

Eskola Jari & Weckroth Klaus 1994. **Talk about pastimes - Open University studies as described by students.**

– In our research project we are interested in Open University studies as part of everyday life: how can studies be linked to the rest of the day's activities and what significance do they possess? The people we interviewed have several years of Open University studies behind them. As an experiment in methodology, we describe different ways of using interview quotes.

The importance of study seems to undergo changes as study progresses - it becomes increasingly wider in scope. External changes do not take place in study, but internal changes certainly do; the diploma or degree (and the possibility it offers of changing one's profession) becomes the (secret) goal or at least a dream.

First and foremost, study gains significance for the person him/herself. The students we interviewed felt that studying at Open University was interesting and fruitful; it was also a challenging pastime and required organising and adapting, doing without some things.

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