

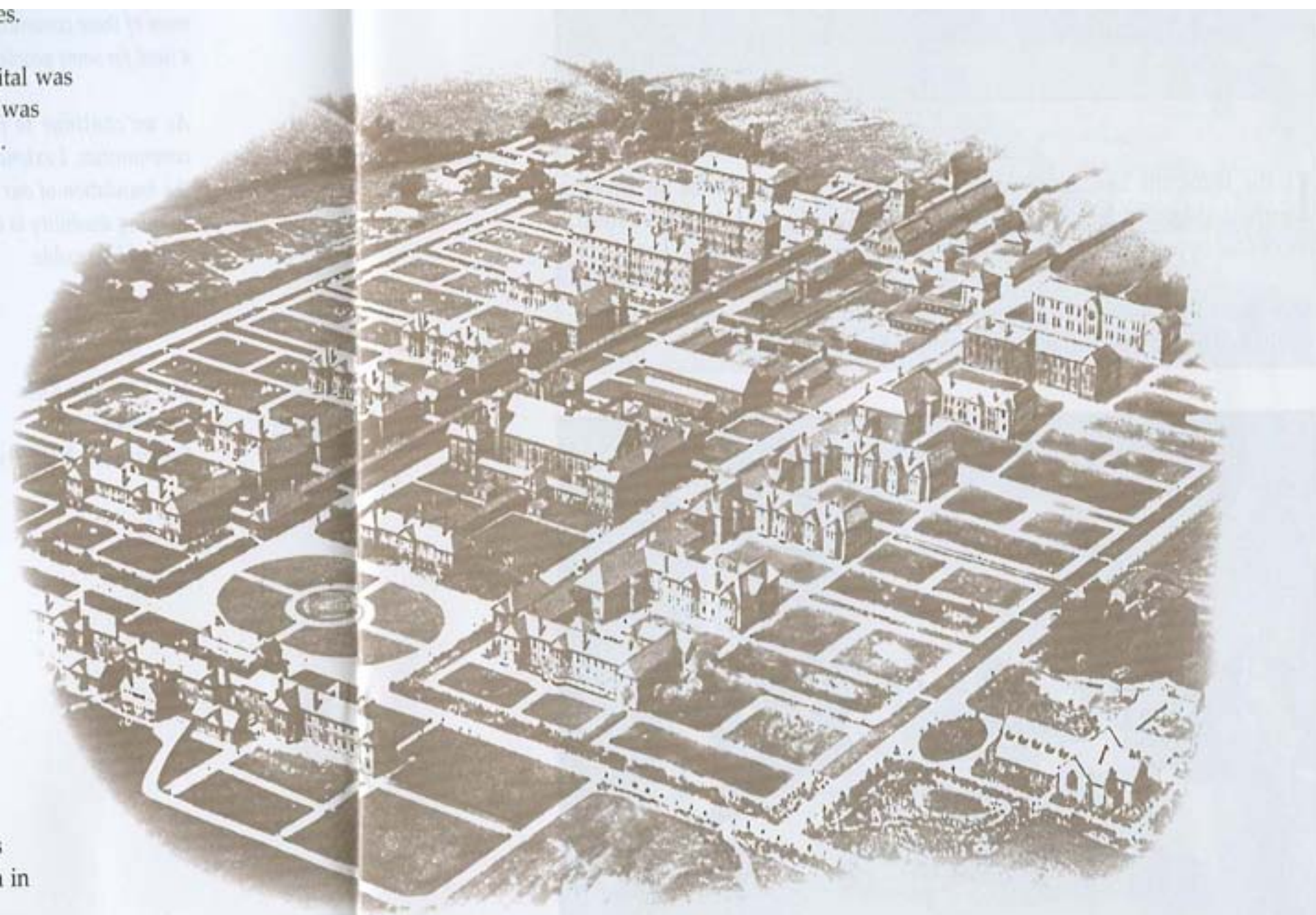
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First Up – Best Dressed

'My life in Calderstones' by Daniel Docherty
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DORMITORY, MALE WARD, CALDERSTONES.



