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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

To live or to simply exist?

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Participants: 28 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 2 Princes Trust & 1 Footprints

LEARNINGS

"With the trust I volunteered for a year and lived on the dole. But it paid off and I am happy."

(Agency)

"You have to take any job and build on that. Everyone has to start somewhere."

(Offender)

"There are lots of charities out there who are willing to help. You have to go and find them. They can't be expected to come to you."

(Offender)

No-one said it was going to be easy.

It (change) can't be done unless you really want it.

"We at the Princes Trust support you and help you to help yourself. You are still expected to do the leg work."

(Agency)



"I know what I have to do when I get out. I have to change my friends and lifestyle and stop the drink and drugs. Staying up all night all the time is just madness."

(Offender)

"If you earn something yourself you are far more likely to respect it and look after it and if it's money, far less likely to waste it."

(Agency)

"I was clean for ages. I found the problem I had with staying clean was the boredom of sobriety."

(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.