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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Room 9

Do unto others.....

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 9 Offenders, 1 Prison Staff, 1 B'mouth council & 1 Police

LEARNINGS

"I would go with my mates to the best restaurant, have a smashing meal and then I'd be last and I'd tell the fella that the meal was disgusting and offer to pay for the drinks only. They couldn't do anything about it."
(Offender)

"Was that right though?" (Police)

"You haven't got friends in here, your real friends are out there; the people who you grew up with."
(Offender)

"It doesn't matter what other people think"
(Offender)

"My probation in London was sound but down here they don't know me and they are ****"
(Offender)

"My probation officer is okay, she's got me my HDC"
(Offender)

It doesn't matter where you come from; it is where you are going that's important.

When you are a child you behave like a child, when you're a man, act like a man.

"Some people only understand that [demonstrated by punching his hand]"
(Offender)

"What kind of thinking is that mate, it's like a kid would think, you need to grow up a bit"
(Offender)

"Every time I've been locked up I've been beat up by the Police"
(Offender)

"That's how things are where I come from, everybody is the same"
(Offender)

"Are they?" (Agency)

"You've got to come from there to understand"
(Offender)

"I'm from the East End!" (Agency)

"We had to go in there [Iraq], because they blew up the twin towers"
(Offender)

"Blair, who we're supposed to look up to knew there was nothing there [WMD] but at the hearing he said he'd do it again!"
(Offender)

"It's not just about your attitude, it's about how you come across and how people react to you"
(Offender)

The louder you shout the less people hear.



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.