

# FROM ANTI-VIVISECTION TO ZEITGEISTS AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN



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SOURCES FOR STUDYING POLITICAL THEMES:  
AN INTRODUCTION TO MATERIAL HELD AT THE HULL HISTORY CENTRE



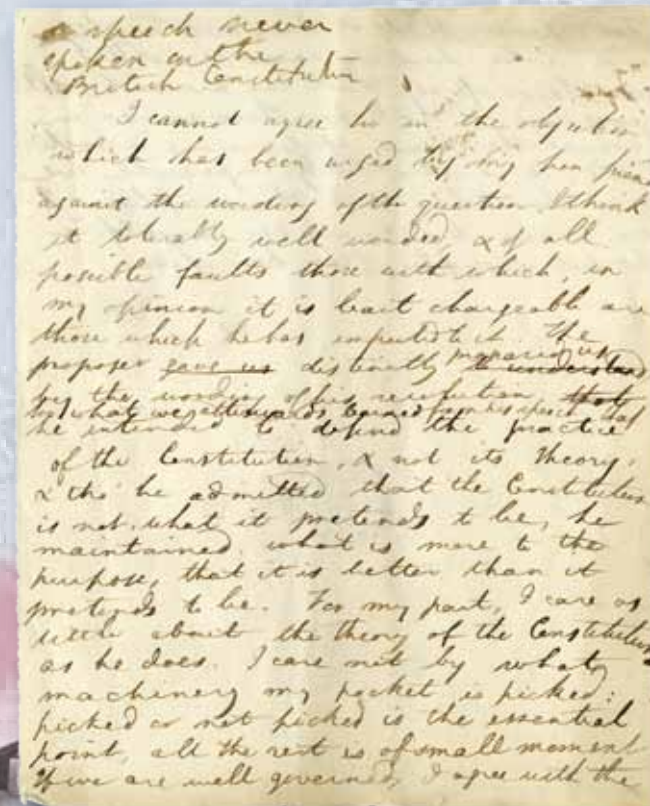
# INTRODUCTION

## Politics at Hull History Centre

Hull History Centre holds unique archival and rare book material for the study of a wide array of political themes. The Centre is home to Hull University Archives, Hull City Archives and Hull Local Studies Library.

## University of Hull Archives

In 1928 Harold Laski donated a speech by John Stuart Mill to the library at University College Hull. This donation was to be the start of a manuscript collection within the library. During the 1960s and 1970s, with the support of the then librarian, Philip Larkin, John Saville, an Economic and Social History Professor, encouraged various campaign, left-wing, labour and trade union related groups, both local and national, to deposit their papers. The University Archives' reputation in this area continues to attract similar deposits.



First University acquisition: Speech by J.S. Mill on the British Constitution, c.1825 [U DX1]

**LIBERTY**  
PROTECTING CIVIL LIBERTIES  
PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS

## Hull City Archives

The process of governing Hull has left almost a millennium of documentary evidence, including minutes, reports, letters, charters and deeds. This evidence reflects, from the official perspective, the changes, events and administrative reorganisations which have shaped Hull's political landscape. Subjects covered include regulation of wages, appointment of officials, crime and punishment, licensing of public houses, and enforcement of customs and excise measures. In addition, material created by local public bodies, societies and businesses has been added to the official record. With these additions, the collections have grown to represent both official and non-official perspectives on local politics.

## Hull Local Studies Library

Originally part of the city's Central Library Service, Local Studies Library collections consist mostly of rare printed and published material, although they do include some archival material. Local Studies collections relate to the city, and to the people, businesses and organisations to which it has been home. Subjects covered reflect the changing political and social landscape of the city across the centuries, and help to provide context to the evidence recorded in both City and University archival material.



First charter of Kingston upon Hull, 1299 [C BRC/1]



Article written by Winifred Holtby, 1933 [L WH.2.23]

# CONTENTS

This guide has been compiled to highlight major collections containing political material at Hull History Centre. Collections have been grouped according to themes, which appear in alphabetical order. The centre pages contain information relating to featured collections that have significant research potential. The following subjects are covered:

- Civil Rights
- Communism
- Co-operative Movement
- Ecological and Environmental Politics
- International Human Rights
- Local Politics
- Pacifism
- Socialism
- Trade Unionism
- University and Student Politics
- Women in Politics

# ACCESS

Access to all material is via use of the reading room at Hull History Centre. The online catalogue contains descriptions of records, not digitised material. Please note that, in some instances, access to certain records may be restricted under Data Protection legislation. Access status is indicated on the online catalogue. It is best to contact us if you require further information.

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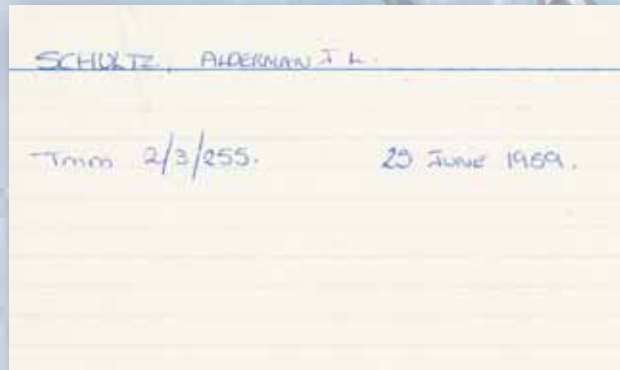


# FINDING AIDS

Material other than that listed in this guide might exist for any given subject within larger collections. For example, subject files on a whole host of topics can often be found within a politician's papers.

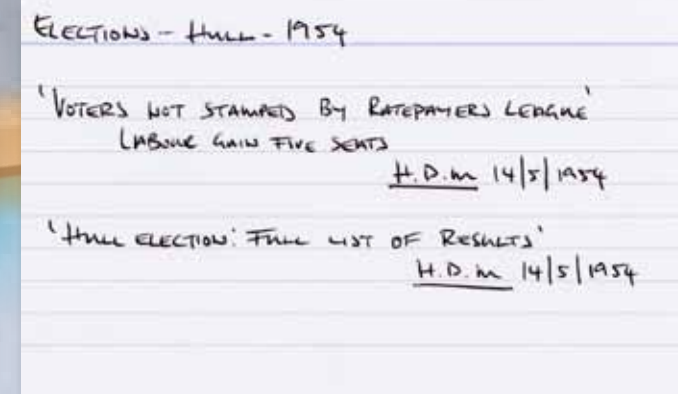
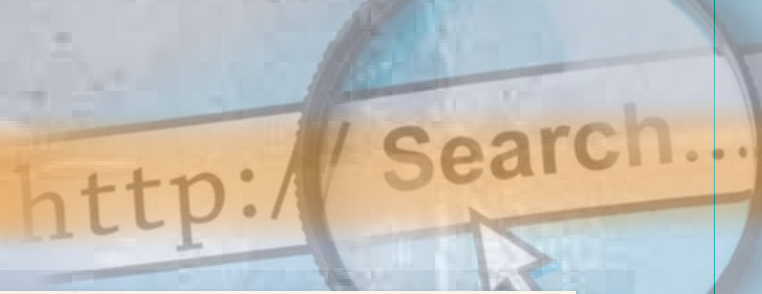
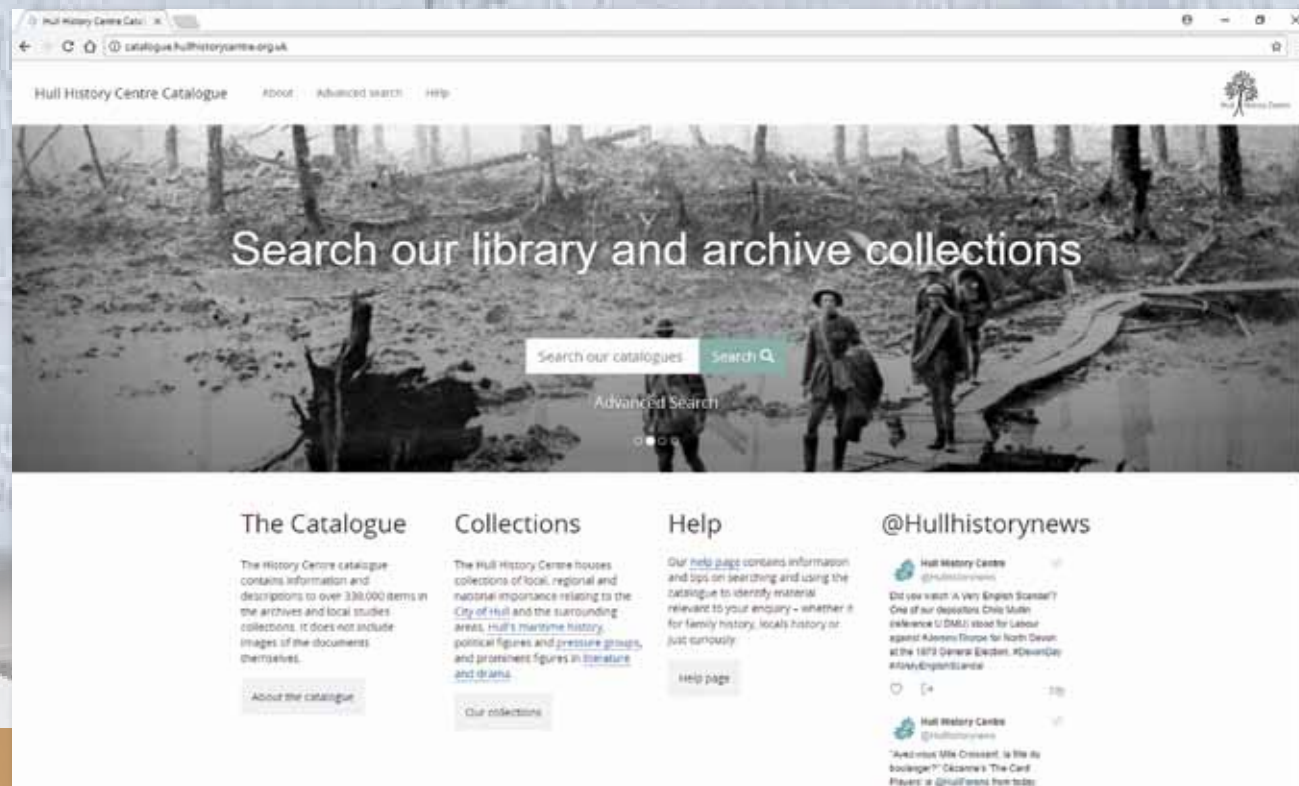
In order to help you wade through the thousands of collections at HHC, we have devised three important ways of searching for information.

