

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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Description:

Maurice Kennedy, Staff Tutor in Mathematics at The Open University, describes the highlights of teaching in the prisons, his students gaining the highest grades and their graduations.

Transcript:

For you were there any particular highlights, or indeed any particular low spots during the time you worked with the prison scheme?

I don't remember any particular low spots really as such, but there are quite a few high spots. I think the highest spots that you can get it when you get the results and you see them coming out with grade ones and you feel that, you know, I taught that student and he has got a grade one. Not only was it good for the student but it was good for myself as the tutor. Finally seeing them then graduating was a highlight because obviously they couldn't come out to the graduations outside, so graduation ceremonies were held within the prison and the prisoners families and friends were invited in and we had several of these ceremonies and I often felt they were grand little ceremonies. It was a highlight to see that finally after years of teaching, they were coming out with degrees.