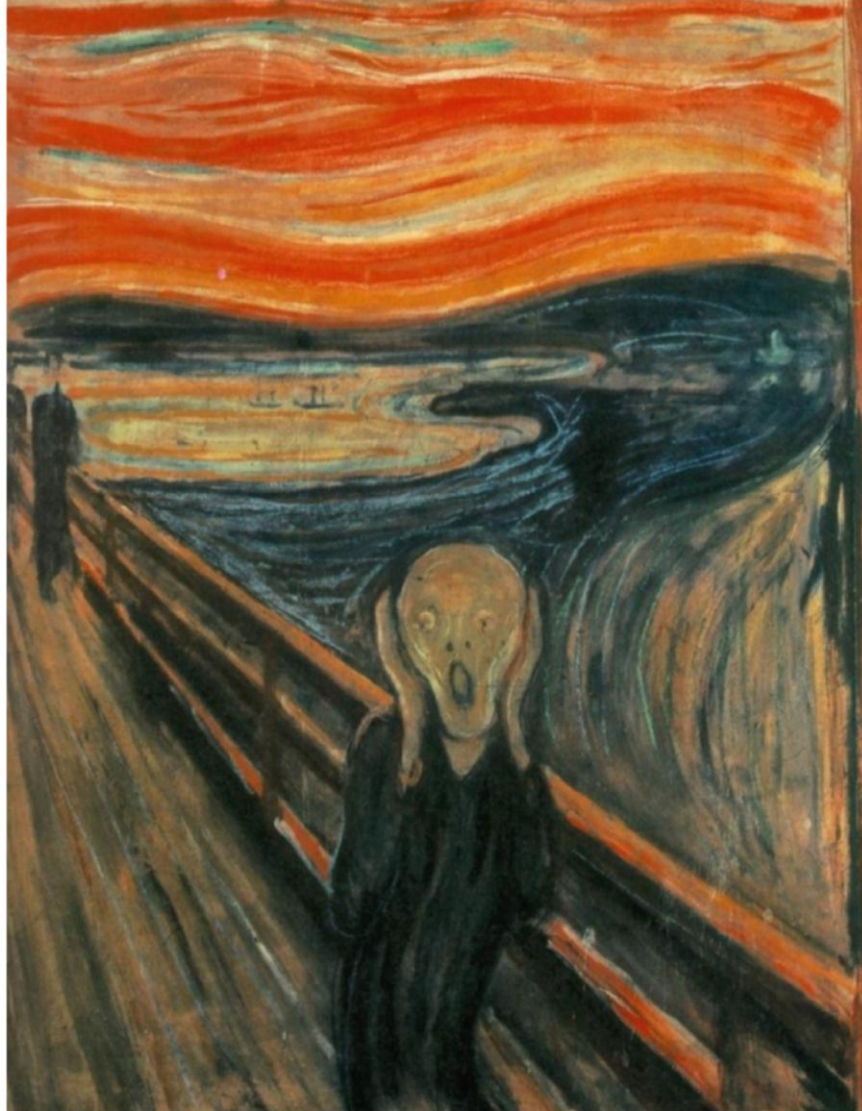


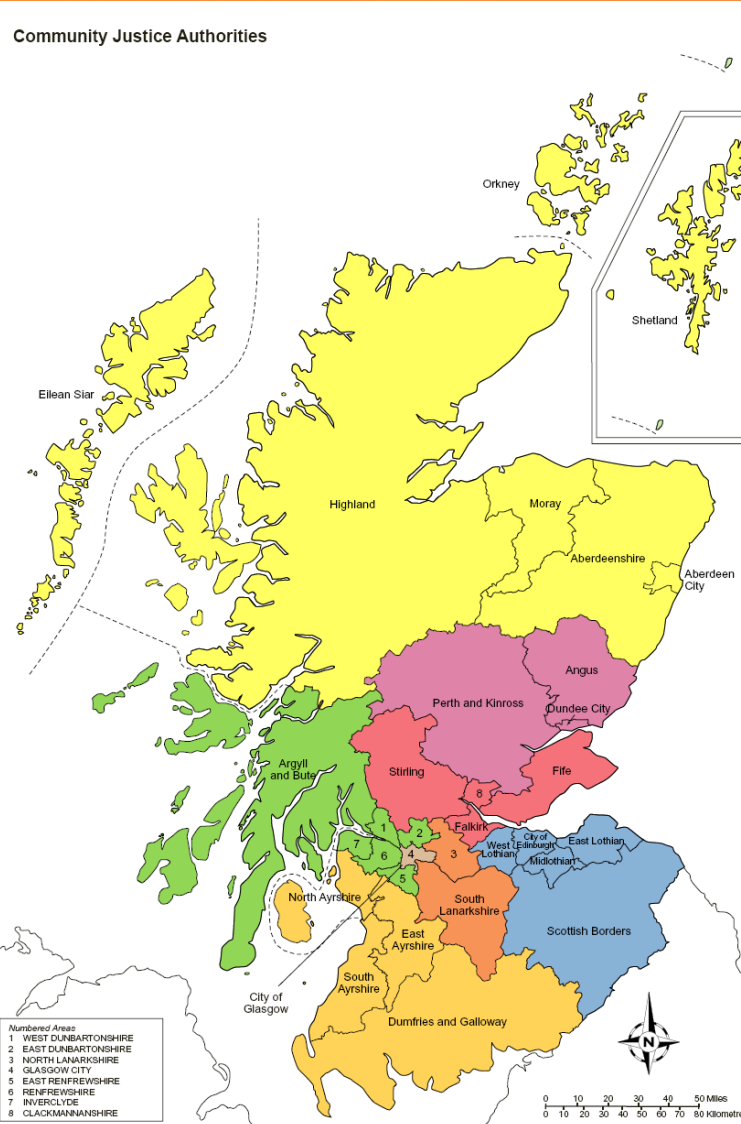
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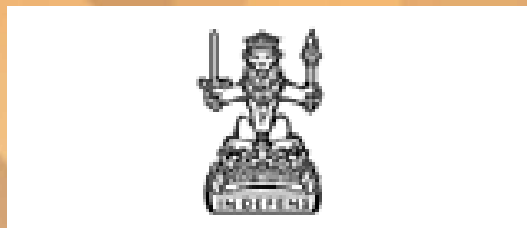
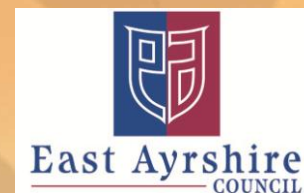
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SWSCJA Community Conversations: Our Outcomes

- Provide an understanding to local communities of the difference between community justice and criminal justice.
- Highlight to communities the increased outcomes for themselves and individuals of successful reintegration of those with offending backgrounds; for example safer communities, reduction in reoffending.
- Empower communities to recognise that by working together and taking an asset based approach positive changes can be achieved.



Let's
Just
Talk!

A Community Conversation
About Justice



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Let's just talk..... about JUSTICE!



Is prison really the answer for everyone?

Should women be treated differently?

Should prison be used to rehabilitate or punish?

Offending rates are going down but there are more people than ever in prison.... why?

Where there's a crime there's always a victim! What about them?

Everybody is someone's son or daughter....

Not sending people to prison is the soft option!

Why should I care?

