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John Horlock:

So much for Open University students abroad, but what about the influence, the concept of The Open University elsewhere? I'm always amazed by the hundreds of visitors that we get at Milton Keynes, who come to see how the OU works, from overseas governments, overseas institutions, and these visits usually result in much advice and expertise being passed on or shared. In 1982 for example, we had about fifteen hundred such visitors to the University and we have an International Office which coordinates these overseas contacts, particularly those involving formal consultancies which we undertake, and it works very closely with the British Council.