

9: Inmate JO

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03 E-What do you think of the project?

04 J- At first I did not know what to make of it but as time went on, I started to pick it up and mmm... it was very good. And I am glad I got there at the end doing what I had to do. And I wish I could still continue with it.

05 Well it is good for one thing and it also helps you to keep your mind. It helps broaden your mind and... mmmm things that you want to do, even when you are released, jobs that you want to do. Like, if you want to do courses like this or even go onto doing something else, but helps a lot. Things forward instead of keeling backwards.

06 E- Anything you disliked?

07 J- The only thing did my head in is trying to get used to the machines but I had a couple of goes on them and just putting something together on them and then started to get the end of it and it was ok.



08 E- Have you done anything similar before?

09 J- Not the only thing that I've done, any past like that. If I ever need a repair I never used to take it to the cleaners. I used to sit there with a needle and thread and do it myself and 'cause I got used to doing stuff like that when I used to watch my mum just picked it up from them. See, stuff like that I don't mind doing.

10 E- What was your experience and knowledge?

11 J- I have done... with my work in my cell, and I was thinking which one I am going to do my project I was working on and thinking of ways... just kept on doing drawings of them and if I didn't have the notebook with me then I would just think about it. And then when I come to the course, then I would draw it out. And yeah, is like finding different ways to do it. I mean, I had two ways to do and then I found another one and decided to carry on with it. It was fine, it was annoying me in one way because it come to a point together and I was thinking oh what part should I start it first and ... is like trying to put a jigsaw puzzle. (Laughs) But I am good.




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 E- emplo/Entrepreneurship
 H-hope





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 L-learning

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 E- emplo/Entrepreneursh
 L-learning
 M - Maturing

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 G-Giving
 M - Maturing
 W-wellbeing
 E- emp







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12 E- What did you learn?

-  B- believe
-  C-collaboration~
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-  F- Family/friends
-  G-Giving
-  M - Mat

13 J- Two things really. Talking to people, as well because... mmm one time I never used to talk to many people but since we started getting together like in a group we are doing ehhhh. And I started to really open up and start talking and yeah... it helps. It's better than being in the cell 24/7 I keep watching the same things in the telly.

14 And also, what I am happy about, is getting a certificate, 'cause I never had a certificate. The only thing, because when I was younger we never used to have certificates. When I was in prison I started to get certificate. Basically after all the work I have done I never thought I would end up with any. And I wish my mum and dad was about to see them. (...)

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16 E-How was this different to any other course...?

17 J- Basically I never done this course before so I thought well give it a go, because the job I had before I didn't really freak much like it. Down in laundry. Basically getting on my nerves.

18 E- Why?

-  L-learning

19 J-Everything really ... once you get it out of the washing machine ...

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21 But I (unclear) and decided to do this course and basically I just like it.

22 E- What did you find most relevant?


-  S-self control





23 J- Nah... basically as I was saying I basically liked all courses that I've done. Helps broaden your mind and you want to perform with your life at the end of the day. 'Cause you've got a lot of things in your mind, keeping active and that helps you stop thinking about things. You may want to do this, you may want to do that when you are released is better to go on the right road than the bad road, at the end of the day. I mean, is like as soon as you go out you want to have a drink and that but is not always good to go that road first things when you go out that gate specially you have other things when you need to put first before the alcohol... Doing courses helps your mind be active.

-  W-wellbeing




-  D-Drugs addiction
-  H-hope
-  W-wellbeing

- 24 E- Did you like school...?
- 25 J- Yes I like school and that. But I had problems... that I had in school 'cause I went to a special needs school right and not having to write or read and that 'cause I never had people helping me. When I started I was reading books at home, even if it was ... soon as my brother comes in and he starts taking the pill out of me and I just stopped. And from there when I had letters coming in I used to have my mum read the letters for me 'cause I never could understand them. And is the same now... 'cause I'm still the same way but is stuff that I like doing this word search book (...) but I'm not one for giving up. When...
- 26 E- Did you like the volunteers?
- 27 J- Yeh, I mean working with the volunteers and that. Talking, having a good laugh, is like getting on with each other because you have those that don't want to talk. Prisoners that don't want to talk and those who do want to talk and, mmm like basically... Opening up. It helps talking to someone about your problems.
- 28 E- Most memorable moments?
- 29 J- (He talks about his son being born) ... even now 'cause me and my son and my girlfriend. I still talk to my son and even my girlfriend. No matter what 'cause I'm always there for them.
- 30 E- The bag that you designed - was that for your son?
- 31 J- 'Cause I wanted to find something useful instead of having to keep his mobile phone and cards all in different pockets ... I said to him one of these days you are going to end up putting your Oyster card in the cash point. He goes - I know... I said woh, you need a holder, and that's what I was doing.
- 32 E- Did you tell him about it?
- 33 J- I Spoke to him on the phone, and mmm... he as said to him you know those bum bags, but this one won't move around when you are running down the road 'cause it attaches to your own belt. Oh, yeah that one of them ones. I said similar to ... but I made a better version of it. And my girlfriend, she could hear in the phone and she was cussing down ... because I said to her, 'cause I said to my son you won't see me going in prison again (...) don't worry we will start when we left off but I said to him I am not coming out to drink. Once I'm out there. (...)

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