Can I really make a difference?



For every action there's a consequence so every small change adds up.

How can we expect people to behave differently if we don't actually believe they can?

South West Scotland Community Justice Authority is here to help you and your community to have real conversations and challenge each other's thinking!

Let's help each other and let us learn from you.



"Concentrate on the strengths and potential of individuals and cultivate the assets found in families, social networks and communities to sustain effective change"

In other words.....see what we're good at, see what our communities are good at and work together to make things better for us all!

Find out more, contact us, phone Vikki: 01294 277968
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Reducing re-offending through partnership working

Michael Haupt's Community Conversations

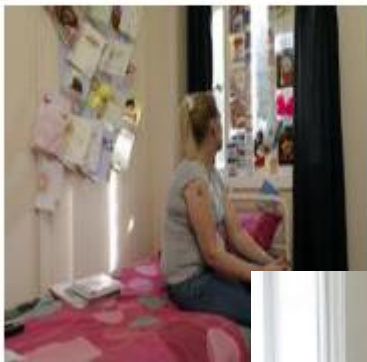
These are the most effective method for:

- *"Getting an entire community involved in a big vision"*
- *Healing a community*
- *Simply re-energizing a community which has lost purpose or meaning"*

"Community conversations provides a safe space in which people come together for thoughtful discussion and dialogue about shared values – past, present and future".

