

Interviewee(s): Lesley Jack (LJ)	Interviewer(s): Pencaitland Primary School Pupil: Willow
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Willow: My name is Will[ow] Dutton and it is the 9th of March 2020 and we are in Pencaitland Primry School. Please introduce yourself.

LJ: Hi my name is Lesley Jack and I work in Pencaitland Primary School.

Willow: Question one. Can you tell us a bit about your life when you were a child?

LJ: ...I went to two separate primary schools, I went to Haddington Infant School for Primary 1 and then we moved to East Linton and I went there from Primary 2 to Primary 7 – it was a small school. And we had composite classes at that school as well.

Willow: Question two. How do you think children’s lives are different now? Are they better or worse and why do you think that?

LJ: I don’t think they’re worse, I just think there’s too much technology because when I was younger we went outside and played a lot more. We dressed up, we... had and played games, pretended to be characters like Robin Hood and go runnin through the woods, an we jumped on the hay bales in the farmers’ fields, an we went away at lunchtime – didn’t come back til tea-time without your parents knowing unless somebody got hurt, whereas now it’s always check in with mum, check in with dad, where are you, what are you doing. Ah know it’s all for safety but... sometimes a bit of freedom’s a great life experience. Rather than sittin glued to the television or on an Xbox or PS...4.

Willow: Question three. Why did you choose to live in East Lothian? Did you ever live anywhere else?

LJ: No, ma dad’s originally from Selkirk, which is the Borders, and my mum’s originally from Haddington, so

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he moved through here and Ah’ve lived in East Lothian all ma life – so it was Haddington Ah started off with, then Ah moved to Stoneyhill Tower, which is near Garvald. Then Ah was at Traprain Law, and then Ah stayed at Whittingedrum [Whittinghame?], I’ve stayed in East Linton, and then we moved back to Haddington when I was at high school, and now I live in Tranent. So I have been about, an Ah really like the area an it means Ah know a lot of people, and Ah’ve always worked in it until I moved to Edinburgh Nursery to work. But the majority has been East Lothian.

Willow: Question four. What is your job and what do you enjoy most about it?

SJ: I am an ASN at the moment in Pencaitland Primary School – I’m a qualified nursery nurse and Ah love working with younger children, but the ASN’s are more of a challenge, and it’s nice to be in a small community, and it’s nice to be in one set classroom, and Ah get to know all the children, all their habits, and build a nice bond with them and feel confident to do things with them in the class... But Ah never say never tuh workin with the younger children because they are just little sponges that love to learn.

Willow: Thanks very much. This is the end of this interview.

SJ: Thank you.