

## 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:**

Tutor K, Open University Associate Lecturer in Humanities in the Compounds and H Blocks of the Maze and Long Kesh Prison from the 1970s, recalls joining The Open University in 1973, attending a history summer school for the course 'War and Society' in Norwich and then going on to tutor that course in the Maze and Long Kesh Prison back in Northern Ireland.

**Transcript:**

I really knew nothing about The Open University until 1973. I saw an advert in the paper for staff, tutors, summer school tutors - for a course called War and Society which was what I had taught anyway in the University and I had also met at various conferences the Professor of History at The Open University, Arthur Marwick, who was a character in his own right, as many people would know. And quite by chance almost, it seemed to me, I got selected to join the tutors at Norwich for two weeks on the third level War and Society summer school and I was the new boy on this. I hadn't any experience of The Open University, except the material that was sent to me, which was very interesting material. But I was aware of the kind of issues about source materials and film and what have you which Arthur brought into the course and it was a very enjoyable experience in Norwich for two weeks, very exhausting experience in Norwich for two weeks, and of course all the people who were on the third level course had had experience of summer schools in the foundation course a couple of years before, so they were old hands in this. And there was a full range of people there, people who would have been in the army because they are interested in War and Society to a whole range of "ordinary people" who found the course interesting and that was my introduction and then after a couple of years of this, I had an opportunity to become a tutor of War and Society in Northern Ireland in the Region and it so happened, because I was a tutor for the group in Northern Ireland, I then was asked to be a tutor for a student in the Maze or Long Kesh really as it was then, Nissen huts.