Introduction

- Calderstones was a long stay hospital
- Near Clitheroe in Lancashire
- Is still used now as a 'forensic' institution
- Had men and women's wards
- Children's wards
- Everything on site





How I got to be there

- Twin brother, Hamish adopted
- Foster parents in Manchester
- Nightmares
- Social worker
- I don't like gifts
- Different stories





Moving to Calderstones

- Aged 6
- Punishment
- I thought I was going on holiday
- Children's wards
- Bullying
- About being Irish





First up – best dressed

- Clothes were shared
- Last up – cold food
- Other peoples cold bath water
- Cigarette ash in porridge
- Don't complain – 'confrontational'
- ECT
- Percy-filth and blackmail





Calderstones School

- There were no teachers, just the staff
- No exams
- Whole range of children
- Different needs

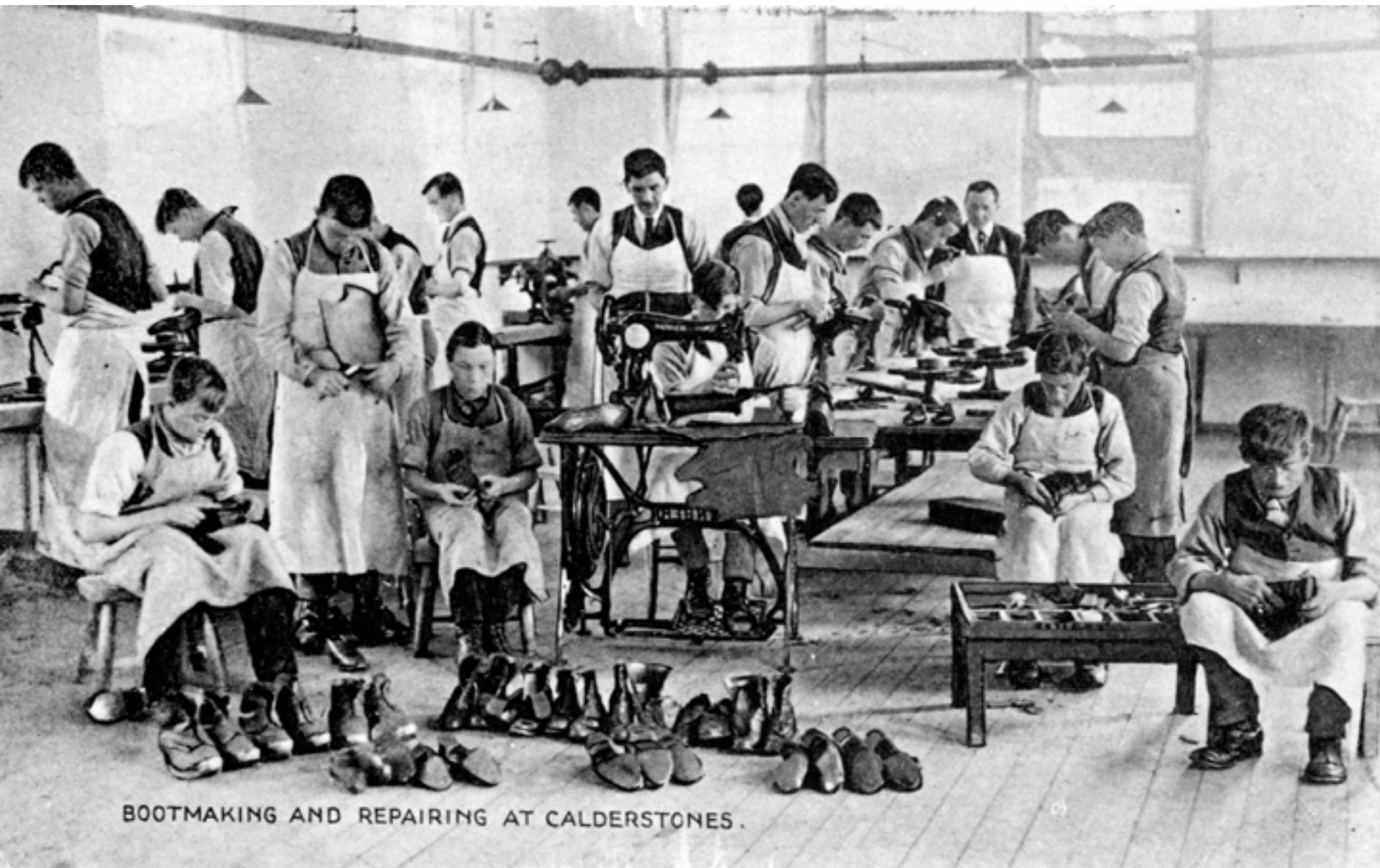


BRUSH AND MAT MAKING AT CALDERSTONES.



