

24<sup>th</sup> Mar 2011

# POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Thursdays 3pm – 5pm United Reform Church

## The Big Society

Participants: 4 Clients, 1 Police & 1 Routes to Roots

LEARNINGS

“I resent the job centre sending me to jobs, which I know I will never get. Then being used as basically free labour for 13 weeks.”

(Client)

“I have my heart set on working in the music business, in radio. How can a bloke like me get a break?”

(Client)

“To make your dream come true you must at least prove your work. Consider running an Internet radio station. I know others who have had a break this way. If you are good, you will make it.”

(Agency)

Praise where praise is due

Evidence your skills

“This type of thing is the big society in action. Volunteering in your local community is a very worthwhile thing. We should be looking at all the great work that is being done already and maybe expand on that, not reinvent the wheel.”

(Agency)

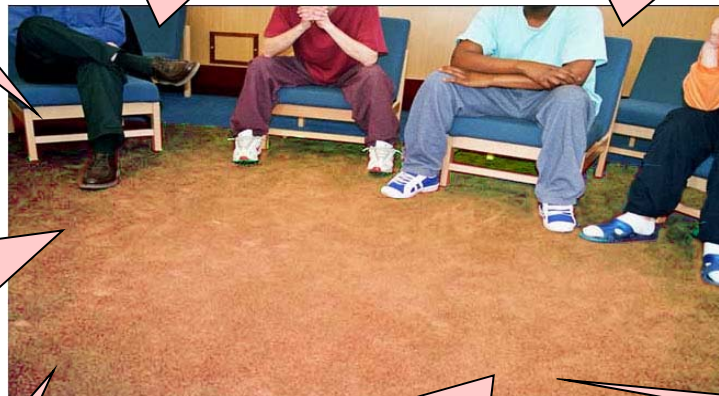
Volunteering is a path to employment

“Should people receive benefits have to work in some way to carry on receiving them?”

(Agency)

“I have often thought about volunteering and have done it in the past but nothing has come my way recently.”

(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.