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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMYOI PORTLAND

Proof of the Pudding

Tuesdays 2.15pm – 3.45pm

Resettlement Pathway: Education, Training & Employment / Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 7 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 1 Police, 2 B'mouth Council & 1 PD

LEARNINGS

"At some of the other dialogues we've had politicians come in."
(Agency)

"Politicians don't listen, they're answerable to the public. They want to get votes so they're not going to do it anyway. They're going to do what the voters want."
(Offender)

"I'm doing education, getting my qualifications, but I can't find anyone to talk to about how to get into uni."
(Offender)

"We could look at getting someone in from Bournemouth uni for that."
(Agency)

"Lots of people come in and say they're going to do things but then they don't do anything. Even if you just get the information I need that would be good."
(Offender)

Young people have aspirations even when they're in YOI

When young people have longer sentences they still want to make plans for their future.

"I hate probation, they keep telling me what to do. They want me to do a drugs course, but that's not a problem for me now. Since I met my missus I don't do that anymore...I was clean for 3 weeks before I ended up in here...that's a long time for me."
(Offender)

"I want to join the army, but I don't know if I can now. I wanted to be in the army when I was young, but then I discovered pubs and drugs and didn't do it. I want to know if that's something I can do now."
(Offender)

"You wouldn't have been able to do something like this 20 years ago, but that's what this place is all about now, communication and building relationships."
(Prison Staff)

"You need to think ahead to where you want to be in 5 years time and what you want to do with your lives. None of the prison officers really want to see you back in here."
(Prison Staff)

"By the time I'm 30 I want to have my own home, a career, a wife and kids. I don't want to be in here."
(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.