



25: Inmate MO*

- 01 E- Hello.
- 02 M-Hello.
- 03 E- You have to come nearer so that it catches your voice.
- 04 M- Hmmm.
- 05 E- What did you think about the Makeright project?
- 06 M- What did you think about the Makeright project? I thought it was a very useful course especially for my circumstances because I had to learn how to design and not just how to design but how the thought process work, from beginning stage throughout the final stage and I think that's useful for for an outside life.
- 07 E- How is it useful for an outside life?
- 08 M- Well, just for you to plan things and execute and go through a bit just how you design for a bag execute and end up with a finished product you can do that with your life with any plan you wish to do.
- 09 E- Is that something you didn't use to do before?
- 10 M- Well, I did use to plan but never did I plan with such articulate thinking and that behind it. Whilst you look at the flaws and going back to the drawing board until you come across a wall and come up with solutions, things like that I never did. Whereas before I would just plan something and expect the end product to come, without looking at the flaws and that's what landed me in prison.
- 11 (laughs)
- 12 E- So, is it going to help you do you think - to stay out of prison?
- 13 M- Definitely, definitely is gonna help me build my, build my... what you call it a non, a non crime life really because before I never really had work experience. I dropped out of school at a really young age... didn't have any qualifications from there I was just out there doing criminal activities.
- 14 E- What made you drop school so early?
- 15 M- I don't know... just headache I don't know I didn't like reading, listening... I had too much energy to be honest when I was young, too active and obviously the teacher didn't like what I was doing, my behaviour and permanently excluded me.
- 16 E- So... were you in trouble in any shape or form when you were excluded??
- 17 M- Yes, banking lessons, no turning up the basic things.
- 18 E- Did you like school?
- 19 M- Well... I didn't really like it at the time because my friends going there that's the only reason why I liked it other than that I didn't care about that.
- 20 E- What is it that you liked? Sorry, what were you going to say?
- 21 M- Eh?
- 22 E- What were you going to say?
- 23 E- You were going to say something but then...
- 24 M- Ah, I forgot. Literally I forgot.
- 25 E- I was asking you... what would you change, what didn't you like ?
- 26 M- I don't know. I had a short attention span really and truly. I couldn't focus much. I don't know, I just didn't have that desire of focus for it. My mind was preoccupied with other things outside and that... yes, that's about it. And obviously after I left school I (...) I ... like, we get sent jobs at really young age I think age of 15, around that. Selling weed only lasted me what about 2 years and then after that going onto selling class A and that and ever since then the only thing I tried to do with my life was trying to go to college and that just to please my mum and that. Other than that, just start keep on doing what I was doing. But as I came to college I started to see life and that started things more seriously. I stuck to one course which was media studies and finished it through, got B level for that and after that just went full time with the job and that landed me into jail. Twice. And that's about it.

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- 27 E- Would you go back to college? You finished though didn't you?
- 28 M- Yes, but like obviously, I was proper creative when I was young, like before I even came in here to tell you the truth. I don't know if this is alright for this I frauded myself into university.
- 29 E- You what?
- 30 M- I frauded myself into university. I made a fraud document like qualification and that got myself into a uni course. I was doing business and management and I enjoyed it. I was taking it seriously, I was doing the lectures, I was doing the assignments and that like all the essays everything that needed to be done but then karma caught up with me. I was arrested again from drugs. I got put away from it then I couldn't do it again I was when I came out I wanted to go back to uni but then I was more preoccupied financially. I went back to it I got caught again and this time I coming out I had a deep thought about it. I thought to myself, look, there is no point of me doing this because it's obviously eating up all my life and I am just coming out of plans now I said to myself I need to start trying to build myself back up doing something so I gain myself a level two English level 2 maths completed this Makeright design course I completed level 1 peer mentoring I am hoping to jump to peer mentoring level 2. My plan is to, like, to work with the community and than start working with the younger generation try to guide them to advise them and to...
- 31 (interruption from outside)
- 32 M- Hoping to have a few more qualification, hoping to get more knowledge and that my plan one of my plan is to go out and actually get myself employed and try to like I want to work with younger generation, work with the community and that try to advise them and guide them onto a meaningful life rather than going through all the things I have gone through.
- 33 E- How would you say Makeright helped? What would you change?
- 34 M- Makeright design course - what it helped me with is that if you really want to make something, you can make it. All you have to learn is the design process, all you need to learn is how to get from point A to point Z. Once you got that everything else on your way to Z you need to find the solution to it until you get to Z. That's what I learned and is good because that has some sort of application to what I want to do in the future and I have to get from point A to point B to point Z and I have to plan it and that's what I am doing at the moment with my plan I kind of... that's about it, yes.
- 35 E- What would you change if it was up to you?
- 36 M -What would I change about what - Makeright? Include more funding in terms of resources am... I would like get them to do the prisoners small little tasks in their cells so they can have the necessary skills to do it in their own in their cell so they can have that necessary skills when they come in such as simple stitching so they know hand stitching when they come in because they would get the feel of stitching the materials together and more time if you ask me. And that's about it.
- 37 E- What were the most memorable moments?
- 38 M-Mmm, most memorable moments was that when I cut down all my templates because from my templates I could see my finished product.
- 39 E- You couldn't ?
- 40 M- I could see my finished products just from cutting up the templates I could see how all these jigsaw pieces will all fit together and that was that's about it.
- 41 E- No. What about volunteers?
- 42 M- The volunteers were very helpful, they shared a lot of their experience with us and it was very inspirational to hear what did they do and how did they get there.
- 43 E- What was I going to ask? Ah yes, did you tell anyone about this project?