- 1.The Local Studies index cards
- 2.The Local Studies card catalogue
- 3.The City Council index cards
- 4.The online catalogue

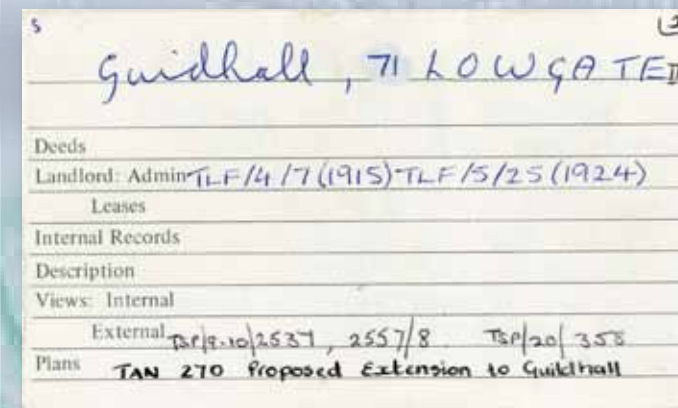


Example of a City Council name index card for Alderman Leo Schultz

Online catalogue home page



Example of a Local Studies subject index card for 'Elections'



Example of a City Council street index card for Guildhall, Lowgate

## HELPFUL ADVICE: KEYWORDS

Having a targeted approach to searching catalogues is vital in order to identify as much information as possible. It can be helpful to draw up a list of similes around key subject areas, to ensure that descriptive variance is accounted for when searching.

Using variant name spellings for individuals and places of interest might also return more results. If searching for events, make sure to incorporate the various words used to refer to individual events. In the case of individuals, it can be helpful to begin with surnames and first names, then widen your search to include surnames and an initial, and finally surnames only.

Remember to use contextual details and dates within descriptions to help you to identify whether something might be relevant.

## SPOTLIGHT

**Finding Aid: Local Studies Index Cards**  
Cards arranged by subject. Individual cards give references and brief description of relevant material from the holdings. Mostly relates to the older book collection, rare book reference material, and newspaper holdings. This index can be accessed in the History Centre library area.

**Finding Aid: Local Studies Card Catalogue**  
Cards arranged by author and title. Individual cards give reference numbers for Local Studies library books, which are not yet on the online catalogue.

**Finding Aid: City Council Index Cards**  
Cards arranged by surname and by street name. Individual cards give references to occurrence of individuals and streets within the official records of the city council. Mostly relates to criminal records, planning and building regulations, and health department photographs. This index can be accessed in the History Centre searchroom.

**Finding Aid: HHC Online Catalogue**  
Searchable database housing completed catalogues. Provides detailed descriptions of individual collections across all three repositories. Can be accessed from home at [catalogue.hullhistorycentre.org.uk](http://catalogue.hullhistorycentre.org.uk).

For further information on any of the collections mentioned in this guide, please consult the online catalogue. In the following pages collection references are given in brackets after each collection title, e.g. John Platts-Mills, 1927-2001 [U DPM].

# index.



# CIVIL RIGHTS

The subject of civil rights is strongly supported by material from collections in our holdings. Particular strengths are 20th century British campaign groups, miscarriages of justice, gender rights, and police action.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Christopher Mullin MP, 1970-2010 [U DMU]**

**Fact:** Before becoming an MP, Mullin studied law and then worked as a foreign correspondent. During the 1970s he investigated, wrote on, and lobbied for cases in which there appeared to have been miscarriages of justice.

**Content:** Subject files; articles and drafts; press cuttings; audio recordings; statements; copy court papers.

**Subjects Covered:** Birmingham Six; Guildford Four; Maguire Seven; Carl Bridgewater; Judith Ward.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Parity, 1953-2017 [U DPY]**

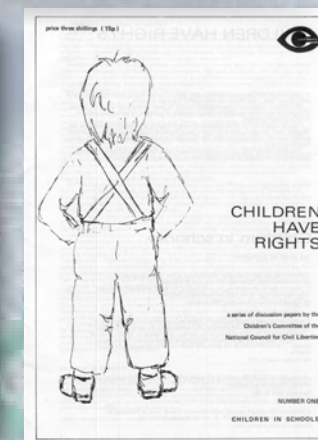
**Fact:** The group was formed in 1986 to campaign for equal state pension ages. Its remit expanded in the following years to encompass the fight for equal statutory rights between men and women

**Content:** Minutes; correspondence; publicity material; campaign files; conference papers.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; pension age; widows benefit; National Insurance; prescription charges; boys education; bus passes; winter fuel; domestic violence; homicides; rape; circumcision; sex bias in public funding; gender pay gap, men's health.



NCCL pamphlet on privacy rights, 1968 [U DCL/101/4]



NCCL pamphlet on children's rights, 1970 [U DCL/105/1]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Julia Varley, 1886-1977 [U DJV]**

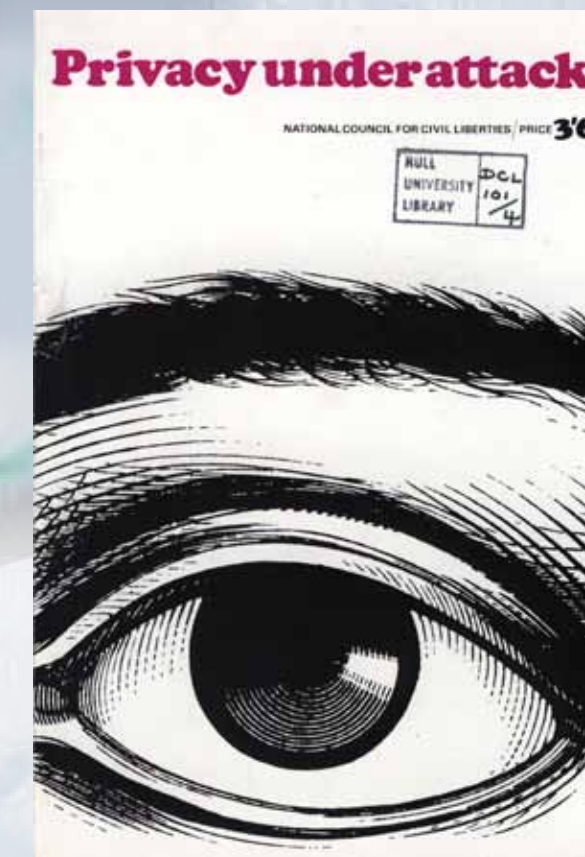
**Fact:** Born in 1871, Varley was a notable female trade unionist, who served on various bodies, including the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

**Content:** Correspondence; press cuttings; articles; poems; photographs; ephemeral material such as invitations.

**Subjects Covered:** Suffragettes; Women's Social and Political Union; Industrial Welfare Society; trade unionism; imprisonment of suffragettes and suffragists.

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS:

- Liberty (formerly National Council for Civil Liberties), 1908-1990s (various issues) [U DCL]
- Martin Collins, 1977-2004 (miscarriages of justice) [U DMQ]
- Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade, 1807 (slavery) [U DX311]
- Defend the 14+ Campaign, 1975 (miscarriages of justice) [U DX348]
- John Platts-Mills, 1927-2001 [U DPM]
- Kennedy, James, 'An address to inhabitants of Hull and neighbourhood on the formation of the hull and East Riding association for the mitigation and gradual abolition of slavery', 1823 [L.(SLA)326.6]
- Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons, 'Irish University Press Series of British parliamentary papers: slave trade, 1810-1880 57 vol', [L.(SLA)326.8]



NCCL pamphlet on privacy rights, 1968 [U DCL/101/4]

Miners' Strike confrontation with police, c.1970s [U DPO/10/599]



# COMMUNISM

The subject of Communism is well represented amongst the collections in our holdings. Strengths are British Communism, printed material issued by the CPGB, the 1956 controversy and The New Left.

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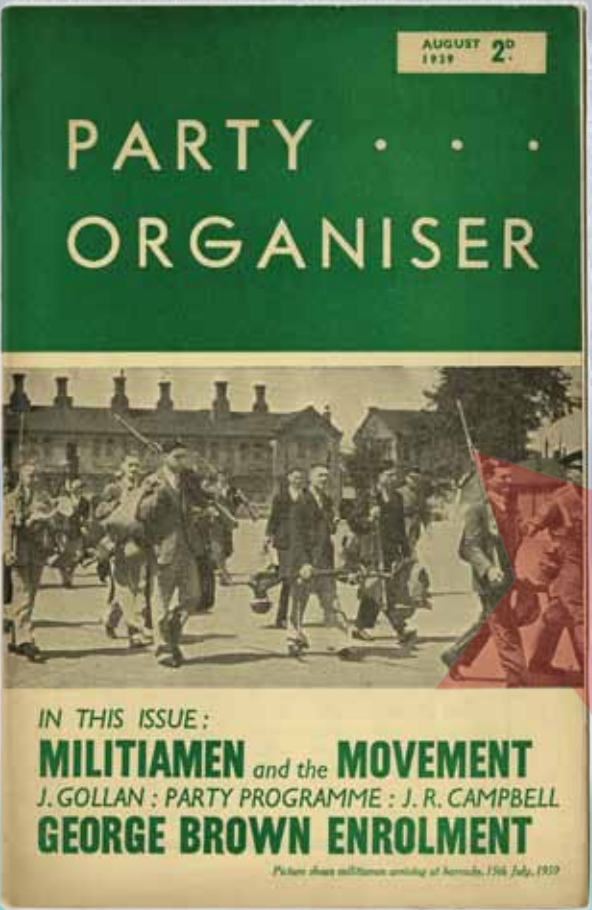
**Robin Page Arnott, 1880-1979 [U DAR]**

**Fact:** Born 1890, Arnott was a self-educated journalist and Communist Party member who was present at the founding congress of the Communist Party of Great Britain in 1920.

