EDUCATION FOR LEISURE

Education for Leisure?

presupposes a distinction between leisure-time (the less significant) & work (whether school or adult).

Changing patterns of leisure

Changing content - -
growth of youth culture

Changing meaning of leisure

- not simply how to get more out of leisure, but
- what does leisure mean in the lives of the young
- how does that affect education

Change in meaning

economic revolution
rise of teenager as a social/cultural group

- psychic meaning of money
- investment in their own culture
- build cultural monuments to their own styles.
- consumer goods highly shaped or adapted emotionally
- The growth of preoccupation with style & self-image
  - everyone has style
  - more visible

expressive meaning of style

- identification with the group
  - mch age group & its norms & inner cohesion.
- identification with certain models - style: ways of creating themselves to society, to social & adult roles of reality, aspiration with reality, of preserving the self.
- significance of gesture.
  - relation to class

Constitutes 'sense' only in a very restricted sense.

- an informal culture, carrying meanings, values, norms, for adolescent
- a system of naming + learning + recognizing the world + others.
- a system of role-adaptation + experiment with the self in different masks or disguises.
- a mode of sexualization with others.
- a mode of negotiating the tensions of adolescence sex ⇌ p. relationships

- expressive of certain attitudes towards the world + of certain tensions.

- a critique + placing of aspects of society offered as a model, + hence of certain aspects of the formal culture as transmitted by parents, authority, school.

Shift in image.

Denmark St + manip.

why successful?

not simply from the top.

Skiffle
Cliff Richard
The Beatles.
Rolling Stones.

Shift in gestures + style.

- moving for older paths of fashion + taste
- older moral standards + values.
- unsupported social rebellion.

expressing:

Youth/adult conflict.
School/non-school "
Leisure/work.

success / limited
achievement / opportunities

old moral / moral
code / experimentation.

Attitudes & culture:

formal cult. of school
informal - of class.

2 extremes.

~~Segregation~~:

Signif for education

Subject matter
Sense of social context.
Clarity of purpose
Opportunism
elitism

Method