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POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm DAAT, North Road

Why is there a gang culture with kids carrying knives?

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

LEARNINGS

"All it takes is one or two people carrying a knife. In order for other people to feel safe they have to get a knife too. Before you know it everyone carries a knife, just so they feel safe."

Service User

"By not engaging within your community at least it prevents disputes and arguments between people. If someone keeps themselves to themselves then it prevents lots of possible problems."

Service User

"I like the Police presence at 'Dialogue' because I can tell them what I am thinking about doing. Once I've told them, then the urge goes away."

Service User

"Kids want money. They may be too young to go to work and so they have to find other ways of getting dosh. It's all about getting cash in the fastest, easiest way possible and growing weed or dealing drugs offers a fast and easy way of getting some money in yer back pocket."

Service User

"People these days are afraid to talk to kids in case they get labelled as a paedophile. From a young age people get it drummed into them that it is unsafe to talk to 'a stranger' and subconsciously people carry that into adulthood."

Service User

"In my neighbourhood there are lots of opportunities for people to become involved in local community matters, but people are apathetic. They'd rather live inside the safety/comfort zone of their own little bubble."

Service User

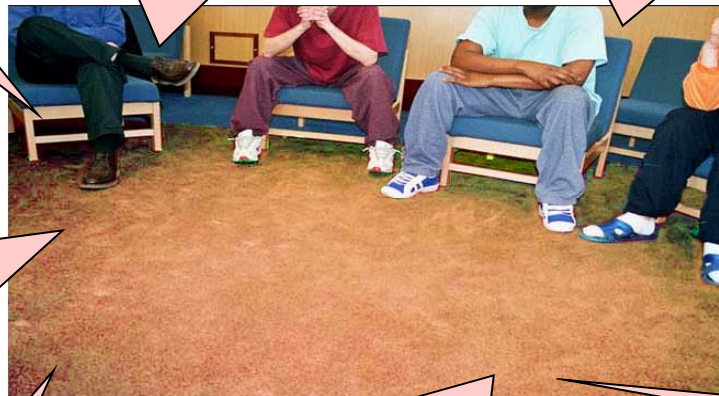
"People in the South of England are far different to northerners. Up north there are some proper rough estates, but even so, everyone is friendly and looks out for one-another. Down south people are stuck-up and many of them have their heads up their own a***s in my opinion."

Service User

Talking before doing can prevent mistakes.

Being tooled up is not the answer.

Community does matter.



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.