**Content:** Correspondence; minutes; notes; reports; notices; agenda; draft writings.

**Subjects Covered:** Miners' unions; Marx Memorial Library; William Morris Society; Communist Party of Great Britain; Arnott's writings and lectures; Willie Gallacher.

Miners' Strike confrontation with police, c.1970s [U DPO/10/599]



Journal of the Communist Party, 1939 [U DJS/4/8b]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Communist Party of Great Britain  
(Hull Branch), 1970-1989 [U DCP]**

**Fact:** Like the national CPGB party, the work of the Hull branch was informed by the teachings of Carl Marx, and a desire to replace Capitalism with Communism. Its focus was in the improvement of the lives of working people.

**Content:** Minutes; correspondence; subject files; notebooks; banner.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; congresses.

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- Workers International League, 1942 [U DP201]
- Revolutionary Communist Party, 1944-1947 [U DX211]
- Trotskyism, 1990 [U DX202]
- National Minority Movement, 1929-1930 [U DX218]
- 'The Week', 1934-1939 [U DX149]
- Mass Demonstration of Unemployed, 1928 [U DX255]
- British Soviet Friendship Society, 1952-1992 [U DX347]
- British Bulgarian Friendship Society, 1954-2013 [U DX378]
- John Saville, 1850s-2000s [U DJS]
- Jock Haston, 1913-1964 [U DJH]
- Ralph Miliband, c.1958 [U DX241]
- Tom Kemp, 1920s-1990s [U DTK]
- Pearl Lilley as a Member of the British Soviet Friendship Society, 1949-1991 [U DX367]

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- People's Convention, 1940-1942 [U DEV/1/21]
- People's Convention, 1940-1966 [U DYO/2/31]
- Winifred Holtby (search on 'Communism') [L WH]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

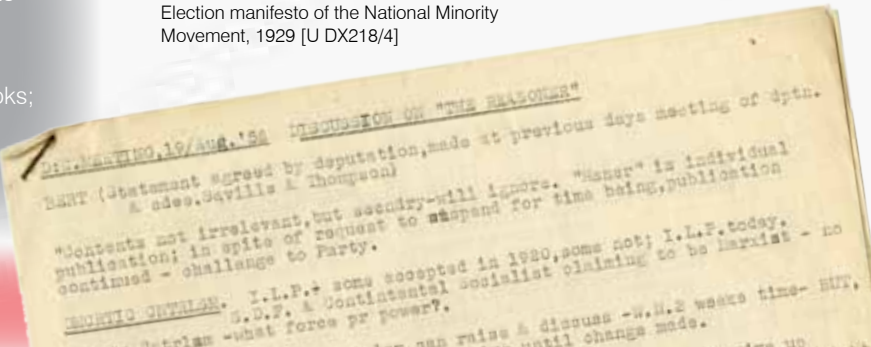
**International Marxist Group, 1955-1976 [U DMG]**

**Fact:** The group emerged in the 1960s, with Trotskyist and revolutionary aims. It was responsible for the publication of the journal, 'The Week', and wished to establish government based on direct democratic control by the people.

**Content:** Files containing minutes, balance sheets, notes, newsletters, bulletins, etc.

**Subjects Covered:** NHS; armed forces; overseas work (Africa, Indochina, Vietnam); conferences; world congress; trade union work; political events.

Election manifesto of the National Minority  
Movement, 1929 [U DX218/4]





# COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT

For anyone interested in the history of the Cooperative movement, there are a number of significant collections within our holdings. Strengths include women’s cooperation during the 20th century.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**The Cooperative Production Federation, 1896-1968 [U DCF]**

**Fact:** Formed in 1882 as part of the Cooperative Movement, the Federation sought to bring together 15 local producer-owned societies to help them find capital and markets for their goods. Its work was overtaken by the establishment in 1971 of the Industrial Common Ownership Movement.

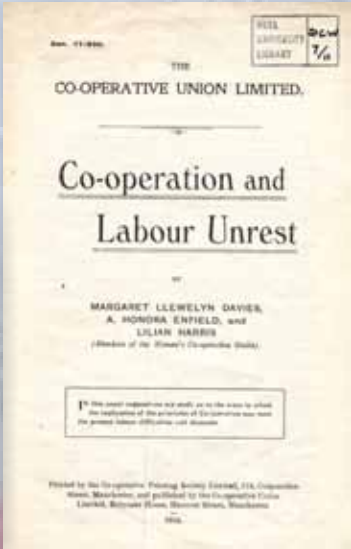
**Content:** Minutes; press cuttings; financial papers.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; footwear commodity committee; Stanton Memorial Scholarship committee.



Cooperative store window, c.1930s-1940s [U DHC/122a]

Pamphlet produced by the Cooperative Movement, 1919 [U DCW/7/11]



A Cooperative store premises, early 20th cent. [U DHC/121c]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**National Cooperative Women’s Guild, 1886-1971 [U DCW]**

**Fact:** The Guild has its origins in the Woman’s League for the Spread of Cooperation, formed in 1883 by Alice Acland and Mary Lawrenson. Its work involved the promotion of cooperative principles, and the betterment of the political, legal and social position of women through education, publications and campaigning.

**Content:** Minutes; annual reports; AGM and congress papers; rules; photographs; printed material.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; early years and formation; talks; congresses; overseas visitors; events and activities.



Diagram of the Cooperative Women's Guild structure, 1949 [U DCWH/9/5/5]

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- Cooperative Movement, 1830s [U DX205]
- Hull and East Riding Cooperative Society, 1950s [U DX293]
- Hull and East Riding Cooperative Society, 1858-1982 [U DHC]
- Cooperative Women’s Guild, 1933-1968 [U DX148]
- Cooperative Women’s Guild (Hull Branch), 1946-2006 [U DCWH]
- International Cooperative Women's Guild, 1921-1961 [U DCX]

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- Cooperative Women's Guild (Hull Branch), 1941-1968 [U DP161/56-57]
- Letter from Hull Cooperative Society to Mr. and Mrs. Crackel [C DFX/55/7]
- Records relating to Kingston High School, Hull High School for Girls and Hull Cooperative Society [C DIKC]
- Scrap Book relating to the Central Branch of the Hull Cooperative Women's Guild [C DMX/230]
- Meeting for the Establishment of a Co-operative Company in Hull [C WM/82]
- Co-operative development in Kingston upon Hull and District, by Samuel Marshall [C DBHM/16/56]
- Scrapbook of Hull Memorabilia, photographs and postcards [C DSCG/1]
- Letter and resolution from the Hull Co-operative Society and the enquiry into the Hull Charterhouse [C TCCH/3/35]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**East Yorkshire Friendly Society, 1789-1990 [U DFR]**

**Fact:** In 19th Century East Yorkshire there were over 350 Friendly Societies. This artificial collection brings together material from various branches.

**Content:** Rule books; branch records; directories; diaries; histories; placards.

**Subjects Covered:** Ancient Order of Foresters; Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Manchester Unity and Kingston Unity); Grand United Order of Odd Fellows; Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds; Order of the Sons of Temperance; United Order of Druids; National Equalized Druids Friendly Society; United Order of Free Gardeners.



# ECOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

A small but interesting area of our holdings relates to ecological and environmental politics. Strengths include animal rights and preservation, along with global environmental sustainability.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, 1865-1996 [U DBV]**

**Fact:** The first anti-vivisection societies started appearing in 1875. Miss Frances Power Cobbe founded the BUAV in 1898 to fight for the complete abolition, not just restriction, of the practice.

**Content:** Press cuttings; periodicals; campaign papers; subject files.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; Dorothy Hegarty; Democracy Working Group; membership; finances; property; branches; The Abolitionist; The Antivivisectionist; AV Times; Animal Welfare; Liberator; Rafton Pounder Bill; Mobilisation for Laboratory Animals; Royal College of Surgeons; Free Mone; Choose Cruelty Free; Health With Humanity; Paradise Lost.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Global Environment Facility, 1990-2002 [U DGEF]**

**Fact:** The GEF was established in 1991 to assist in the protection of the global environment, and to promote sustainable development, through the provision of grants and funding to various projects.

**Content:** Files containing minutes, reports, working papers, statements.

**Subjects Covered:** Conference of the Parties; United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity; Council meetings; Environmental Defence Fund; monitoring and evaluation; NGO consultation; Participants Assembly 1998; projects; restructure, replenishment and revision; STAP; Small Grants Programme; Rio+10 / World Summit on Sustainable Development; Incremental Costs; The World Bank; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.



Campaign poster produced by the BUAV, 1991 [U DBV/9/8d]



Bill for the preservation of Sea Birds, 1869 [U DSB/184a]

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- Beverley Open Minster Campaign, 1964-1987 [U DBE]
- George de Boer, 1231-2006 [U DDB]
- Eva Crackles, 1940s-1990s [U DEC]
- Hull friends of the Earth [L.7]

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- Kevin McNamara MP, 1947-2005 [U DMC]
- Austin Mitchell MP, 1954-2002 [U DMM]
- Photographs showing Dog Warden Service RSPCA building on Clough Road [C THD 3.307a.19-28; 3.307m.22-27]
- Winifred Holtby [L WH 1/1.12/03b; 2/2.30/02j; 3/3.21/03a]

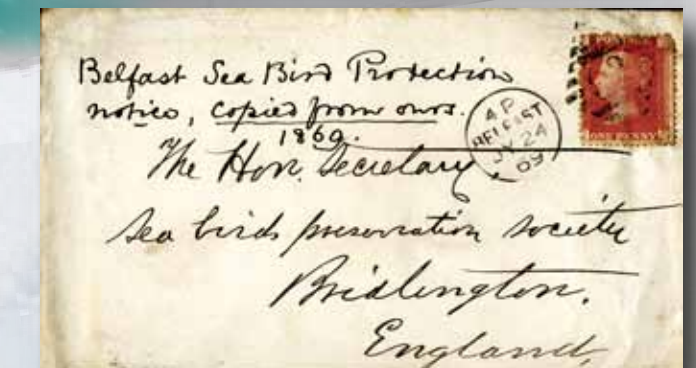
## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Association for the Protection of Sea Birds, 1834-2000 [U DSB]**

**Fact:** Founded by Reverend Henry Frederick Barnes-Lawrence and Reverend Francis Orpen Morris in 1868, the group campaigned for the protection of sea birds from hunting and egg collecting. Their early work culminated in the passing of the Sea Birds Preservation Act in June 1869.

