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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

## Everybody needs a good role model

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 11 Offenders, 4 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 1 B'mouth Council, 2 Poole Council & 1 DIP

### LEARNINGS

"An ASBO forcing me to go to another area won't stop me if I want to commit crime."

(Offender)

"I see so many of you supporting each other - why not do it outside?"

(Prison Staff)

"Choices and consequences - we have to accept the consequences of the choices we make."

(Agency)

Antisocial behaviour affects us all, someone's antisocial behaviour is another's social behaviour.

Don't make one thing your God on release from prison. That thing may let you down.

"The ASBO is not to protect you, the offender. It is designed to protect the community in which you were offending."

(Prison Staff)

Try and look through the eyes of the people who are looking at you - you may see something wrong.

"To survive in prison you've got to pretend to be something you are not."

(Offender)

"I don't feel safe on the streets as a criminal. I am more likely to get mugged. If I see 3 hoodies I will cross the road."

(Offender)

"Young people aren't doing anything new. Its just what their parents and grand parents did – mods, skins and teddy boys."

(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.