

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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Des O'Hagan Clip

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Description: Des O'Hagan, who was interned in Long Kesh Internment Camp in 1972, remembers the Open University Staff Tutor Jane Nelson bringing a visiting academic, Peter Townsend in for a discussion with the internees.

Transcript:

Jane said she brought Professor Peter Townsend in [Peter Townsend, was a British sociologist at the University of Essex in 1972 who developed the relative deprivation approach to poverty and founded the Child Poverty Action Group].

That's right, yeah, yeah. I remember him alright.

Do you?

I do indeed, yeah.

So you would have met him would you?

I would have, yeah. I remember him quite well actually.

What was he like?

Very open, very warm. A nice guy.

Did you discuss Sociology with him?

Oh we did, yeah. I am a Marxist actually, don't think he entirely approved of that. But it was a good discussion actually, yeah. Very bright, Peter Townsend, very bright actually.