

Interview With Pat Hogan

Time Coded Summary of interviews 1, 2, 3 for audio documentary

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These are going to be the questions I will be using to compose my audio documentary and to reinforce the theme of my project.

Name of interviewee: Pat Hogan

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Number of Sessions: 3

Session #1 (September 26th, 2019) Duration: 25 minutes

[00:00:04]

What year were you born and where?

Pomfret Connecticut

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Did you have any Siblings?

Pat is the youngest of 3

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Was your Family Religious?

They were brought up Catholic

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What were the expectations for you growing up?

They were taught to have good behavior

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I want to know some of your first vivid memories growing up

Had a friend that she would hangout with and sing songs together

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What came first your feminist identity or Lesbian identity?

Her feminist identity came first, she would later come out as a lesbian later in life.

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Were there any women's organizations you have been apart of here in Vancouver?

She has been apart of multiple women's organizations and movements and continues to till this day

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Was there a specific someone or event that made you want to be a part of the women's community?

No not necessarily she heard about the women's group and when she arrived, she naturally immersed herself into activism

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When did you discover you were lesbian?

When she joined the women's group in Vernon, she was taken care by women and had a couple flings.

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Have you ever faced discrimination being a lesbian?

Yeah she has by being called names in public and other instances but she has a funny story of being accused of being lesbian by a straight women before Pat come out and later on in life they both discover that they're lesbians and they are still friends till this day.

Session #2 (October 26th, 2019) Duration: 35 minutes

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How did your mom handle raise you and your siblings on her own?

It was hard on her mother to raise them all on her own, luckily their grandparents lived across the street and helped baby sit and watch over the Pat and her Siblings when her mother went to work

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Does your older sister still live in Connecticut? In the same area?

The older sister actually moved in to the where the grandparents use to live

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Before you came to Vancouver in 1969 you went to San Francisco. How old were you?

it was during the early 1960s and she was around 25 years of age.

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Did you family support you in moving from Connecticut to san Francisco to Vancouver?

No, she did everything on her own basically.

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What was your purpose of coming to Vancouver initially?

She wanted to get away from the Abusive relationship she was in and start a new chapter in her life.

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What was transition like from an American identity to a Canadian one? Was there a culture shock?

No there was no culture shock for Pat, she just kept her nose to the grindstone and continued onward with her life.

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Was Vernon the first place you went to when you came to BC?

No, she was in the lower mainland area first like Burnaby and she left because of her unhealthy relationship with a man.

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During your time in Vernon were you well off financially? Did you have enough money to sustain you and your kids?

Pat has never been “wealthy” she has always lived by the seeds of her pants. She made do with what she had.

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So, was it 1975 when you decided to become apart of a feminist membership?

Pat corrects me and tells me that memberships are very patriarchal and that feminist groups don't work like that. She also said her joining the feminist movement was very natural and it instinctively became her life's work.

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When Phyllis Lyon and Del Martinez came to Vancouver and delivered their conference on battered housewives how did that event impact you?

It was Pat's first major event and she was star struck.

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I'd like to know more about your documentary with CBC's Rosemary Allensbach

Pat explains how her and Rosemary made the documentary on the Women's Case in Canada and went around the province interviewing women about their experience living in a patriarchal society. Also she told me that the documentary was made but she could never find it.

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Tell me about your activism in the 1980's

Pat describes her activism as a feminist in 1980s from the group she was the rep for in the Okanagan to opening up a café in Vancouver.

Session #3 (November 14th, 2019) Duration: 21 minutes

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Were your sites set on a college education coming up through high school?

Pat didn't necessarily have ambitions to peruse any particular degree that was how her mother felt. She just wanted to learn.

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What was it like living with draft dodgers and people who were in socioeconomic need when you first came to Vancouver?

They were lost people who needed a to find refuge and support They were all in the same position as her so she felt comfortable living amongst people who were living the same life as her.

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What made you want to be a part of these women groups initially?

Pat has always gravitated towards anything that involves social justice

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Did politically being involved help you come out as a lesbian?

Yes, it did but her spending so much time with feminist women just made her more comfortable in general

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In the Okanogan did you work alongside First Nations women?

Pat did work with First Nations women, but she tells me of their status back in 1970s and how they remained more isolated

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Tell me about your conference on battered housewives in Vernon. How was it similar or different From Del Martin and Phyllis Lyons?

Pat's conference was different because it was more hands on, they were working with women and their direct issues in their community. Pat was a very involved with the women she was working with.

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Are you familiar with the Take Back the night march?

Back tells me about her experience in marches and the significant of the event itself

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What advice could you give to a girl who's having issues coming out?

Pat gives numerous solutions on different ways on how you a woman can come out like by talking to lesbian women and how they have coped with it, also reading. Pat also discusses how in our modern era that being queer is much easier to than it was during the 21st century.