My role

- I was helpful to new ones
- I cared for others
- Children were frightened when they came in
- I knew what it felt like
- Shouting out for 'Mummy and Daddy'
- If you didn't keep quiet you were punished
- Children would be hit with cane



BOOTMAKING AND REPAIRING AT CALDERSTONES.



The purpose

- I didn't know why I was there
- I was told I was lying and making things up
- I stayed on the ward until I was 16
- I thought that I would never leave – that I would come out of there in a box.





This is what I think about institutions

- They are all the same
- They want to control people
- They cause pain and misery
- I blame the institution for some of the things that have happened in my life, because of the way we were treated.
- We had no information
- I wouldn't send my worst enemy there
- Prisoners are treated better
- WE HAD NOT COMMITTED A CRIME

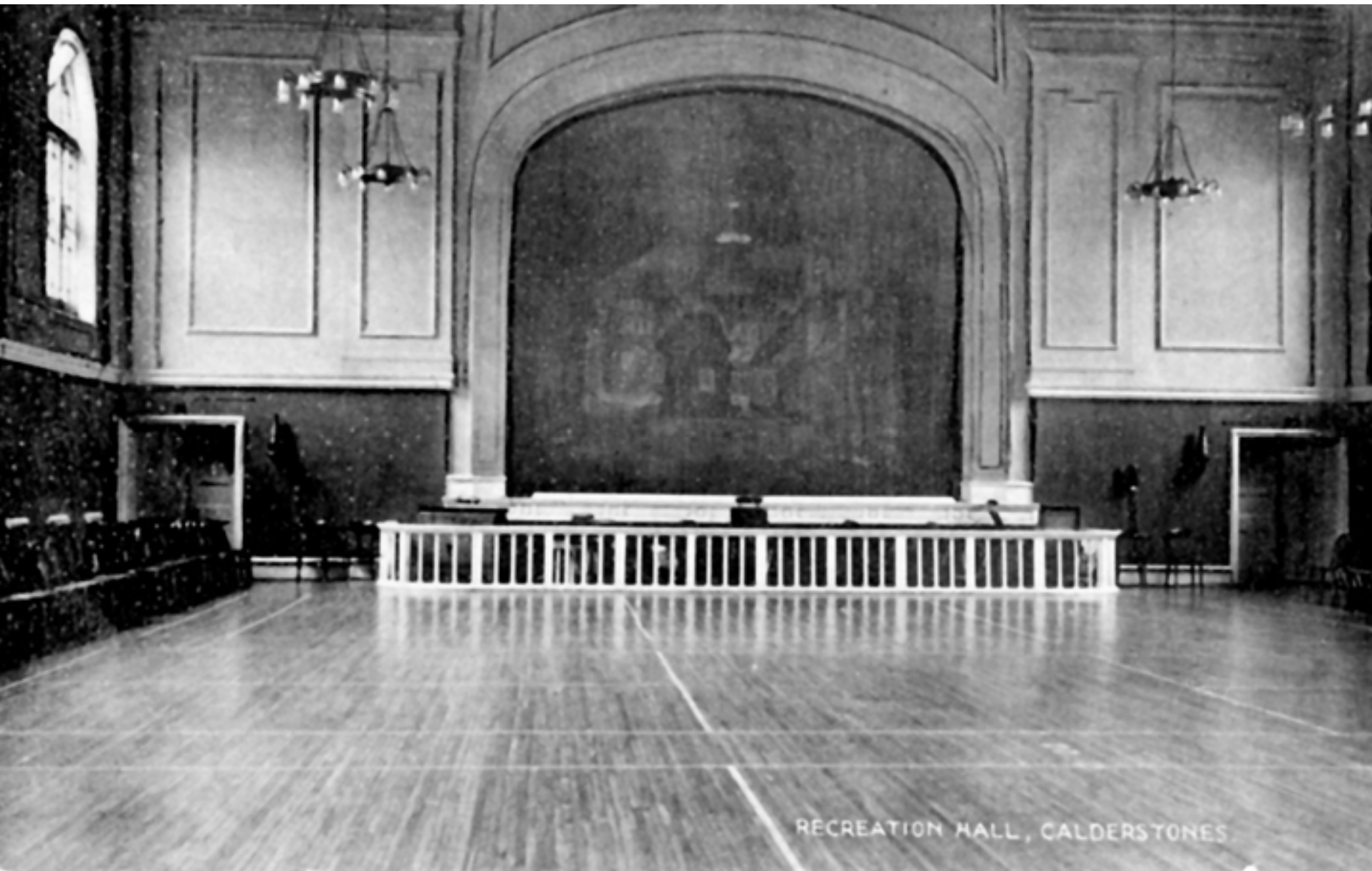


DAY ROOM, MALE WARD, CALDERSTONES

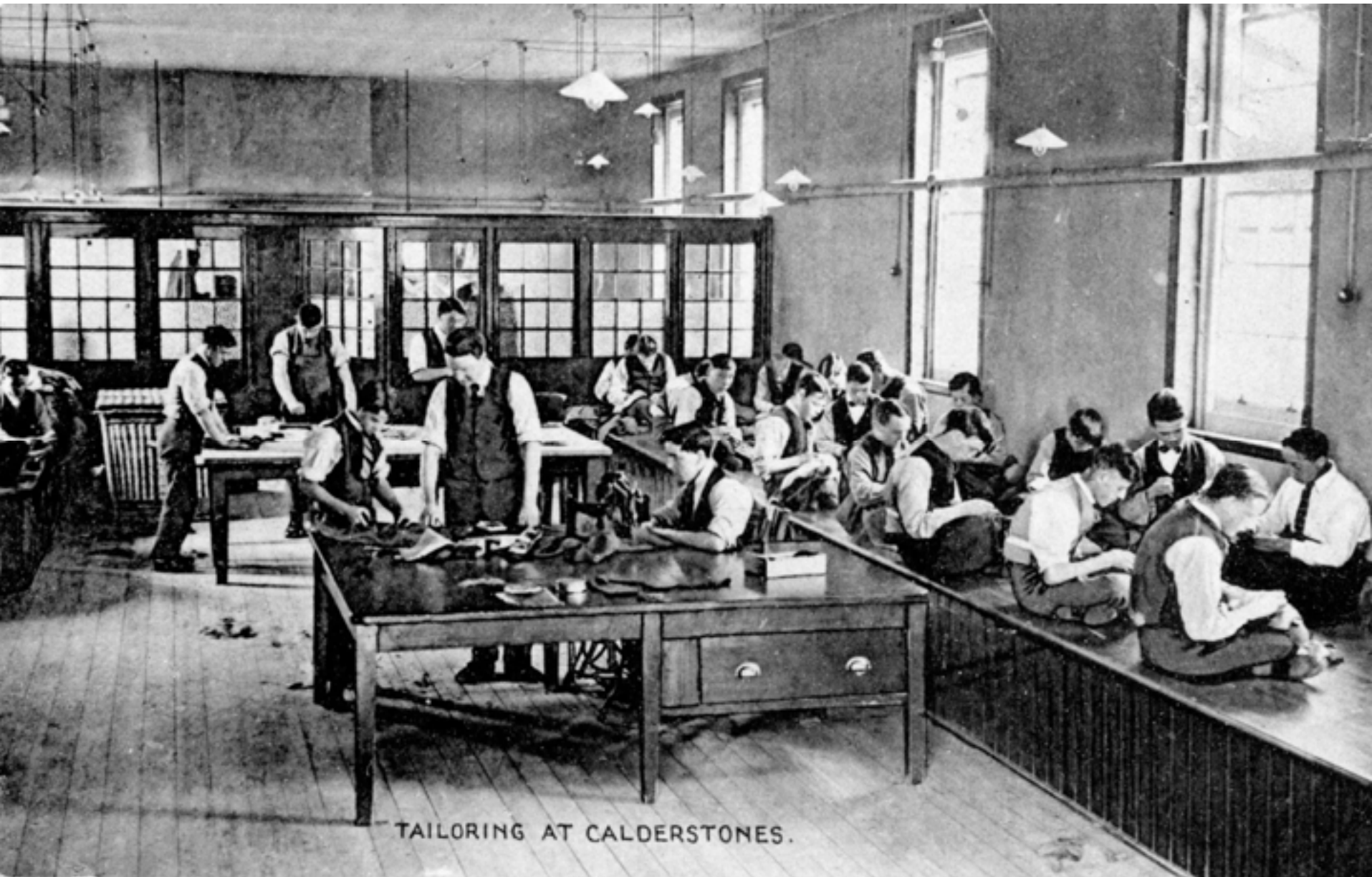


Even now....

- I still get threatened by staff that if I don't behave in a certain way, I will be taken back there.
- I am worried the institutions will come round again
- They are used for 'forensic' now
- What has changed is not changed – it's the same can with a different label.



RECREATION MALL, CALDERSTONES



TAILORING AT CALDERSTONES.