**Content:** Mostly correspondence, but includes limited publicity material and photographs.

**Subjects Covered:** H.F. Barnes-Lawrence; F.O. Morris; Professor Alfred Newton; John Cordeaux; Frank Buckland; Christopher Sykes; Wild Fowl Bill; Sea Birds Preservation Bill; Flamborough Pilots; Wild Birds Protection Act.



Envelope containing notices sent from Belfast to Bridlington Sea Bird Protection Society, 1869 [U DSB/184b]



# INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Amongst our holdings, there are a number of significant collections which support the area of international human rights research. Strengths include immigration and welfare, the international legal system, and international campaigns.



Report on migrant workers in Gibraltar, c.1992 [U DJC/29/13]



JCWI anniversary programme, 1987 [U DJC/32/6]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Herbert Colin Creighton, 1973-1991 [U DX185]**

**Fact:** Creighton was a Sociology lecturer at the University of Hull, and was a committee member of the Hull Chile Solidarity Campaign, and also of the Hull Latin American Campaign.

**Content:** Subject files containing flyers, posters, minutes, circulars, newsletters and correspondence.

**Subjects Covered:** Chile Solidarity Campaign; Chile Committee for Human Rights; El Salvador Committee for Human Rights; El Salvador Solidarity Campaign; Hull Latin American Committee.

Human rights do not grow on trees, nor are they contained in a divine cornucopia from which they may rain on our undeserving heads. Human rights are entirely dependent on the will and the concerns of other people to grant those rights. Some of the ancient Greek philosophers expressed the view that justice was nothing more than the will of the man with the power to enforce it. This did not mean that justice was devalued, it only observed the pertinent truth that the value of justice is dependent on the power of the man who will support it, so it is also true that the value of the human rights we talk about is dependent entirely on the will and concerns of men. In this context I believe "concerns" to be the keyword.

Definition of Human Rights given by the Chair of the Human Rights Year Conference, 1968 [U DJU/9/2]



Photograph of Chris Mullin reporting on human rights abuses in the Far East, 1970s [U DMU/1]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, 1938-1993 [U DJC]**

**Fact:** The council was founded on 23 September 1967 at the Dominion Cinema in Southall, by 240 people representing a variety of immigrant groups in the UK. The council's activities have included the provision of assistance to persons immigrating to the UK, and also the undertaking of general campaign work.

**Content:** Minutes; reports; financial records; administrative papers; case papers; campaign files; subject files; periodicals; pamphlets; leaflets.

**Subjects Covered:** Immigrants Aid Trust; individual cases; East Africa; prisons; political asylum; ports.



## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, 1938-1993 [U DJC]
- Eric Lubbock MP, 1962-2014 (various issues) [U DML]
- Interights, 1982-2014 (legal perspective) [U DINR]
- Justice (British Section of the International Commission of Jurists), 1950-1991 (legal perspective) [U DJU]
- Chris Mullin, 1970-2010 [U DMU]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**John Platts-Mills, 1927-2001 [U DPM]**

**Fact:** Born 4 October 1906 in New Zealand, Platts-Mills was a barrister whose practice was in London. His work involved many human and civil rights cases, and he was a founding member of the National Council for Civil Liberties.

**Content:** Subject files; personal files; correspondence; desk diaries; files relating to legal cases and chambers business.

**Subjects Covered:** Amnesty International; international human rights work (including in Anguilla, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya and Venezuela).



Chile Solidarity Campaign postcard, c.1970s [U DX185/2/6]



# SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION THE LIBERTY ARCHIVE (U DCL)

## (FORMERLY NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES) 1908-1990

Liberty, formerly known as the National Council for Civil Liberties, is a campaign group which has been involved in the safeguarding of civil rights in Britain since its establishment in February 1934. The origins of the group can be seen in the 1932 hunger marches, which took place in protest against cuts to unemployment benefits and the introduction of a means test in Britain. Ronald Kidd was the driving force of the group in the 1930s, aided by Sylvia Scaffardi as the assistant secretary. In the first decade key issues included the fight against fascism, debate over censorship, and the Haworth Colliery Affair.

When Kidd died in 1942, Elizabeth Acland Allen took over as Secretary, and saw the group through WWII. Key issues at this time included defence of dissenters, conscientious objectors, aliens, internees, and press freedom. Following the war, mental health became a significant focus of the group's activities, which contributed significantly to the introduction of the Mental Health Act of 1959.

In 1960, Martin Ennals succeeded Allen as Secretary, and it was under his leadership that the Cobden Trust was established to undertake research and educational work in the field of civil liberties. Campaigns in the 1960s focused on the defence of minority groups' rights, including black immigrants, children, travellers, reluctant servicemen, and prisoners. The 1970s, 1980s and 1990s saw the defence of homosexual and women's rights, campaigns against miscarriages of justice, and involvement in data protection and privacy debates. Work continues to this day.

Photograph of a Liberty demonstration against the Criminal Justice Bill, 1994 [U DCL/1046/95]



Newsletter produced by NCCL, 1970 [U DCL/101/13]



Photograph of a campaign event organised by Liberty, 20th cent. [U DCL/833]



Pamphlet produced by Liberty, 1941 [U DCL/100/16]



Booklet produced by Liberty, 1951 [U DCL/100/35]

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Material in this collection would be beneficial to researchers looking at numerous aspects of civil rights campaigning in the 20th century.

Specific uses could include:

- Written history of the people associated with, and activities of, the organisation
- Case study in the development of civil rights campaigning in 20th century Britain

Files could also be used to illustrate alternative perspectives within wider research into the following issues:

- Anti-fascism campaigning
- Police powers, authority and public order
- Miscarriages of justice, including the Birmingham Six
- Public inquiries
- Censorship and press freedom
- Refugees, asylum, and immigration
- Capital punishment
- Prisoners and prisons
- Women's rights
- Gay rights
- Children's rights
- Criminal justice system

## COLLECTION CONTENT:

The collection contains extensive subject files, which include correspondence, reports, pamphlets, printed material, and press cuttings.





# SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

## MP'S PAPERS, 20TH CENTURY.

A significant area of our holdings relates to the work and activities of Members of Parliament. Particular strengths are left-wing politicians, individuals with human and civil rights campaigning backgrounds, and MPs with a connection to Hull.

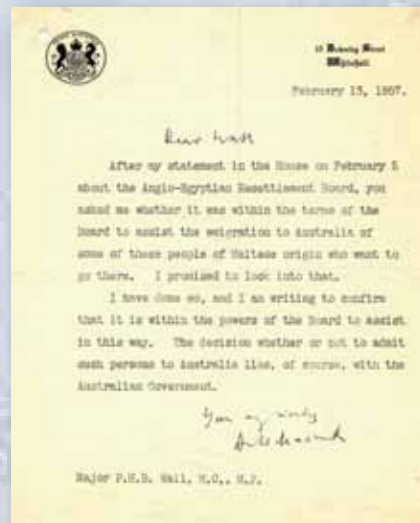
### SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

#### Sir Patrick Wall, 1890-1992 [U DPW]

**Fact:** Born 1916, Wall was a Conservative MP for Haltemprice (later Beverley Constituency) from 1954 to his retirement in 1987. He was Parliamentary Private Secretary to Minister of Agriculture (1955-1957) and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (1958-1959), thereafter being a leading backbencher.

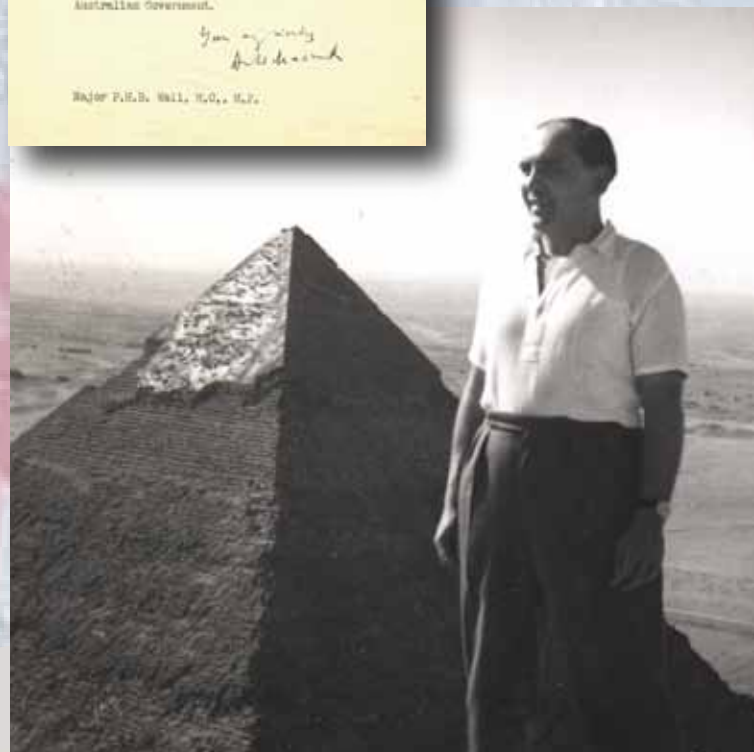
**Content:** Diaries; constituency and case files; subject files; writings; speeches; correspondence; posters; publications; photographs.

**Subjects Covered:** Local issues; Conservative Party; parliamentary career; agriculture; defence; education; elections; fisheries; immigration; military; Roman Catholicism and Pro Fide; youth; 92 Committee; Monday Club; North Atlantic Assembly; Western European Union; World Anti Communist League; Africa; Far East; Commonwealth; Malta; Middle East.



Letter from Harold MacMillan to Patrick Wall regarding resettlement of Anglo-Egyptians, 1967 [U DPW/59/45]

Patrick Wall, c.1954-1955 [U DPW/84/123]



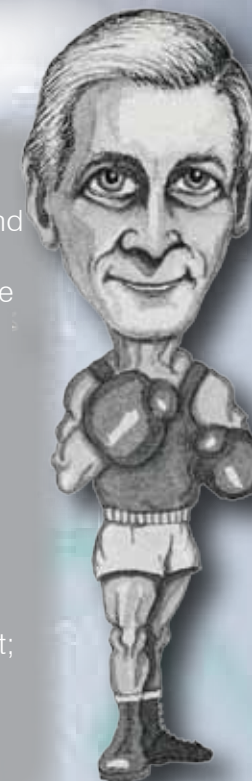
### SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

#### Eric Lubbock, 1962-2014 [U DML]

**Fact:** Born 1928, Lubbock (also the 4th Baron Avebury) was a Liberal Party MP. He stood for Orpington from 1962 until 1970, and served as Liberal Party Whip 1964-1970. He undertook a significant amount of work in the fields of human rights and race relations.

