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M: Which public spaces do you like to use?

J: I like the mall. I like hanging out at the mall.

M: Which mall?

J: The Eaton Centre...Dundas Square is good...Trinity Bellwoods Park is good.

M: Any other place?

J: Not really.

M: Based on your history, which one of these would you consider your favourite public space? It can also be outside of Canada, wherever.

J: There was a park in London, but I forget what it's called, but it is in the city and its where people debate. I don't know if you have ever heard of it? It's where people debate over different topics and the all gather and congregate and discuss different world issues, religion...

M: And you experienced that?

J: Yes I have. And that was a really unique way in transforming a public space into an open platform of discussion for various topics.

M: Was it Hyde Park?

J: Yes. Yes.

M: From all these public spaces that you go frequently, and all the way to the one you really liked, how would you describe the criteria for good public space? What are the positive aspects of these spaces that made you want to go there?

J: It has to have some sort of outdoor aspect to it I think, for me. I really like the outdoors and I think it's really fun to take a break from your day and sit or have a walk, or just read a book under a tree; so definitely some sort of natural element. I also think there should be cleanliness I think that's good. You don't want to be sitting anywhere near where there is a lot of litter and stuff like that. So definitely somewhere that is clean, close to nature and somewhere that there is maybe some entertainment; something like a show to watch or something I guess.

M: Like an event?

J: Yes, an event.

M: Can you think of other physical aspects?

J: There needs to be definitely a place to sit. There needs to be a place probably to have a drink or water. There needs to be even magazines or something to read, I think would be good.