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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

Everyone can change

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 14 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 2 Police, 1 CRI, 1 BCHA, 1 B'mouth Council & 1 Ex-offender

LEARNINGS

"In five years time I want to be married with a house and a job."

(Offender)

"To enable to move forward you need to know what you want and have a plan."

(Offender)

"There is no such thing as instant gratification. If you want something done you have to do it yourself. No-one is going to do it for you."

(Ex-offender)

Change takes time and can be an uphill struggle but it's worth it in the end.

The turning point to change begins within yourself.

Planning your future step by step will give you something to aim for.

"I couldn't think of any other way of dealing with my problems without going out and stealing."

(Offender)



"Forget yesterday, don't worry about tomorrow, live for the day and deal with your issues at the time. If I didn't sort out my problems on the day they'd be twice as bad tomorrow."

(Ex-offender)

"You need to do things for yourself because you want to not because other people want you to or tell you that you should. I wanted to because after 25 years of offending I had had enough."

(Ex-offender)

"I see I need to change my behaviour while I am still young rather than in years time when I've wasted my life."

(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.