

17th March 2011

POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Thursdays 3pm – 5pm United Reform Church

Work, work, work

Participants: 10 Clients, 1 Police & 1 Routes to Roots

LEARNINGS

"I'm looking forward to working for the next 13 weeks. I start next week, there is a chance that I will get a full time job an the end of it."

(Client)

"I wouldn't work for £15 a week. I have no choice."
"If I don't do it then my Benefits will be stopped."

(Clients)

"Work means a lot more than just money. It can open new horizons and create self worth. The money can be secondary."

(Agency)

Dogs offer companionship but can be a tie

Voluntary work has many benefits

Money isn't everything

"I've been sleeping rough and sofa surfing because I can't have my dog in the house in which I live."

"It's the same for me I wouldn't leave my dog."

(Clients)



"I would consider different types of voluntary work but I won't leave my dog at home all day. I'm restricted to jobs that I can take the dog or are only for a couple of hours."

(Client)

"I've got a job starting next week, I might even get accommodation thrown in."

(Client)

"I keep myself busy but I still need time to just chill."

(Client)

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.