

Desistance

Session 5

Recap and plans for the future

What have we learnt these days about
desistance?

Individual answers – the accumulation game 😊

Recap. Key points

- Desistance is a difficult, complex, lengthy and individual journey.
- There are no recipes for success!! Be creative !!!
- Focus on human capital but also on social capital and situations
- Foster hope and confidence. Celebrate progress !!!
- Build up on strengths and resources
- Develop relationships – with the probationers but also between the probationer and his/her family and community
- Desistance is more than CJ. Engage with families, communities, employers etc.
- Probation service should design procedures that would support desistance
- PS could design flexible procedures to deal with setbacks in a constructive way
- POs will treat clients with respect and maximize their choices – encourage self-determination. POs work will foster new identities and confidence for a better future.
- POs will acknowledge the pains of probation and will work on reducing them while making the supervision experience a meaningful and useful experience.

Exercise:

Based on these learning points, make a concrete plan on how to improve the probation practice in your own service: objectives, activities and timeline.

Write it on the post card !!!

Read it to your co-participants !!!

Final questions?

Thanks !!!

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