example in schools the kids know the teachers can’t hit them so they can do what they like and nothing happens. We need discipline back in society.”

(Service User)

“I think the most important thing about having laws is that they make morals which most of us have enforceable.”

(Police)

“I think that we need to have laws as without them there would be complete chaos.”

(Service User)

Those who break the laws know they are needed to keep order.

There is little discipline in society these days.

“Some laws are stupid and unnecessary. Some are so old but they are still around. The government doesn’t seem to change laws or introduce new ones until something happens first.”

(Service User)



Although England has strict laws we still have a strong sense of freedom.

“Although we have strict control and laws in this country we are very lucky compared to others. We have so much freedom in this country as well.”

(Police)

“I think we need to come out of the European laws and so back to how it was. Human Rights have gone too far.”

(Service User)

“I would invent a law that everybody would sit and eat together as a family. There are no family values anymore.”

(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.