

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
October 2010		Daniela	Young People	12-18 years	10:54
Key timing	Initial of person speaking	Transcription of Interview			
00:00	Daniela	If you had to describe yourself how would you describe yourselves?			
	YP1	Very tall for my age, polite, a great animal lover, I love the outdoors and I love practical working, making dog kennels or doing construction. I'm doing a construction course and stuff like that.			
	YP2	I'm a blond. I'm a girl. I'm a bit crazy. Very loud.			
	YP3	Funny, outgoing, lovable person.			
	YP4	Gypsy boy. I'm a Traveller. I'm a boy and I'm shooting rabbits for my dinner and coz I like shooting rabbits and I like being outdoors.			
	YP5	I'm also a Gypsy boy. I like going outside. I'm not a very indoor person, if you know what I mean. I like discovering new things. On the quad bike doing... with my brother. On the quad bikes and that outdoors that sort of stuff.			
	YP2	I like going out with other Traveller boys and girls. Like going to Cambridge. Going to the pictures, going shopping.			
	YP3	Umm... going shopping, spending time with like my friends and that. Sleeping and spending lots of money			
	YP4	As I said before, I like going round shooting lots of rabbits and bringing them back for dinner and umm... playing on the x-box. Taking my dog for a walk, Lazy Lee and that's about it.			
	YP5	I like to do sports, my boxing. But that's not really in my spare time, boxing. You can't just do that in your spare time. You've got to do that every day sort of thing. Its not like you go to the gym, you do a session and come back forget about it. Its you go to the gym you do a session, the next day you go running, then you go back to the gym and the next day go running again.			
02:14	Daniela	How would you describe your home?			
	YP3	It's a big caravan with lots of rooms and like you have your own bedroom or your own caravan then outside you have your own kitchen in a chalet and next door is a bathroom.			
	YP4	I'm on the first plot so if anything really happens I get to see it, you know. So if like police, a policeman comes up on, there like panda cars or anything because... well not just like that. I mean like if somebody comes up and like 'Is Ruby there?' or 'Is Tom there?' or 'Is Dan there?' something like that.			
	YP1	I live of the first plot. Our community is related in one way or another, cousins or uncles or granddads. I live in what I call a chalet. It's got a kitchen, a small front room. My mum			

		<p>and dad live in a caravan, my brother lives in a caravan and my younger brother and, yeah basically that's it.</p>
03:20	YP5	I think the good things about going to school is that when your learning, you know, your learning properly sort of thing. You feel a bit good about yourself and that and have more better things there, like what's it called?
	YP4	Facilities.
	YP5	Yeah, facilities. They have like good facilities there. Its like in PE and stuff like that. I like PE a lot and I like hands on, like, design and I like going to see my boy mates and my girl mates.
	YP4	Sometimes schools all right, but most times you've got a big load of divs around you. Like think your gay sort of. I sort of punch them in the end.
	YP1	The good things about it is, you need GCSEs to get half decent jobs when you're older. You can get on a college course and you can do driving courses and all sorts of stuff. The bad things about school is, when you're in school you don't get much time to yourself. You don't get more quality time or anything with your family and when you're in school you have to change who you are for them, coz you can't talk to your mates in school like you can other gypsy mates. They don't understand what you're saying, so you sort of have to change yourself for a day, if you know what I mean. That's about it.
	YP2	I don't go to school. I don't have any bad points about not going to school. I think its good. The good points about not going to school are I can be at home, can do what I want.
	YP3	I don't really like school. I'd rather be at home and get like home educated thing but I go to school so... It's alright, I see my friends. Its not that good, I don't like it to be honest.
05:11	Daniela	If you were able tell people about one aspect of your life?
	YP1	Clean facilities, we have a bathroom, we have toilet shower or bath, we have clean running water, we do have electric. We're not all that different from other people. We don't eat rabbit and pheasant every day, its just part of our culture. We have modern day stuff like X-boxes, dvds and other technology. That's basically it.
	YP3	Yeah were normal
	YP5	We are normal to ourselves, but to other people were not.
	YP2	Yeah that's it were normal with each other but when were with people we don't know people think were just mad
	YP3	Like all gypsies are not the same like people just like do bad things were all not like it were all different and like weve all got clean things and we do wash and were just like everybody else weve just got different ways of doing things.
	YP4	Its like they've been chopped up and set up over a piece of ground sort of thing coz you've got your toilet here, you've got your trailer and things there.
	YP5	Like they say weve got the basic facilities and umm we have like things that like we have the same as like x-boxes and that and like we int completely different we int like aliens or nothing really, were just the same, we live a different way of life.
	YP4	I enjoy my life somehow, I got a wonderful brother, nice cousin you know You've got Ruby and Becca but that's understandable you know so...

