

Time to Think

Open University Journeys in British and Irish prisons during the years of conflict, 1972-2000

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# Session 3 audio

Interviewer

And what was it like to study in the prison for you in that first year?

Jackie McMullan

It was great because throughout the five years that we were on protest and weren’t allowed books or any reading material at all, a great hunger for knowledge had built up and we used to talk about books all the time and used to have conversations about our favourite books. People used to relate books that they had read out the doors, so as I say there was a great thirst for knowledge and starting the OU, I can remember being excited about it, looking forward to it.