

Time to Think

Open University Journeys in British and Irish prisons during the years of conflict, 1972-2000

Oral History interview clip transcript

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Eddie Kinner Clip

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Description:

Eddie Kinner studied with The Open University in the Compounds (the Maze and Long Kesh Prison). He describes how studying Mathematics and working on Maths problems – even while exercising – was an important part of his life and how he applied his learning from his Open University education in a variety of settings.

Transcript:

Before we finish, are there any other thoughts or comments that you haven't maybe been given the opportunity to make in relation to The Open University and its role in prison?

I know that I would have been out running round the Compound solving some of those equations in my head. I was going out and running five and ten miles round, going over and over, "What is that?" you know. And it balanced itself. Certainly kept me sane. I served thirteen and a half years in Long Kesh, was released in 1989. Everything that I have learned from it, I have applied in a variety of different ways. In a lot of ways that has armed me to be able to challenge people that are supposedly representing different levels in different parts of the community- and that includes people that claimed to represent me