**Content:** Subject files containing correspondence, working papers, press cuttings, pamphlets etc.

**Subjects Covered:** Parliamentary Civil Liberties Group; Institute of Race Relations; British Parliamentary Human Rights Group; Liberal Democrat Foreign Affairs Team; Tibet; Indonesia; East Timor; Bangladesh; Kurdish and Armenian rights in Turkey; the Romany people.



Caricature of Eric Lubbock by Arnott, 1983 [U DML/69]

### SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

#### Joseph Kevin McNamara, 1947-2005 [U DMC]

**Fact:** Born 1934, McNamara served as Labour MP for various Hull constituencies continuously from 1966 until his retirement in 2005.

**Content:** Subject files; scrap books of press cuttings; constituency correspondence; general correspondence; desk diaries; speeches.

**Subjects Covered:** Labour Party; local issues; Hull City Council; parliamentary career; Transport and General Workers Union; Northern Ireland; defence; animal welfare; overseas development



Kevin McNamara, 1992 [UDMC/3329]

### COLLECTION CONTENT:

MPs collections typically contain subject files, constituency correspondence, speeches, press cuttings, election ephemera, photographs, publications and diaries or draft memoirs.

### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

Material in this collection would be beneficial to researchers looking at the election, activities and interests of British politicians in the 20th century.

Specific uses could include:

- Evidence gathering in relation to individual election campaigns
- Study of Parliamentary speech making
- Research into individual members of Parliamentary committees
- Study looking at the opinions of contemporary politicians on a given subject within a specific time period
- Research into individual members of Independent inquiries
- Study of media representation of politicians
- Research into a specific subject



# SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

## MP'S PAPERS, 20TH CENTURY.

### SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

#### John Prescott, 1966-2001 [U DMR]

**Fact:** Born 1938, Prescott was elected MP for Hull East in 1970, and was a senior Labour Party figure, serving as Deputy Prime Minister following the 1997 General Election.

**Content:** Constituency correspondence; general correspondence; subject files.

**Subjects Covered:** Local issues; Labour Party; parliamentary career; fishing; employment; shipping industry; transport; 1997 leadership election; Armenia and the Council of Europe; Kyoto, climate change and the environment; Iraq and the Chilcot Enquiry; campaign for Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside; the Maastricht Treaty; privatisation of Parcelforce and British Rail; coal mine closures; the Channel Tunnel; defence expenditure.

John Prescott, 1995-1996 [U DMR/1912]



Anne Kerr at an anti-Vietnam War protest, c.1966-1970 [U DMK/1/224]

### SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

#### Harry Pursey, 1917-1971 [U DPU]

**Fact:** Born 1891, Pursey had careers in the navy and journalism, before becoming a politician. He was elected Labour MP for Hull East in 1945 and held the seat until 1970.

**Content:** Correspondence by subject; constituency correspondence; correspondence by individuals; subject files; press cuttings.

**Subjects Covered:** Local issues; elections; flooding; docks; defence; Hornsea Children's Convalescent Hospital; Labour Party; ministerial work; unions; pensions; pilots; parliamentary questions; railways; spectacles; unemployment; Water Resource Bill 1963.

### SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

#### Roy Sydney George Hattersley, 1970s-1990s [U DRH]

**Fact:** Born 1932, Hattersley was a Labour MP who served as MP for Sparkbrook from 1963. He was Deputy Leader of the party from 1983-1992. He was also joint chairman of the Labour Solidarity Campaign in the 1980s.

**Content:** Correspondence; minutes and committee papers; speeches; writings; photographs; AV material; press cuttings.

**Subjects Covered:** Labour Solidarity Campaign 1981-1988; elections; Labour Party internal politics.

### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:

Specific collections could also be used to support studies and biographical works relating to the following individuals:

- Patrick Wall, 2006 [U DX306]
- Daniel Chater, 1951 [U DX237]
- Robert Arthur Taylor, 1928 [U DX112]
- Barry Sheerman, 1910-1990s [U DX327]
- Alan Johnson, 1970s-2017 [U DAAJ]
- Benjamin Theaker Parkin, 1918-1975 [U DBP]
- Clive Soley, 1973-2004 [U DCS]
- Bernard Floud, 1923-1969 [U DFL]
- Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, 1966-1999 [U DHY]
- James Johnson, 1940s-1980s [U DJJ]
- Hastings Bertrand Lees-Smith, 1909-1990 [U DLS]
- John Ellis, 1964-1979 [U DME]
- Frank Hooley, 1948-1970 [U DMH]
- Peter Jackson, 1966-1970 [U DMJ]
- Anne Patricia Kerr, 1952-1973 [U DMK]
- Austin Mitchell, 1954-2002 [U DMM]
- Charles George Ammon, 1886-1971 [U DMN]
- Will Howie, 1950-1970 [U DMO]
- Christopher Price, 1947-2000 [U DMP]
- Chris Mullin, 1970-2010 [U DMU]
- David Winnick, 1966-1990 [U DMW]
- Elliot Morley, 1988-1994 [U DMY]
- Patrick Cormack, 1990s-2000s [U DPK]
- Roy Sydney Hattersley, 1970s-1997 [U DRH]
- Barry Sheerman, 1910-1990s [U DX327]
- Robert Arthur Taylor, 1928 [U DX112]

Christopher Mullin, c.1980s [U DMU]





# SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

## THE PAPERS OF PROFESSOR JOHN SAVILLE, 1850S-2000S (U DJS)

Saville (b.1916-d.2009) was a Marxist historian, member of the Communist Party of Great Britain and the Party's Historians' Group. He joined the Party whilst studying at LSE, where he was taught by Harold Laski. He undertook voluntary work for the Union of Democratic Control, and was involved in the National Unemployed Workers' Movement. He spent WWII in Britain, but was posted to Karachi following D-Day. His final days in India saw the beginnings of the Drigh Road RAF Mutiny and the Forces Parliament at Deolali.

Photograph of Professor John Saville, c.1970s [U DJS]



After being demobilized, he was employed at the Ministry of Works, before being appointed to a teaching position at Hull University. Here, he was instrumental in the formation of the Lecturing and Administrative Staff Association, and, alongside John Griffith, he established the Council for Academic Freedom and Democracy. He joined the local branch of the Communist Party and took on responsibility for the Hull branch of the British Soviet Friendship Society. He also ran a series of summer speakers' classes for trade unionists and militant workers, and taught on a North East District Miners' School.

In 1956, Saville, alongside E.P. Thompson, was instrumental in a major rift within the Communist Party, and this led to their resignation and to the formation of the 'New Left' movement. Contention centred on objections to the Soviet Union's invasion of Hungary, and divisions deepened when Saville and Thompson began publishing 'The Reasoner' and 'The New Reasoner' discussion journals. Saville, nevertheless, remained a committed Marxist, never joining the Labour Party. He edited the Socialist Register with Ralph Miliband, and brought to life G.D.H. Cole's vision of a 'Dictionary of Labour Biography' with Dr Joyce Bellamy.



Letterhead for The New Reasoner edited by Saville and E.P. Thompson, c.1957-1958 [U DJS/2/1/26]

## Air chief saw red over 'mutiny'

A FORMER Hull University lecturer figures in a just-published book which tells the story of the activities of Communists in the forces in the mid-1940s.

Mr John Saville, a professor of economic history until his retirement, was at a protest meeting in India in 1945 which was officially described as a mutiny.



This is one of a number of incidents described in the book "The days of the Good Soldiers" by Richard Kisch and published by Journeyman Press at £5.95.

Some of these, says Mr Kisch, have been written out of official histories of the 1939-45 War and he has compiled his book from interviews, private documents, diaries and legal papers.

After years of wartime hardship, the movement within the forces sowed the seeds of a movement which swept Labour into power in the immediate postwar years.

The incident in which Mr Saville was involved occurred at Drigh Road, Karachi, which was the chief maintenance depot for the RAF.

It was triggered off by an

order that at the CO's parade the heavy serge of formal RAF uniform should be worn rather than lightweight tropical dress.

Sweltering in temperatures topping 100 degrees Fahrenheit, the other ranks, most of them with trade union backgrounds, staged a strike.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park described it as mutiny, however. Nevertheless, it ultimately led to improvements in conditions.

At the time, Mr Saville, then a QMS with six years' service behind him was passing through Karachi and he is recorded as saying: "The decision was not just a RAF affair. It was a matter for the whole Communist group in Karachi of which I was a member."

He had been away, ostensibly at Bombay University, on a special course.

He admits in the book that he was in serious trouble with his headquarters because it was apparently unheard of in the Indian Army for a man to get five months' leave for study purposes. . . . "a period which I used almost entirely for political work with the Indian Communist Party."

Mr Saville, who has lived in Hull for 40 years, politely declined to comment on the Karachi incident, though he has read the book by Mr Kisch, who he knows.

Frequently active in left-wing politics, Mr Saville has completed the first draft of his memoirs and it is likely that his involvement in the Indian incident will be detailed in them.

Press cutting relating to Saville's involvement in the RAF Mutiny in India in 1945 [U DJS/1/58]

### COMMUNIST PARTY PROBLEMS

#### Journal a "Breach of Discipline"?

Mr John Saville, joint editor with Mr Edward Thompson of "The Reasoner," a journal launched in July as a vehicle for the frank discussion of the problems of the British Communist party, last night declined to comment on a report in the current issue of "Tribune" that the executive committee of the party is considering their expulsion or suspension.

"The Reasoner" was designed to appear every two months, and the second number, to quote Mr Saville,

Press cutting relating to the possible expulsion of Saville from the Communist Party, 1956 [U DJS/1/60]



National Council of Labour 'May Day' speech, 1937 [U DJS/4/28]

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Material in this collection would be beneficial to researchers looking at numerous aspects of civil rights campaigning in the 20th century.