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 G-Giving

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44 M- Yes I told a few people. Yes, I told my family members, I told my friends about it.

45 E- What did they say?

46 M- They said it was good, that was interesting they didn't know people like that could do such courses in prison. They thought it was just punishment behind bars but really and truly what they didn't know is that there are some courses, some sort of rehabilitation here that there is not all just punishment at least you can learn something from here and use it on the outside.

47 E- So your family didn't know...

48 M- They thought it was just punishment.

49 E- They were happy to hear it?

50 M- They were happy to hear it, definitely, they were happy for me.

51 E- How did you feel?

52 M- I felt good, I felt really good about. It gave me more hope for when I outside gave me more reason to do what I want to do in life.

53 E- Which is?

54 M- Which is work, start my own little parttime, start my own little online bussiness and that and ... yes and do some bit of designing hobbie for myself on weekends or whenever I get free time get my little sawing my manequin my little materials, my measuring tape and spend some time on it. Everyone has their hobbies so I was trying to make this my hobbie and that see what I can make out of it.

55 E- Are you going to do that thing what you were talking about. What you were doing about the praying mat?

56 M- Yes, yes maybe I was thinking of making accessories like that kind of accessories. Yes, why not? You know what I mean, I don't see a (...) on the market and that and plus in that kind of market for fashion and accessories is very untouched. I see it as an untouched goldmine to be honest because if I tap into that market and I come up with a meaningful design and try and brand it that would be one of my goals and ambitions in life at least I got that set up for me. And I forgot to mention that in this interview one thing that this Makeright design have done for me is given me an ambitions a great build up of it so much that it almost seems impossible but possible at the same time thats about it.

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58 E- Anything else that you would like to add?

59 M- I don't think this course should be done just in prison. I think you should be doing this in the communities as well because a lot of people out there they lack confidence in themselves and used to provide a course for them and they find out that they can do what they want to do in life that would give them a great sense of self esteem and confidence and they would go and do something better off with their life. It doesn't necessarily mean that they would do something with materials or designing materials or something but at least they got that essence of planning installed into their heads so they know how to plan things as simple as that really come up with solutions to their problems, whatever problems they got and that's about it. Finished?

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61 E- Up to you. Yes, if you feel you would like to say anything else then...

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63 M-That's about it, how do you think we have done on this?

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65 E- Really good, really, really good, really original ideas. I haven't seen from these bags, I haven't seen any single one before. I haven't seen that bag in the market, really none of them so it's really good because that's, you know the idea is to make original anti-theft bags and you have all made that so...

66 M- Oh, I forgot to mention as well, you see with this kind of course especially for people that are in jail because we already come up with a lot of creative



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things in ourselves and that this gives them like a time to exercise their creativity in here and I believe that a lot of prisoners will come up with a lot of good stuff because they have got the time to think and design whatever they want to design you know what I mean. We definitely come up with a lot of solutions to a lot of problems - we can't get a TV channel just chuck out a bit of an aerial stick it out of the window and you got 86 channels out you know what I mean so like is very good and especially if you can tap into prisoners mind that way you can learn how to reduce the crime rate because if you are this creative why not use that ability? (interruption) Why not use prisoners' mind and ability and learn from it, you know what I mean, and put it to use rather than this looking at from this punishment.

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68 (interruption)

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70 M- Yes, that's about it really.

71 E- Thank you, thank you very much.