
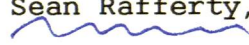


PRIME MINISTER

INTERVIEW WITH BBC RADIO NORTHERN IRELAND

You are to give an interview on Friday morning to Geralyn McNally, who won the title for presenting the "Best Report 1987" on BBC Radio Northern Ireland. 

BBC broadcast a Sunday morning programme called "G.J.A.M. Strictly for The Kids" which is produced by Bob Crookes. Each Sunday two young people act as reporters from various areas of Northern Ireland and give two or three minute reports on "what's on" in their area of specific interest to people of school age.

Six finalists were chosen for "Best Report 1987". Each went to the BBC studios where they had to prepare and conduct a five minute live interview with a Northern Ireland personality. Each interviewed the same personality, Sean Rafferty, a leading TV presenter in Northern Ireland. 

Geralyn is aged 17 and attends St Patrick's Girls' Academy in her home town of Dungannon, County Tyrone. She has 10 GCE 'O' levels (4 As and 6 Bs) and on completion of her 'A' levels hopes to go to university to read law.

Her mother, Mrs Deidre McNally, is a teacher of Irish in a local school. Bob Crookes, the programme producer, will be bringing Geralyn to London on Friday. She will be accompanied by her mother (the parents are separated).

Geralyn will be putting the following questions to you:


1. Was it ever your intention to follow a political career or did chance play it's part?
2. As a career has it really fulfilled your expectations?
3. We all imagine it as a 25 hour day job, every day of the week, is it really an arduous task?
4. I would imagine you have had to fight certain prejudices in your rise through the political ranks? It is said women have

to fight twice as hard as men to achieve their goal, especially in political life. Looking back do you agree this has been so for you?

5. Can it change?
6. What advice would you give to a girl of my age, with a political awareness, who might be entertaining the idea of a political career?
7. Would you agree there is a bright future for women in politics?
8. How do you manage to divide your time between being Prime Minister and also a wife and mother?
9. Do you enjoy cooking and have the opportunity to cook for and dine with family and friends?
10. You always appear to be correctly dressed for each occasion - do you have a method of choosing what you wear?
11. How about buying clothes - again is time a problem?
12. Is your femininity and appearing feminine important to you?
13. What other women of today do you admire?
14. How would you wish to be remembered?

Are you content for:

- the interview to take place in the study?
- a photographer to be present?
- Mrs McNally to be present during the interview?



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