

Romany Theatre Company

Atching Tan Project

Reminiscence Interview – Transcription of Edited Interview

Date of Interview		Interviewer	Interviewee	Age Range of Interviewee	Duration of Edited Recording
08-11-2011		Sinead	Beverly	50	04:03
Key timing	Initial of person speaking	Transcription of Interview			
00:00	Beverly	My names Beverly Chapman. I'm not actually from the Romany Culture, but I'm actually married to a Romany and have 2 Romany Children			
	Sinead	Do you think being married to a man who is Romany is very different to what you'd expect married to someone from the other people could be?			
	Beverly	No not at all because my way of life is more of a Romany way of life as well so that's actually easier for me.			
	Sinead	Do you think it's changed any of your thoughts or beliefs about various aspects of life being married to a Romany?			
	Beverly	No not really because I do a lot of study with the native American culture. The Romany way of life is very similar so I have to say no not really.			
00:57	Sinead	Have you ever experienced any discrimination because of your marriage you know any racism?			
	Beverly	I haven't because I haven't really mentioned it to people because of the very reason of people's discrimination. I've witnessed it with my children. I do tell people but a lot of the time people don't really explain what a Romany is.			
	Sinead	Would you be willing to explain to people?			
	Beverly	I would Yes I go into detail and you know they either you know say 'Oh it's a gypsy then' and then I have to go in 'its not just a traveller; a Romany is a specific, you know. The travellers are calling themselves gypsies but actually they are not the true gypsies; the Romany way of life. But I get into that and I can go on and on and on. So a lot of people today think that the word gypsy, Romany, it covers travellers, it covers a vast range. They don't actually really understand the meaning of Romany			
02:15	Sinead	Do you feel that being married to a Romany has changed the way that your children have been brought up?			
	Beverly	Yes I think it has. I mean we actually... as Romany Fathers go they are actually quite disciplined with the children, much to their disgust most of the time. But you know it is a different up bringing really going more with Romany traditions and what is expected of them, you know. Daughters especially. They've had quite a strong upbringing; right and wrong.			
02:57	Sinead	How do you feel about living a traditional Romany Life?			
	Beverly	I'd love it. That would be my perfect way of life because I do a lot of work with the American Native Indians that is where personally I would like to be, but no I would love it I would like to go back to that way of life.			
	Sinead	What appeals to you most about it?			
	Beverly	The no restrictions the freedom. The freedom to live the way you want to live not to conform to houses and you've got to do this and you've got to do that. My son he goes to school and he hates every minute of it. But he's a proper boy and I think if he was brought up the Romany way with the true traditions to learn the skills that he really needs for life because he hates every moment and I think in this day and age were all having to live to conform to some rules or regulations and I don't really think that's the way to run.			

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