

30<sup>th</sup> June 2010

# POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm DAAT, North Road

Community Matters

Participants: 6 Service Users, 2 Police & 1 Agency

LEARNINGS

“Society has different standards on which various persons judge others as to whether or not the person is a success.”

Agency

“Based on my experience it seems that areas with a concentrated high level of poverty have the most community spirit.”

Service User

“In the north of England where I was brought up people are definitely more friendly than they are in the south.”

Service User

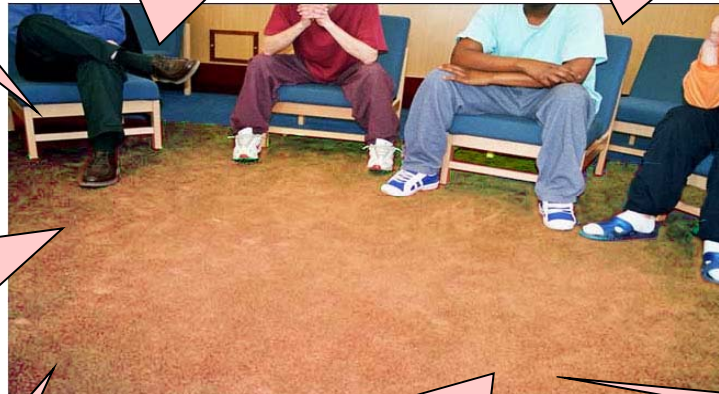
You can make a difference in your community.

Pre conceived ideas about your neighbours can make community matters difficult.

Does poverty bring people together?

“On the housing estate where I live I have tried to encourage people to mix and integrate with each other. The problem appears to be that many people have pre-conceived ideas and beliefs that prevent them attempting to be part of anything that includes people that they consider to be different.”

Service User



“Unfortunately the one thing that is guaranteed to bring not only local but national or even global community together is a disaster. By the majority of people sharing a common enemy or threat they forget the differences which once divided them.”

Service User

“A community should be able to determine how it should be policed. Each place and group of people have slightly different priorities and long established codes of conduct.”

Service User

“At one time the church used to be the hub of the community, with the vast majority of people in a neighbourhood being a member of the same church. With the dramatic decline in the number of people attending church there is no longer a central place where the majority of people within any community get together.”

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.