

PhD Pioneers: The Living Experiences of The Open University's First PhD Graduates

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Professor Jeff Haywood Interview

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I learned about thinking about education differently to the way that I'd always seen it, which was very traditional. And that plus the experiences that I extracted out of the OU in addition to my research, which actually in the end were the longest lasting impacts. So they were actually the by-line to my PhD rather than my PhD research, which turned out to be the long lasting influences on me.

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But the educational methods and thinking and understanding about how you do educational, I suppose it's not how you do it, it's understanding the way that you design your educational offerings and the learning opportunities that you provide of designing them so that they are thought out and appropriate to the audiences that you're working with and use the correct, a sensible range of teaching methods and assessment methods and understanding how to monitor learning achievements. And that impact was lifelong for me, because over the years my interest in actively doing biological research declined and my interest in being an educator increased so that ultimately I moved from the faculty of medicine in Edinburgh, which is where I was, after 25 years, I left the faculty of medicine and I went into the faculty of education.