

## **Countdown to the OU 1 (1983)**

**Executive Producer: Roger Tucker**

**Contributors in clip: Jennie Lee**

### **Clip transcript:**

#### **Jennie Lee:**

Now it seemed to me just logic to try to bring the best in higher education within reach of people who felt that they could be advantaged by it. The Prime Minister made a bargain with me and he kept it. I was Minister for the Arts and he said "For God's sake will you take on this university project?" because there was nobody in the department, none of the ministers, senior, nobody in the Treasury. Inside the Cabinet they either didn't understand what it was about - preoccupied with their own jobs - or were actively hostile. And I said Harold I'll take it on on the same conditions as the Arts, that you'll back me when I need money. Now he never let me down.