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# BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

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but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP GUYS MARSH

## Walking in someone else's shoes

Tuesdays 9–10:30am Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 9 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 2 B'mouth Council & 1 BCHA

### LEARNINGS

"I can't change what I've done in the past, but I can think about what you've said here in the future...I'm really going to take something away from this session. I never thought about my victims before, but I'll be going away thinking about this."  
(Offender)

"When you have a good relationship with your mother you can talk about anything, you can be friends."  
(Offender)

"When you surround yourself with people that commit crime even when you try to change, when they come along and offer you a job it's very difficult to say no."  
(Offender)

We're all victims of life

Who your friends are is really important.

"The thing is when you're surrounded by people that accept what you do and you get respect for it you're top dog."  
(Offender)

"When it's all you've known, when it's what you've been brought up with it's very difficult to change."  
(Offender)

Parents have a big role in shaping a person.

"I'm a victim in life and I just go and take it out on other people."  
(Offender)

"When I've been hurt I go out and hurt the community."  
(Offender)

"When I commit crime I never think about my victims. I'm only thinking about drugs. It's easy money."  
(Offender)

"Why would I go and do a 9-5 job when I can go out and steal and get loads of money?"  
(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.