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POOLE THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE: POOLE

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm DAAT, North Road

Work is very important

Participants: 4 Service Users, 2 Police, 1 Routes to Roots and 1 Gateway

LEARNINGS

"I try and get people to look positively at their options and be realistic about what they can or can't do."

(Agency)

"I've started volunteering again, my temper has become really bad at the moment. I need to get out of my flat."

(Service User)

"I've had an up and down week. They have stopped all my benefits. I don't know what I am going to do. They won't give me job seekers because I'm not fit for work."

(Service User)

Don't let a slip become a fall.

All sorts of people are out there trying to help.

"I'm gutted about being arrested last week. I've sold my car and haven't been working. I don't know what I am going to do next. At least I've still got a push bike."

(Service User)

Working for a living isn't straight forward.

"I've had a couple of weeks of wondering if I'm achieving anything at work. I'm at a bit of a low point. I know things will get better."

(Agency)

"This is a new job for me. I can hopefully help people keep their accommodation. If they are struggling with finances, benefits, jobs – I can mediate and help out practically."

(Agency)

"I need my own place. I need to get out of my partners house when we blow up before things get out of hand. I owe the council a deposit for my last place and I don't think they will help me. I've got no money at the moment."

(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.