Specific uses could include:

- Biography of Saville
- Case study within an investigation of the University of Hull's left-wing politics during 20th century
- Fallout from the Hungarian Episode and Khrushchev's 'Secret Speech', within the Communist Party in Britain
- Birth and development of the New Left Movement in Britain during the 1950s and 1960s (including The Reasoner, The New Reasoner and the New Left Review)
- Case study within a wider investigation of the birth and development of movements (focus on publishing and letter writing as mechanisms)
- Berufsverbot campaign
- British Soviet Friendship Society
- Council for Academic Freedom
- Communist Party Historians' Group
- Communist Party Summer School of 1939
- Dictionary of Labour Biography
- Fife Socialist League
- Fire Brigades Union
- Hull University students and the Lister Street sit-in
- May Day Manifesto
- Drigh Road RAF Mutiny
- Portuguese Guinea Campaign
- Socialist Register

Studies of the following individuals within Communism and the New Left might also be supported:

- Dorothy and E.P. Thompson
- Victor Kiernan
- Chimen Abramsky
- Dona Torr
- Doris Lessing
- Eric Hobsbawm
- Margot Jeffreys
- Marion Kozak
- Ralph Miliband
- Mervyn Jones
- Raphael Samuel
- Robin Page Arnot
- Ruth and Edmund Frow
- Tariq Ali





# LOCAL POLITICS

By virtue of Hull History Centre being, in part, a local authority record office, many of our holdings relate to local government and politics. Strengths include governance of the city of Hull, the practical operation of political policies regarding policing and crime, elections and the appointment and activities of officials, and local revolts and protests. There are also a number of collections relating to specific local issue campaigns in the 20th century.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

Hull Corporation Bench Books, 1445-1835 [C BRB]

**Fact:** The bench books were created by a group of officials serving as Justices of the Peace (magistrates), who were responsible for the governance and administration of the town before the establishment of a town council in the 1830s.

**Content:** Bound volumes containing the minutes of corporation meetings recording business, decisions, resolutions and orders.

**Subjects Covered:** Licensing; appointment of officials; political events; markets; protests and uprisings; regulation of hospitals, asylums, workhouses and gaols; taxation; operation of the poor law; petitions.



Certificate of Arms granted to the Corporation and Town of Hull, 1951 [C TMD/1]

Designs for a pendant for the Sheriff of Hull, n.d. [C TCC/1/9579]



Article from the Hull Daily Mail, 15 Mar 2005 [C TCM/139]



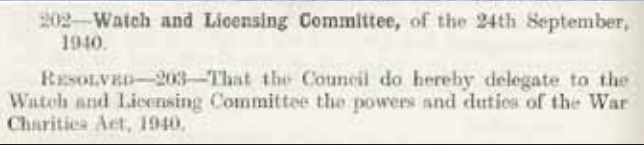
## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

Hull Town (later City) Council Minutes, 1876-1995 [C TCM] and Reports, 1839-2006 [C TCR]

**Fact:** In 1836, responsibility for the governance and administration of the town was reconstituted and a town council was created.

**Content:** Minutes; reports.

**Subjects Covered:** Local governance; parks and public spaces; health; prisons; finance; charities; property; burial grounds; markets; petitions.



Extract from minutes of Council, 10 Oct 1940 [C TCM/2/53/1 p.124]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

Spotlight Collection: Local Newspapers [L]

**Fact:** The Local Studies collection contains a large number of local newspapers, which detail political and current events of the day.

**Content:** Hull Packet, 1787-1886; Hull Advertiser, 1794-1867; Hull Rockingham, 1808-1840; Eastern Counties Herald, 1838-1884; Hull Times (City and County Editions), 1857-1984; Eastern Morning News, 1864-1929; Hull Daily News/Evening News, 1884-1930; Hull Daily Mail, 1885-present; The Hull Sentinel, 1928-1963.

**Subjects Covered:** Political events; elections; protests; local political figures; council events; council decisions; town planning; use of public space; reactions to criminal activity; etc.

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- East Yorkshire Action Group, 1974 -1994 [U DEY]
- Town Council for Beverley Campaign, 1994-1999 [U DX394]
- Hull Corporation Charters, 1299-1699 [C BRC]
- Local Acts of Parliament, 1705-1844 [U DX227]
- Local Acts of Parliament, 1867-1989 [U DP175]
- Association of British Counties, 1841-2016 [U DAB]
- Local Acts of Parliament, 18th-20th cent. [C SRL/A]

## USEFUL LOCAL STUDIES

### REFERENCE NUMBERS:

- Politics [L.320]
- Fascism (history) [L.320.5]
- Feudalism [L.321.3]
- Elections, parliamentary [L.324]
- Registers of electors and Poll Books [L.324.241]
- Elections, corruption [L.324.27]
- Suffrage reform [L.324.28]
- Colonization [L.325]
- Immigration [L.325.2]
- Refugees/Asylum Seekers [L.325.21]
- Migrant workers [L.325]
- Diplomats [L. 327]
- Members of parliament [L.328]
- Parliamentary boundaries [L.328.3345]
- Political parties [L.329]
- Liberal/Lib Dem party [L.329.4]
- Communist party [L.329.5]
- Radical parties [L.329.6]
- Conservative party [L.329.7]
- Labour party/socialist party [L.329.85]
- Democracy, industrial [L.331.152]
- Wages [L.331.2]
- Occupations [L.331.7]
- Strikes [L.331.892]
- Enclosures [L.333.2]
- Building societies [L.334.1]
- Insurance societies [L.334.3]
- Co-operative societies [L.334.5]
- Friendly societies [L.334.7]
- Tithes [L.336.21]
- Poor law [L.339.1]
- Sanctuaries [L.340.3]
- Local government [L.352]
- Local elections [L.352.004]



# PACIFISM

Scattered throughout our holdings are a multitude of small collections on the subject of 20th century pacifism. Strengths amongst these records include conscientious objection, anti-conscription campaigning, and anti-Vietnam War material.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Pacifism and Conscientious Objectors, 1889-1971 [U DX76]**

**Fact:** This is a collection of collated material gathered by P. Smith relating to the Manchester peace movement and various C.O.s including Joe Davies and E. Stanley.

**Content:** Cartoons; poems; statements; press cuttings; demonstration notices; pamphlets; C.O. accounts and defences.

**Subjects Covered:** No More War Movement; Peace Pledge Union; Manchester demonstrations and peace movement activities; Arthur Morrison.



Postcard of a Conscientious Objector receiving a visitor at Wakefield Gaol, c.1918 [U DX76/7]



Anti-Vietnam War poster, 1969 [U DYO/12/105]

Poem on conscientious objection, 20th cent. [U DX135/21]



## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Anne Patricia Kerr MP, 1952-1973 [U DMK]**

**Fact:** Kerr was a radical left Labour MP, first elected as an MP for Rochester and Chatham in 1964. She was a strong proponent of the anti-Vietnam war and nuclear disarmament movements, a human rights campaigner, and a founding member of the Committee of 100 and of Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

**Content:** Subject files containing photographs, correspondence, reports, statements, speeches, petition forms, press cuttings, minutes.

**Subjects Covered:** Disarmament; Vietnam Medical Aid; Conference of Women to End the War in Vietnam; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; British Council for Peace in Vietnam; Stockholm Conference on Vietnam; Japanese Congress Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs 1966.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Edgar Philip Young and Amicia More Young, 1900-1977 [U DYO/10 and U DYO/12]**

**Fact:** Edgar Young and his wife Amicia were 20th century campaigners for peace. Edgar was a member of the British National Committee of the International Peace Campaign, whilst Amicia worked as a member of the British Council (later Campaign) for Peace in Vietnam.

**Content:** Re International Peace Campaign (IPC), 1934-1941: Correspondence; leaflets; pamphlets; circulars; bulletins; and conference papers. Also re British Campaign for Peace in Vietnam (BCPV), 1965-1972: minutes; reports; agenda; statements of accounts; bulletins; correspondence; posters; and photographs.

**Subjects Covered:** IPC – speeches, tours and visits, conferences, Students for Peace, Farmers for Peace, World Peace Congress 1936; BCPV – meetings, speakers, supporters and sponsors, National Vietnam Week 1967, Medical Aid Committee for Vietnam.

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- **No Conscription Fellowship (Willesden Branch), 1916-1968 [U DCO]**
- **Conscientious Objection and WWI, 1916-1917 [U DX156]**
- **Liberty (formerly National Council for Civil Liberties), 1908-1990s [U DCL]**
- **Robin Page Arnot, 1880-1979 [U DAR]**
- **Kenneth Hibbert, 1933-1985 [U DX176]**
- **Frank Westrope, 1917-1959 [U DX135]**
- **Winifred and Frank Horrabin, 1916-1945 [U DX283]**
- **Socialists in Higher Education and the Peace Movement, 1963-1969 [U DX319]**
- **Union of Democratic Control, 1910-1974 [U DDC; U DX215; U DX216]**
- **League of Nations Union (Hull branch), 1921-1937 [L DSLN]**
- **Hull Christians for Peace, 1985-2003 [L DSCP]**
- **Hull Action for Peace, 1978-1988 [U DX225]**
- **International Voluntary Service, 20th cent. [U DIVS]**

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- **George de Boer, 1938-1947 [U DDB/1/5/1]**
- **Central Board for Conscientious Objectors, 1944 [U DSF/5/63]**
- **John Saville, 1850s-2000s [U DJS/1/12; U DJS/4/33]**
- **John Platts-Mills QC [U DPM/2/47-55]**





# SOCIALISM

There are a number of small but interesting collections within our holdings that relate to socialism. Strengths include socialism and health provision, the grass-roots Labour Movement, and Labour politics.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

### Socialist Health Association, 1912-2010 [U DSM]

**Fact:** Formed in 1930, the association campaigned for the establishment of a socialised medical service, and achieved its aims when the National Health Service was established in 1948.

**Content:** Minutes, reports, correspondence, subject files, circulars, press releases, financial papers, and photographs.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; National Health Service Act 1948; health services in other countries in the early 1950s; Clean Air Act 1956 campaigning; visit to Soviet Union 1958; 1950s campaign against tuberculosis; defence of the NHS; Charter for Health 1981.

