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# POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns  
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm United Reform Church

Volunteering is a pathway to employment and fulfillment

Resettlement Pathway:

Participants: 5 Service Users, 2 Police, 1 Routes to Roots & 1 Footprints

LEARNINGS

“Employment is a huge barrier to people who are in the offending re-offending cycle. Employees look at peoples past to judge and tend not to give them a chance.”

(Agency)

“Volunteering gave me the chance to explore a career I had not pursued in my youth. Volunteering has given me confidence in myself.”

(Agency)

“It is important to deal with your own prejudices and put them to one side before meeting someone. Then just because someone slips you should stand by them even if that slip seems personal.”

(Service User)

We all have thoughts and feelings and that determines how we behave.

Forming positive relationships can be the key to positive change in people.

Trust and understanding requires communication and time.

“You’ve got to know when to give up on someone you are trying to help.”

(Service User)

“No. You should always keep trying. Sometimes it takes years for enough trust to build for a change to work.”

(Agency)

“We all have negative feelings. It is how we deal with them that matters. That decision is influenced by historic events that led up to that point in your life.”

(Agency)

“You need to step back and look at your situation. You are still acting on the wrong side of the law although it could be seen as minor offending.”

(Agency)

“If you put your mind to it you could do well legitimately.”

(Agency)

“Recently I dealt with a situation which in the past I would’ve been very angry about and resorted to violence. This time though I was angry I knew the right way to do things.”

(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.