

16th June 2010

POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm DAAT, North Road

Has society gone too far to protect the rights of offenders

Participants: 4 Service Users, 2 Police & 1 Routes to Roots

LEARNINGS

If someone gave me problems on the street in the past I would've gone home and picked up a tool and gone straight back to sort them out."

(Service User)

"I really enjoyed community service. I was working all week and couldn't wait for Sunday to come. We did things like painting stuff. The group of kids were great, we had a good time."

(Service User)

"If I had the choice I would certainly do the time rather than pay the fine. Prison isn't that bad. My memories and experiences in prison are good."

(Service User)

Short prison sentences are ineffective.

Prison can be seen as the easy option.

Should we turn back the clock with regards justice?

"The law isn't on the victim's side when it comes to dealing with antisocial behaviour. Things have gone so far to protect the offender, victims are afraid of dealing with incidents as they happen. Confronting antisocial behaviour is no longer recommended. This is wrong. Victims should be protected within the law."

(Agency)

"I was the victim of antisocial behaviour, I walked off without dealing with it. I also choose to ignore minor ASB around my home. The older residents still confront it but often this increases the ferocity of it."

(Service User)

"I have found that using the appropriate humour can really diffuse a situation and encourage communication."

(Service User)

"It's sometimes personality that matters, their religious beliefs are separate."

"Just because someone is a Christian doesn't automatically make them a nice person."

"There are Christian fundamentalists who are certainly not nice."

(Agency/Service User)

"I've enjoyed today's session, it's been interesting."

(Service User)



Poole Threshold Dialogue brings Poole ex-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.