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POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm United Reform Church

Stereotyping

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking & Behaviour

Participants: 4 Service Users, 1 Police & 1 Agency

LEARNINGS

"He thought just because I had a broken jaw it was self inflicted from drinking and fighting. It wasn't. He treated me with that in mind and hurt me, I felt, on purpose and responded angrily."
(Service User)

"In my past I had some mental health issues during which I received a caution. I've now moved on with help and medication. I still feel though that my past is haunting me and hindering me moving on."
(Service User)

"When my business is up and running I'm going to cut out the weed during the day. I wouldn't expect anyone I employed to be using weed on the job."
(Service User)

How we react to stereotyping behaviour.

"I deal with anger using medication. I'm not happy about that."
(Service User)

"I shout my anger out to the sea."
(Service User)

"I deal with anger by talking to my friends over a beer."
(Service User)

"I don't get stressed because I smoke weed."
(Service User)

"I don't think I'm learning anything. I'm here to give advice based on my addiction experiences."
(Service User)

"You need to start listening. There has been a lot of learning today. We've all learnt something."
(Agency)



"I don't know what I've learnt today. I'm going to go away, reflect and think about it."
(Service User)

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"The Police keep stopping me. They stop me more now than when I was involved with criminality. It wouldn't take much for me to resume my criminal behaviour."
(Service User)

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"You are your own man, you make your own choices. It's up to you what you do."
Service User

Anger is a barrier to understanding.

Again it takes a long long time for people to realise you have changed.

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.