

synopsis & transcript

MAERDY 6

INFORMANTS

A: Male, 31 years old Welsh: fluent/some/slight/ <u>none</u> Mother's Birth: Maerdy Father's Birth: England	B: Male, 38 years old Welsh: fluent/ <u>some</u> /slight/none Mother's Birth: Tylorstown Father's Birth: Maerdy
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They look at different pictures of the Rhondda and try to identify each. [00.00o min – 02.50 min]

They talk about unemployment and their lack of success in finding jobs. A went to Slough to find work. B left school at the age of 16 and has never worked since. They talk about Government training schemes : [02.50 min - 04.20 min]
transcript

I: you're young enough to move away now . . . have you considered
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A: no

B: . . I have~ I have . . I have moved away . . erm

I: doing that
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B: about fifteen years ago . . I went to Slough to work . for two years
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B: . . well . . it's rough going . .

I: . . yes . . . how did that work out then
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B: . . you know . . its erm I had lodgings . accommodation and
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B: that . . and . . they weren't very good so erm I moved back then
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B: . . . but erm

I: . . there isn't anything . . there isn't any good job anywhere

A: . no there's nothing in this valley

B: no . . there's nothing local

I: is there boys

A: . you've got to go past Ponty . Cardiff way

B: . . nothing local at all . .

B: well you've got . . there's not much in Cardiff . but there's a lot more

A: (yawns)

B: than . . erm . . well . . a lot more than up here

I: . . yes . . . so what's there

I: . I mean erm . . you haven't got a . how long haven't you had . haven't

A: sixteen years . aye

I: you had a job now then Carl . . . sixteen years

A: sixteen . no . . . fifteen sixteen when I left school and I

I: . . fifteen [years]

A: haven't worked ever . . . I haven't worked . . never have

I:

I: what does . and . do they try and help you down the erm Labour

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A: . . just send you on week courses . . just put you down

B: [oh] no

I: Exchange

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A: Porth for a week . and you just learn how to send

B: . . that's where I am [now]

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A: . fill forms in and that's it . . after you've done that then they send you

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A: down there again . for another week in a couple of months' time . . .

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A: . . . they've got nothing for you mun

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I: . . . where~ where did you say

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A: . . down Porth

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B: . . Porth

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I: they send you . . what~what happens down there

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A: . . just fill erm . what's it . cards [letters]

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B: . well . . they give you . . . letters

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I: then

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A: . . . interviews and

B: to~to write out . for work . and telephone calls and

A: all that show you how to . act in an interview

B: [you know] . . (inaudible)

I: . . yes

B: writing and . . shows you how to when you go for an interview

I: yes

A: . . . all stuff like that really . .

B: . how to . . behave . . you know

I: . . yes

A: it's all a load of crap anyway . . it's a load of crap anyway . . . you

A: don't get jobs . no-one . I don't think anybody's got a job from doing

A: all that . . no . . nothing at all

I: (i n a u d i b l e) you haven't

A: . . no

I: worked since you left school . . . you went to school round here

A: . . yeah . . on . . . Maerdy Ferndale . Maerdy . . left when I was

I: . . yes

A: sixteen . signed on the dole and been on the dole ever since . never
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A: worked been on these government schemes but erm . . they're
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A: a waste of time . . they just abuse you . . use you that's all . . . they
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A: want you . what is it erm . . . to put a tenner . ten pound extra on top
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A: of your dole . . you know . . so they get a year's work out of you . .
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A: . . for about erm . what is it . . a tenner a week . six thousand . two
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A: pound . five hundred and twenty pound . . where they'd cost them
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A: about fifty-two thousand pound erm . . to pay a proper fucking person
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A: . . so really they're having . . . they're having it cheap . . and you're
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A; doing the same job

I: have you got . have they given you training
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A: . . no

B: . . . well . I suppose there is

I: for that . . . is there none to be had
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B: (inaudible) . but what . . . erm . . you~ you train . . but what's the point
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B: . . you still won't get a job . . . there's nothing round here to train
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B: . . . you train for a bricky there's no jobs around here for a bricky . .

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B: you train for a chippy there's no jobs for a chippy you've got to go to

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B: Cardiff . . . and {as I } said . . you've got to leave about . . six in the

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B: morning to go down there

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I: have you got a family here now

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B: . just my father and two broth~ erm . . two brothers two sisters

I:

. . yes

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B: . . that's all that's about it

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The say how they pass the time. They both play football locally.

[04.20 min – 10.30 min]

They look at pictures of the Rhondda and try to identify the places concerned. They think that things are worse in the Rhondda Fach than in the Rhondda Fawr.

[10.30 min – 16.25 min]

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