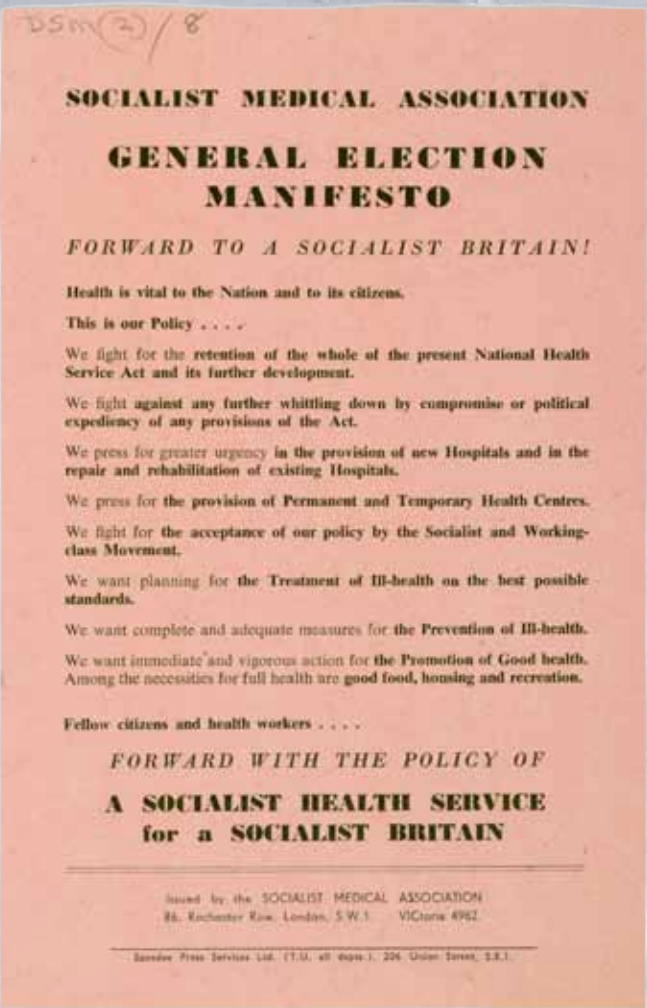
## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

### Dictionary of Labour Biography, 1816-1999 [U DLB]

**Fact:** The Dictionary of Labour Biography was the brainchild of G.D.H. Cole, and was brought to fruition by John Saville and Joyce Bellamy at Hull University. The original aim of the dictionary was to create biographical entries for all members of the Labour movement, including the rank and file, not just the big personalities

**Content:** Subject research files containing notes, correspondence, press cuttings, pamphlets, etc.

**Subjects Covered:** 19th and 20th century Individuals involved in the Labour Movement; volumes 1-10 of the Dictionary.



Election manifesto of the SMA, c.1945 [U DSM2/8]

'Social Reformers' stamp designs for Robert Owen and others, 1976 [U DLB/6/54]



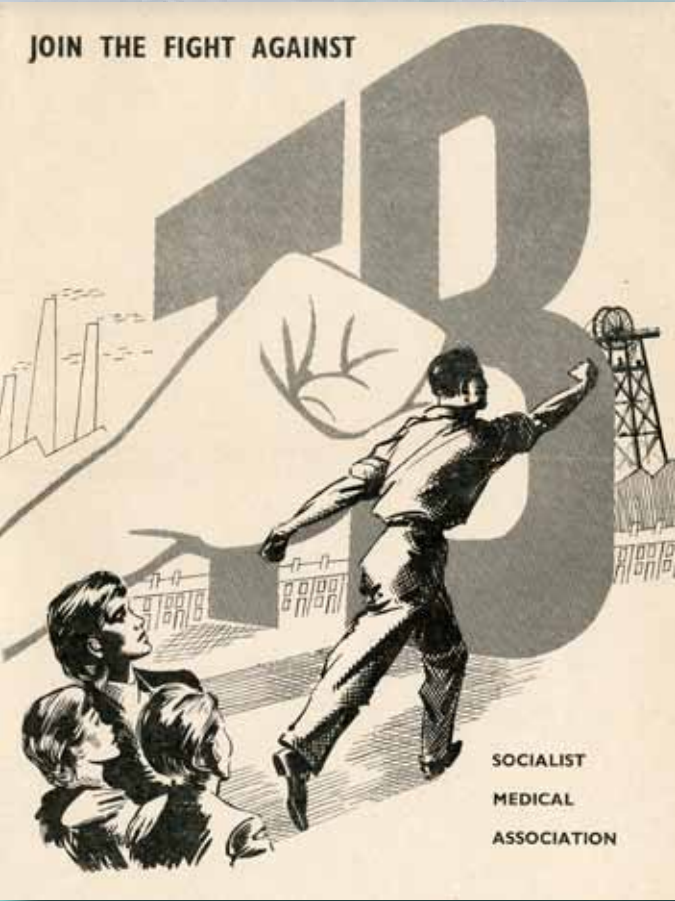
## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

### Social Democratic Party (Beverley and Haltemprice Branch), 1974-1990 [U DSD]

**Fact:** The SDP was formed in early 1981 by disaffected members of the Labour Party Shirley Williams, David Owen, William Rodgers and Roy Jenkins. Shortly after, an alliance was formed with the Liberal Party, which would lead to the end of the SDP in 1990.

**Content:** Minutes; accounts; election and publicity material; circulars; correspondence; press cuttings; newsletters; constitution; White and Green papers; leaflets; pamphlets.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; membership; elections; The Limehouse Group; policy; Campaign for Fair Votes; health; Tawney Society; defence and disarmament; education; economics; women.



Socialist Medical Association anti-TB campaign poster, 20th cent. [U DSM1/6/17]

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- **Social Democratic Federation (J.E. Barlas), 1886-1948 [U DX78]**
- **Somerville Hastings, 1860-1965 [U DSH]**
- **Socialist Sunday School, 1892-1962 [U DX330]**
- **Harold Laski, 1910-1977 [U DLA; U DES; U DX262; U DX268; U DX320; U DP173; U DX396; U DP216; U DP217]**
- **John Saville, 1850s-2000s [U DJS]**
- **Ralph Miliband, c.1958 [U DX241]**
- **Socialists in Higher Education and the Peace Movement, 1963-1969 [U DX319]**
- **Hull Fabian Society, 1943-1948 [U DX217]**
- **Labour Party (Public Health Advisory Committee), 1941-1965 [U DX142]**
- **Hull Labour Party, 1955-1973 [U DX124; U DLP]**
- **Yorkshire Regional Council of the Labour Party (and Campaign for Labour Party Democracy), 1973-1991 [U DX222]**
- **Reginald Francis Orlando Bridgeman, 1921-1953 [U DBN]**
- **John Saville, 1850s-2000s [U DJS]**
- **Labour Solidarity Campaign, 1981-2003 [U DX315]**
- **National Council of Labour Colleges, 1943-1954 [U DX70]**
- **North Hull Tribune Society, 1957-1962 [U DX333]**
- **Records collected by Hon. Alderman John Atkinson relating to socialism and housing action trust in Hull [C DIAA]**

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- **Labour Solidarity Campaign, 1981-1988 [U DRH/1]**
- **Boots diary for 1936 – containing dates of Labour party meetings and election addresses, chiefly of Labour candidates in Hull Municipal elections [C DFX/9/4]**
- **Papers relating to a Labour Party Municipal Campaign [C DIPD/2]**
- **Hull Labour Friends of Israel [C DJC/1/24]**



# TRADE UNIONISM

For anyone interested in trade unions and the individuals involved in the movement, our holdings offer a unique research opportunity. A major area of strength is the operation of local branches of national unions.

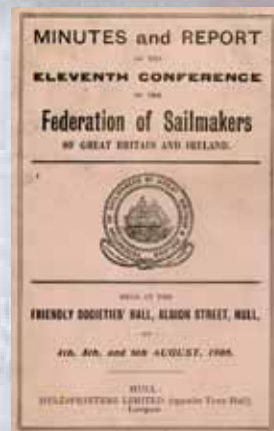
## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**General and Municipal Workers' Union (Hull Branch No.1), 1912-1974 [U DX102]**

**Fact:** The Union began life in 1912 as the Municipal Employees Association, which met in Foresters Hall, Hull, and was a section of the National Amalgamated Workers Union.

**Content:** Minute books.

**Subjects Covered:** Municipal Employees Association; formation; activities; work conditions; individual wages; comparative wage rates.



Federation of Sailmakers conference report, 1908 [C DUS/1/1]



Rules of the Registered Pharmacists' Union, 1946 [C DSCA/1/10]

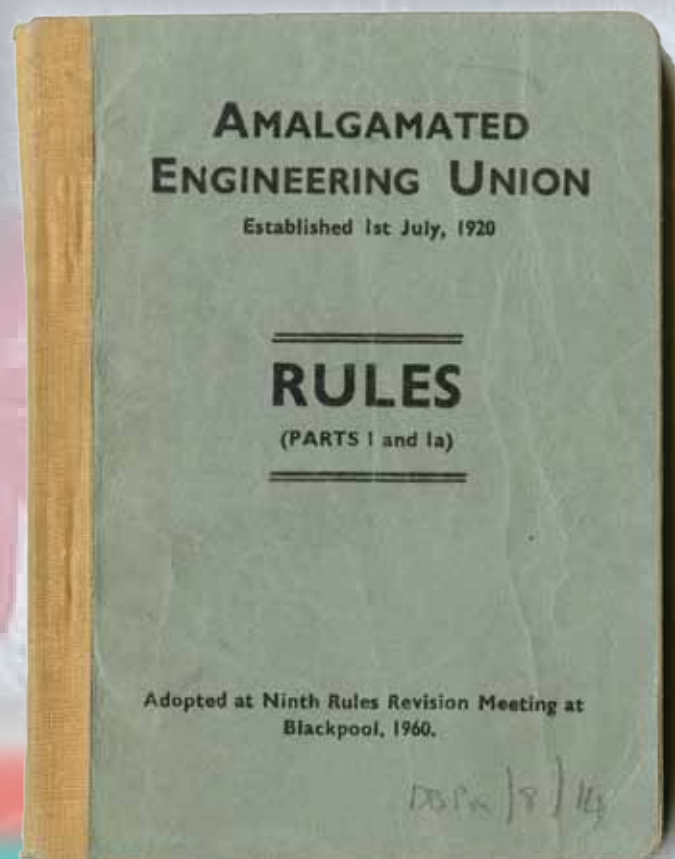
## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Transport and General Workers Union (Region 10: Docks and Waterways), 1951-1990 [U DTG]**

**Fact:** Region 10 covered mainly Hull and Goole. The collection was collated by Brian Barker in his capacity as Regional Docks and Waterways Officer.

