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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

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but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

## Life Can Be Fun. Try It

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Participants: 21 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police & 1 CRI

### LEARNINGS

"I've got loads of GCSE's but no one will give me a job due to my previous convictions."

(Offender)

"They should legalise drugs, it will stop people coming to jail."

(Offender)

"There are plenty of people in prison due to committing offences as a result of being under the influence of drink and drugs not just to get drugs."

(Police Officer)

Drugs are not the answer.

After a while the drugs wont work.

"Instead of sending people to jail they should keep them in the community and send them to work and make learning a trade part of their sentence."

(Offender)



It's up to you to change.

"Prison doesn't work. All these who have just come in will be back out and committing crime to fund their drug habit."

(Offender)

"You have to want to give up. I've been given chances and support outside messed up myself. It was my own doing."

(Offender)

"I first got a buzz out of crime before taking drugs then they just took over. I had a full time job but the money went straight onto drugs. I have been clean for years but was bored of being straight."

(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.