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Lynette: Le linn dom a bheith ag staidéar ar an ollscoil bhí mé i gcónaí ag déanamh rudaí eile taobh amuigh den tseomra ranga mar sílim gur sin an rud is tábhachtaí faoin Ghaeilge, gur teanga í, gur meán cumarsáide í agus sin an rud a thug mise liom agus taobh amuigh den seomra ranga bhí mé i gcónaí ag díospóireacht nó ag ceol nó ag déanamh rud inteacht a bhain leis an Ghaeilge agus a thug an Ghaeilge chun beatha domsa agus a chothaigh an caidreamh le cairde de mo chuid agus, mar sin de, tá cairde atá agam go fóill agus nach labhraím ach Gaeilge leo mar gheall air sin agus mar gheall ar na himeachtaí sin a raibh baint againn leo agus muid go háirithe ar scoil agus ar an ollscoil. Cairde atá, a fheicimse anseo inniu, bhí, in ainneoin go raibh mise i nGaillimh, daoine eile i gCúil Raithin, daoine eile i mBéal Feirste thug an Ghaeilge le chéile muid cúpla uair sa bhliain i gcónaí agus táimid uile iontach dlúth agus iontach mór agus iontach cairdiúil ó shin.

Lynette: While I was studying at University I was always doing other things outside of the classroom because I think that is the most important thing about Irish, that it’s a language, that it’s a means of communication, and that’s what I took with me and outside the classroom I was always debating or singing or doing something connected with the language and which brought the language to life for me and which built a relationship with my friends and, therefore, I have friends still whom I only speak Irish to and as a result of that and as a result of those activities that we were involved in especially at school and university. Friends who I can see here today, there were, in spite of the fact that I was in Galway, other people in Coleraine, people in Belfast, Irish always brought us together a couple of times a year and we have been very close and very friendly since then.