07:02	YP2 & YP3	(together) Oh you cheek of ya!
	YP4	No like everybodies got a good personality on there so you can always have a laugh every day you know You've always something to do You've got loads of fields behind you so you've always something to do
	YP5	Yeah, you have a game of rounder's or something can't you?
	YP3	I hope to have a good life and be happy and that and learn to drive and get a good job and have a family and that but I still want to like know everyone that I know like now, like still be friends with everyone.
	YP4	I hope that I and my family and the people I grew up with have a good future sort of thing. Like nothing bad happens, like you know, like anybody that. But obviously I know that they've got to pass away some day, but just not too early you know.
	YP5	Well I like to get myself a nice motor,
	YP4	Clean cab, truck
	YP5	I want to get myself a nice motor, when I'm driving, I'd like a nice wife and that. Couple of kids and that and then I'll be happy. There's always something in life that, like, unexpected always happens, so you cant guarantee your future coz you never know you might not be here or something.
	YP1	I really want to get married when I'm older and have kids, but I want to get a good job first work for a company maybe so I've got plenty of money. So when I do get married and I do have kids I can give them everything. I've had lots of stuff, like, I was spoilt rotten but I want them to have everything. So that if I get married and have kids I want to have a good job and a career behind me at least.
	YP2	I want to find somebody who will understand me. A couple of children.
	YP4	I thought you wanted twins a boy and err
	YP2	Shut up. Erm, I want to be happy in life. I would like a puppy called Elvis.
	YP3	I want to have a good life. I don't want nothing to go wrong but that's never gonna happen is it? I'm scared of a lot of things in life cos the past year we've had its been very bad to you, very bad to you. Scared of it repeating itself, but do you know what I mean?
	YP4	I think everybody would end up topping themselves
	YP1	I'm scared of dying young. I do not want to die young. But when I die I don't want to die in my sleep. I'd rather fight it.
	YP2	I want to die in my sleep
YP1	I'd be an old man but I want to die, I don't want to die in a bed on me own.	
YP3	I want, I don't want, I want to die of old age.	
YP4	I tell you what I want to die of, old age. I'd like to die doing something I enjoyed. I know somebody who died. He sort of loved fixing cars and he was dying trying to help me uncle Tom try to start up his car. It was really sad obviously when he died, but he died doing the thing he loved coz when they emptied his pockets, he had nuts and bolts and that and that's what he enjoyed doing.	

10:54	YP5	I would like to go back and see like all the people I didn't see like my granny Ruby and that and like all the old people to see how their life was and how its different to our lives. I'd like to do two things really. One I would like to go back to the beginning of the earth to see if it was God that created it and the other one would be that I got to see me dad when me dad was my age coz I know times was hard, but goes 'Oh yeah I used to go out in them fields non-stop night and day. I used to wake at 5 o'clock in the morning. Frost on the gate'. And yeah, I'd like to go and see that and then call him a liar at the end of it.
	YP3	I'd like to go back to when I was little.
	YP1	I'd like to go back to when me dad was a little boy to see what life was like for him coz I've heard him tell stories of when he used to go out in the fields 'tata picking and that and different things and that he'd always pray for rain in the mornings. Then he didn't have to go out in the fields. Id like to see me granddad as well coz he died a couple of year before I was born

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