Can you see beyond the picture?

Can you see beyond the picture?.....



Mother

Friend

Scrounger!

Grafter

Tenant

**Part time
waitress**

Cook

Sister

Dreamer

Volunteer

Waster!

Test your knowledge

Let's Just Talk! A Community Conversation About Justice

The Activity

WORKSHEET: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| 1) | On any one day, how many people from South West Scotland are in prison in Scotland? (Around 500,000 people live in South West Scotland) | a) 79
b) 798
c) 7,980
d) 79,800 |
| 2) | What proportion of people have a family member who is or has been a victim of crime? | a) 1 in 2 people
b) 1 in 12 people
c) 1 in 20 people
d) 1 in 200 people |
| 3) | For every 100 people who are convicted of an offence in South West Scotland, how many re-offend within a year? | a) 8 people
b) 28 people
c) 47 people
d) 73 people |
| 4) | What percentage of crimes were <u>not</u> reported to the police in 2012/13? | a) 4%
b) 18%
c) 39%
d) 57% |
| 5) | Are more people given <u>community</u> sentences (Community Payback Orders) or <u>prison</u> sentences in South West Scotland? | a) More people are given a community sentence
b) More people are given a prison sentence
c) It's about the same |
| 6) | How many children in Scotland are affected by parental imprisonment each year? | a) 270
b) 2,700
c) 27,000
d) 270,000 |
| 7) | What proportion of victims think the person who committed their crime should get a prison sentence? | a) 7%
b) 22%
c) 41%
d) 79% |



What the papers say



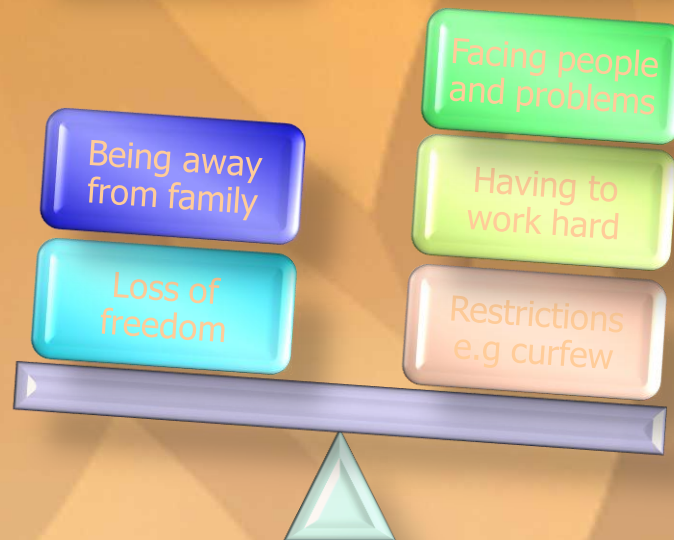
Weighing Up the Options

What's harder?

Prison
sentence

Community
Sentence

Giving something back to the local community	Too Easy!	Luxury!
It's hard!	Being able to get help	Feel unsafe
At risk!	Learn life skills	Causes family breakdown



Shortens life expectancy	Unable to commit any more crime	Less likely to reoffend
If you were working you would lose your job	Family break down	Rehabilitates
Possibly lose your accommodation	Stigma for individual	Stigma for individual AND Family

The "Soft" Option	Access support and mentoring services	Ashamed
Actively repairing damage to communities	Feel safe	Feel unsafe
Communities are safer	Costs a lot! Expensive	Develops routine

Can, Could, Does

What **CAN**, **COULD** or **DOES** the community do to **STOP** people from **STARTING** to offend, or help people who have **STARTED** to **STOP**?



Think about your own community and use the table provided.

Are there things already happening and should be done more?

Are there specific areas within your community that are better at doing this than others?

Does it matter?

