

Castle Markets Project - Oral History

Interview Transcription

Interviewee Details

Name: ?????? Erodotou

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Place of Birth

Year / Date of Birth

Interview Details

Interviewer: John

Date / Time:

Place: Castle Market

Transcription

Time		
	John	Hello, this interview is being conducted on behalf of Castle Market's Project. I'd like to ask you some questions in relation to the business that you are running here in Castle Market. Could you say to begin with how you would describe what this area is as a stall and what it sells for the purpose of the recording.
	Erodotou	Oh we sell, its a shoe repair shop key cutting, some [??????] and all the rest of it, you know shoe polish and all that type of thing.
00:36	John	And you sell some lighters and shoelaces
	Erodotou	Lighters, shoe laces
	John	And aerosols and shoe cleaning as well. Primarily it is that sort of product. There's a customer here.

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	John	So we are conducting this interview again on behalf of Castle Market Project. I was speaking to you earlier and you were stating that the stall is primarily for what was it you said..
	Erodotou	Shoe repairs, key cutting, selling locks, polishes, lighters, laces, key rings, trophies.

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00:30	John	So there's quite a lot of products that you sell here?
	Erodotou	Yes, a lot of products, yes.
00:35	John	How long has the stall been operating or established in Castle Market?
	Erodotou	Thirty years.
	John	Thirty years. Would you say therefore that this stall does it belong to yourself, your family or a company or
	Erodotou	Belongs to me.
	John	It belongs to yourself and you employ others here do you, I can see you've got an assistant.
	Erodotou	Yes, I've got an assistant.
00:56	John	So whilst you've been running the stall what changes have you noticed in relation to for example the customer demand for the products or any changes to the market stalls or the environment generally. Have you noticed anything over the years that you would like to comment on?
	Erodotou	The one that's obvious is the business going down and down
01:12	John	That's unfortunate isn't it.
	Erodotou	Yes it is unfortunate because of the you know the neglect, they neglect the market.
01:19	John	You feel that the market has been neglected
	Erodotou	Yes, absolutely. Anyway we've got a new market now
	John	So are you hoping to move into the new market when that's completed?
	Erodotou	I hope so, absolutely.
01:30	John	And that could assist your business do you believe?
	Erodotou	I hope to do better. I'm sure it will be better.
	John	So what is it you like about your job, do you like interacting with other people and the customers and having a chat to people.
	Erodotou	Yes its just plenty of people around, I enjoy it, its quite nice. Meet people, talk to them, known people for so many years its.
01:57	John	So you have regular customers that you chat to as well?

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	Erodotou	Some of them are regular customers, yes. I know customers from the Day One, as soon as we were open, they are here all the time.
02:07	John	That's over the thirty year period
	Erodotou	Yeh
	John	So they have grown up with you, social history.
	Erodotou	Yes, they've grown up with me. Kids used to come with their mothers now they're grown up they still come in here.
	John	That's interesting.
	Erodotou	Very interesting yeh.
	John	Well thank you for your assistance that's interesting.

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	John	In relation to that interview with the shoe repair stall, the interview was conducted with would you repeat your name please.
	Erodotou	[Cus Cus] Erodotou.