

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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Rosie McCorley Clip

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Description: Rosie McCorley describes the educational ethos amongst the Republican women in Magahaberry Prison in the 1990s and the value of Open University study in supporting their political development.

Transcript:

Well, people do make that assumption that you are sitting about doing nothing, and it wasn't the case. We would have been very busy, and we were a small group of people and we were all political and so in most cases, you were meeting most of the people for the first time. So everybody was getting to know each other and learn about each other, but we all had our politics in common, in many respects, so that gave us a good basis for the comradeship and for all of that support that you had around you. But it also was something you could take for granted. So you didn't know people, but you knew that they were all from the same, from the one movement and all that. So that was a great experience, to meet up with people like that. So the OU, because I mean, it is quite political in nature and the courses we were doing- the Social Sciences- it's political in nature and it helped our political education in that formal way.