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My father was unemployed and I was the eldest of seven children. We were very poor. And when you ask how did we support ourselves, the only funding that we had was unemployment payments.

~John Hume

I never thought in terms of being a leader. I thought very simply in terms of helping people.

~John Hume

In my opinion, what changed the situation eventually - and, of course, it took a lot of time to change it, things like that don't change in a week or a fortnight - was the new educational system.

~John Hume

The basis of peace and stability, in any society, has to be the fullest respect for the human rights of all its people.

~John Hume

If the word 'No' was removed from the English language, Ian Paisley would be speechless.

~John Hume

Total ghettoization, because they were in charge of public housing, the local council, and they deliberately located people in a ghetto situation in order to ensure that they maintained control.

~John Hume

All conflict is about difference; whether the difference is race religion, or nationality.

~John Hume

Before the arrival of the Credit Union, people who were from the poor background or a working class background couldn't borrow from banks.

~John Hume

Difference is of the essence of humanity.

~John Hume

I was grateful for the opportunity to make a difference. The political violence really started in 1970-1971. The political difficulties start a little bit beyond that.

~John Hume

They believed that Britain was in Ireland defending their own interests, therefore the Irish had the right to use violence to put them out. My argument was that that type of thinking was out of date.

~John Hume

I grew up in Derry, of course, and it was - Derry was the worst example of Northern Ireland's discrimination.

~John Hume

When people are divided, the only solution is agreement.

~John Hume

Like everybody at that age, I read an awful lot of pulp fiction. But at the same time, I also read quite a bit of history and read that as much for pleasure as part of a curriculum.

~John Hume

The civil rights movement in the United States was about the same thing, about equality of treatment for all sections of the people, and that is precisely what our movement was about

~John Hume

Therefore they should come to the table and reach an agreement that would protect their identity.

~John Hume

The violence had broken out in both sides, but our philosophy as a party was very, very clear.

~John Hume

Every child growing up will look to their parents, my mother and my father. My grandmother lived with us. I picked up quite a bit of family lore and history from her, which was interesting.

~John Hume

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