

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM

Date of Interview	6 June 2024
Location of Interview	Cherif's house, Ilfracombe, Devon
Name of Interviewee	Cherif Benkanoun
Name of Interviewer	Sharyn Hedge, Abi Obene
Length of Interview	00:57:45
File format, storage format	WAV 44.1/16 XY STEREO

Tags:

Algiers; Civil War; Handball; Terrorism; Ilfracombe; Visa difficulties; London vs Ilfracombe; Transform Project 2009; Being an immigrant; Bell and Bell Place; Bideford Blacks; Working with young people

Interviewee's wishes regarding interview use:

None

Interviewer's notes / any issues with recording:

Slight noises / people moving in corridor at: 00:02:30, 00:03:00, 00:08:00, 00:23:30
Some continuous sounds - Cherif's hands hitting table periodically especially around 17 minutes into Part 1 and 18 minutes into Part 2. Some paper shuffling. Periodic scratching - note taking. Birdsong in background, fairly continuous.

ALERT: There is mention of the Civil War and some of the horrors.

NOTE: The original interview was recorded in two parts which were edited together during post-production. Some timestamps on the original transcript and on this form may not correspond with the final recording on the website.

Linked objects / photographs:

A variety of photographs provided

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Key Themes and topics covered in interview

Theme / topic			Timecode on recording		
Start: Childhood. Beaches, stealing tomatoes from the market for lunch, very fond memories of childhood.			00:00:30		
Life as a teenager. Civil War mention. Playing Handball.	School, early life again. Stress in school system. Handball as a young man.		00:02:35	00:04:00	
What is Handball?	Civil War - Terrorism discussion. Experiencing that as a teenager.		00:06:00	00:08:30	
Moving to the UK - because there was no handball here.	Coming to the UK - working. Moved to Ilfracombe in 2004.		00:12:20	00:13:40	
Visa difficulties due to discrimination. Visa process.	London vs Ilfracombe experience		00:14:40	00:18:30	
Transform project and involvement in Ilfracombe. 2009.	Focus on supporting young people. Direct result of coaching in Algeria.		00:20:30	Part 2 - 00:00:00	
Being an immigrant. Media influencing people's perspectives.	Sense of achievement with work.		Part 2 - 00:03:00	Part 2 - 00:07:00	
Bell and Bell Place.	Social Media / Media and Young People.	Bideford Blacks - Volunteering as a Handball Coach.	Part 2 - 00:08:00	Part 2 - 00:09:30	Part 2 - 00:14:20
Work with young people, help give them freedom via training them to use transport.	Identity. Palestine and Israel. Some political discussion.	How do you want to be remembered?	Part 2 - 00:16:50	Part 2 - 00:22:50	Part 2 - 00:31:40

Interview Highlights:

PART 1:

Childhood [00:00:30 - 00:02:35]

Visa difficulties [00:14:40 - 00:18:30]

PART 2:

Focus on supporting young people and wanting to give back. **Mention of the Civil War and some of the horrors.** [00:00 - 00:03:11]

Sense of achievement from work || Pride in young people || Sorrow too - Bell and Bell Place [00:07:00 - 00:09:30]

Supporting young people to learn to travel though work (00:16:50 - 00:20:20)