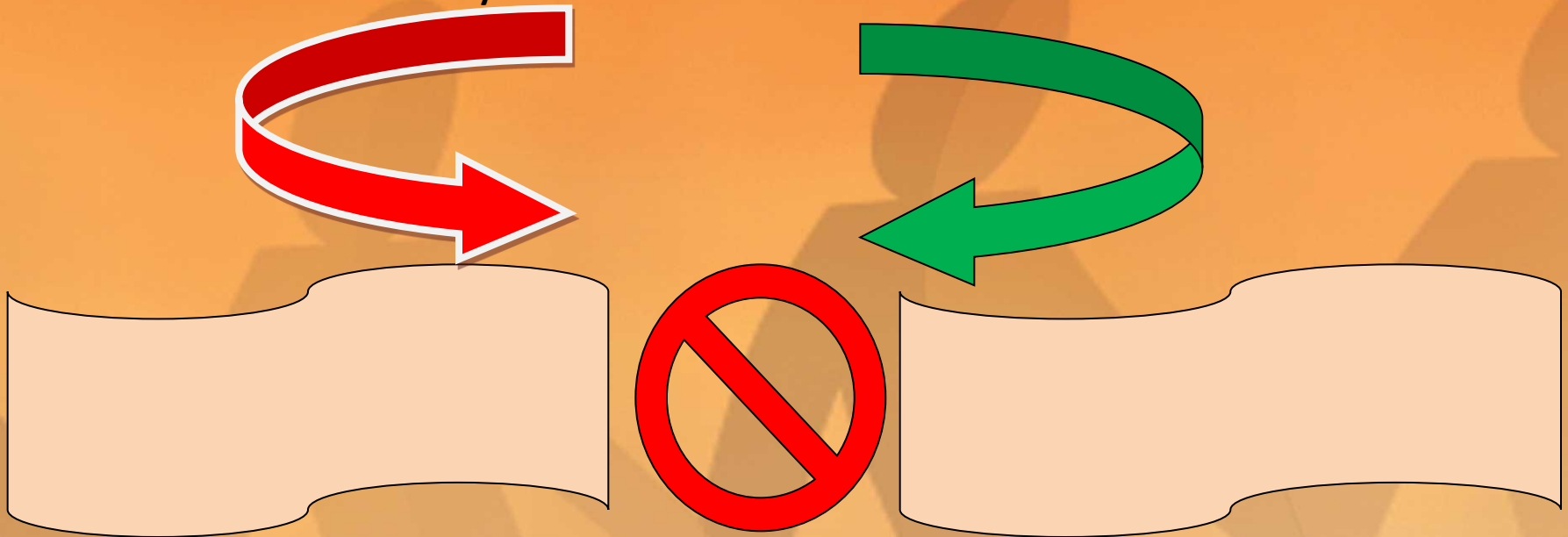
Does it make a difference?

If you think it does matter how does it make a difference?

CAN	COULD	DOES

U-Turn

What could **YOU** do to help people to not go down the road of offending or to **STOP** and make a **U TURN** once they've started?.....



Do you **honestly** give people a second chance?

ASK YOURSELF.....

Do you make your mind up about someone because of their family or where they live?

Do you help anyone in your community?

Do you think **you** could start to think or behave differently?

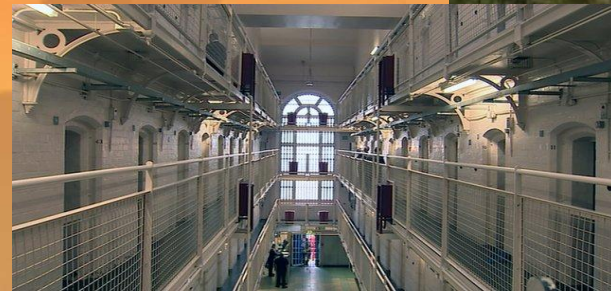
How easy would it be?

Could you be a positive role model or mentor to someone else?

Are you friendly and welcoming if you meet someone new?

Think about how you feel when you go somewhere different, what could other people do to make you feel more comfortable? Do you do this for others?

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Would I take part
in a community
conversation
about justice?

Would I host a
Community
Conversation
myself?

***WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?***

What conversation
tools and
techniques might
work best in my
community?

What issues
might people
like to discuss?

***"Relaxed and
informative"***

***"Good to
hear
everyone
else's opinion"***

***"[People
should] Stop
judging by first
impressions"***

***"Society
needs to look
at itself"***

***"People have
different
attitudes to
all aspects of
crime"***

***"Group
discussion
brings out
varying
experiences"***

***"Discussion
good ... Folk
were
engrossed"***

***"Some of the
quiz answers
were
surprising"***

***"Judge each
case
objectively on
merit"***

***"Unfortunately
time is always
too short!"***