**Content:** Minutes; correspondence; nomination lists; declaration forms; reports; circulars.

**Subjects Covered:** Branches; Hull Docks District Committee; Hull Joint Port Working Committee; National Council for the Port Transport Industry; National Dock Labour Board; Joint Council for British Waterways Wages Grade Staff; British Waterways Board; ACAS; MV Antama; dock strike 1980; Dock Work Regulation Bill; manning and wages dispute 1982-1983; National Voluntary Severance Scheme; Timothy O'Leary Special Hardship Fund; United Towing (Ocean Tugs) Ltd negotiations; individual cases.



Rules of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, 1960 [C DPM/8/14]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Amalgamated Engineering Union, 1861-1988 [C DUE]**

**Fact:** The AEU goes back to the formation of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in 1851, and has been through several name changes as and when new unions have merged with it. These records relate to the Hull 2nd branch.

**Content:** Minutes; membership records; financial papers.

**Subjects Covered:** Membership; meetings; registration; benefits; contributions; finances.

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- Arthur Duckham & Co, London, letter – complaint against the attitude of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers [C DBGC/2/3]
- Rules of the Amalgamated Engineering Union [CDBPM/8/14]
- Account of expenses in connection with the strike of moulders [C DBR/979]
- Letter from James Downs to his cousin [C DBR/1484]
- The Rules of the Amalgamated Engineering Union [C DBR/1888]
- Working rules agreed between Hull Iron Trades Employers' Association and the Amalgamated Engineering Union [C DBR/1892]
- Agreement between HFVOA and the National Union of Gasworkers and General Labourers as to the remuneration of coalworkers [C DBTH/7/76]
- "The Paris Agreement" between the Union of Icelandic Trawler Owners, the British Trawlers Federation and the Aberdeen Fishing Vessel Owners' Association relating to landing of Icelandic caught fish in the United Kingdom [C DBTH/15/106]
- The East Hull Women's Local Option Union, later the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union [C DCE/576]
- National Union of Seamen Contribution books belonging to Albert Coulman [C DINC/2]
- Federated Seamen's Union of Australasia Contributions book of Samuel Rayner [C DIRA/4]
- Records for Local Charities, Friendly and Building Societies [C DMX/5]
- Constitution of Registered Pharmacists' Union [C DSCA/1/10]
- Minutes of the meetings of the members and committee, enclosing copies of the rules, list of members and certificate of registration as a Trade Union [C DSF/1]
- Townswomen's Guild Constitutions of Guilds, Federations and the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds [C DSTG/18]

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- National Union of Women, 1914-1917 [U DX359]
- Seamen's Union, 1936-1958 [U DX69]
- National Union of Seamen, 1944-1964 [U DX334]
- Local Trade Union Records, 1936-1971 [U DX296]
- National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (Hull and District Association), 1919-2013 [U DSA]
- Humber Amalgamated Steam Trawlers', Engineers' and Firemen's Union, 1906-1914 [U DX393]
- TUC General Council (Walter Greendale), 1977-1981 [U DTU]
- Amalgamated Slaters, Tilers and Roofing Operatives Society (Hull Branch), 1891-1967 [U DSS]
- Hull Trades Council and Various Hull Unions, 1893-1968 [U DP161]
- Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers (Hull Branch No.1), 1862-1945 [U DX116]
- National Union of Public Employees, 1700s-1987 [U DX125]
- Industrial Relations Act, 1963-1974 [U DX127]
- Hull Trade Union Branches (Various), 1907-1954 [U DX131]
- Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (Hull District), 1863-1928 [U DX154]
- Trade Union Agreements and Related Papers from Professor R.H. Barback, 1949-1957 [U DX159]
- United Society of Boiler Makers and Iron and Steel Shipbuilders (Local Branches), 1905-1976 [U DX168]
- Trades Councils (Annual Conference), 1946 [U DX234]
- National Union of Agricultural Workers (East Riding Branches), 1936-1964 [U DX246]
- Joe Kerman's records relating to Hull docks and other ports [C DIJK]
- Records of the National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO), Hull and District Branch and its predecessors [C DUN]
- Records Relating to The Plumbing Union, Hull Lodge [C DSPU]
- Minute books of the Hull branches of Painters' Unions and societies [C DSUP]
- Records of the Hull Branch of the National Clerks' Association [C DUC]
- Records of the Amalgamated Engineering Union [C DUE]
- Records of the National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO), Hull and District Branch and its predecessors [C DUN]
- Minute books of the East Riding section of the Hull and District Branch of the National Union of Teachers [C DUNT]
- Records of the Federation of Sailmakers of Great Britain and Ireland [C DUS]
- Records of the Hull 4th Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers [C DUW]
- Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers: Hull Branch [L DUBT]
- Hull and District Printing and Kindred Trades Association, 1938-1974 [L DUPT]
- National Union of Teachers, 1899-1903 [L DUNT]



# UNIVERSITY AND STUDENT POLITICS

Our holdings are well-placed to document the subject of university and student politics. Particular strengths lie in academic freedom and representation, whilst a strong picture of student protest and championing of causes might be built up from a wide variety of sources.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Torch, Torchlight and Hullfire Student Newspapers** [U SUH/1]

**Fact:** Torch was produced from 1928-1958, Torchlight ran from 1956-1972 and was briefly reprised in 1974, before being replaced by Hullfire.

**Content:** Issues of newspapers produced by Hull Students Union containing poetry; journalism; comment pieces; short stories.

**Subjects Covered:** Politics; literature; drama; sit-ins and demonstrations.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Council for Academic Freedom, 1967-1982** [U DAF]

**Fact:** Established in 1970 by a small group of academics, prominent early members included John Griffiths, Ralph Miliband and John Saville. The Council was formed to aid individual and institutions facing discrimination or breach of contracts, and for the defence of academic standards in Higher Education.

**Content:** Administration files containing correspondence, minutes, annual reports, newsletters, articles and speeches; subject files containing correspondence and press cuttings; institution and individual case files containing correspondence, statements, press cuttings.

**Subjects Covered:** Individual cases; institution cases; conferences; administrative process of the organisation; appointments to posts; dismissals from posts; freedom of speech.



Torchlight supplement about a student sit-in against apartheid, Jan 1972 [U DX331]



Student sit-in at the B.J.L., University Librarian Philip Larkin is present, c.1960s [U PHO/A2637]

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

- Clearway Campaign, 1968-1969 [U DX240]
- January 26 Movement, 1972 [U DX331]
- University Photographer, 20th cent. [U PHO]
- Registrars Parcels, 20th cent. [U REG/1]
- Proceedings of the University of Hull, 1925-2012 [U REG/2]
- Vice Chancellors' Files, 20th cent. [U ADMIN]

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- Lister Street, 1963 [U DJS/1/53]



Student activism relating to government intervention in Egypt, 1956 [U DPW/59/65]

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Hull University Lecturing and Administrative Staff Association, 1950-1973** [U SSLA]

**Fact:** LASA was formed off the back of a campaign to improve library provisions, initiated by John Saville and two other members of staff. The group was concerned with increasing non-professorial staff representation on the university's governance structures.

**Content:** Minutes; committee papers; correspondence; memoranda.

**Subjects Covered:** Meetings; Klingender report on students; University Grants Committee.



# WOMEN IN POLITICS

There are a number of small but important collections within our holdings, which illustrate the variety of ways in which women have been involved in politics in this country. Some collections relate to the struggle for female emancipation and rights, whilst others represent women who have taken up causes and become involved in politics more generally.

## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Julia Varley, 1886-1977 [U DJV]**

**Fact:** Born in 1871, Varley was a notable female trade unionist, who served on various bodies, including the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

**Content:** Correspondence; press cuttings; articles; poems; photographs; ephemeral material such as invitations.

**Subjects Covered:** Suffragettes; Women's Social and Political Union; Industrial Welfare Society; trade unionism; imprisonment of suffragettes and suffragists.

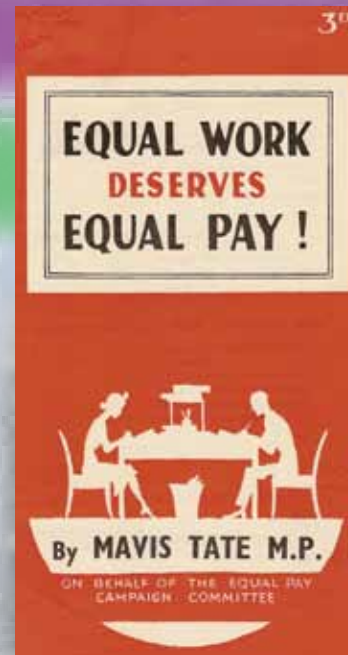
## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**Rational Dress Movement, 1894-2000 [U DX113]**

**Fact:** Established in 1897, the Western Rational Dress Club was organised by Sydney and Maude Buckman. It sought to highlight the necessity of clothing reform for women involved in cycling, and was part of the wider female emancipation movement.

**Content:** Letters; press cuttings; newsletters; prospectuses; articles. Note that material in this collection consists of photocopies of originals.

**Subjects Covered:** Cost of cycling garments; supporters' meetings; Lady Cyclists' Association; Rational Dress League.



Cover of a pamphlet produced by the Equal Pay Campaign, mid 20th cent. [U DCL/16]



Election flyer for Mrs Corbett Ashley, 1929 [U DBN/24/4]



## SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

**The Watch Ashore, 1933-2010 [U DWA]**

**Fact:** Founded by Dorothy Nelson-Ward in 1933, the group aimed to provide a support and social service for the wives and mothers of officers of the Merchant Navy, and to promote other groups' policies for the welfare of officers.

**Content:** Minutes; correspondence; calendars of events; photographs.

**Subjects Covered:** Membership; meetings; constitution; national activities; individual branch activities; social events; fundraising.

Blistweed Mill strike, early 20th cent. [U DJV/22]

## FURTHER COLLECTIONS

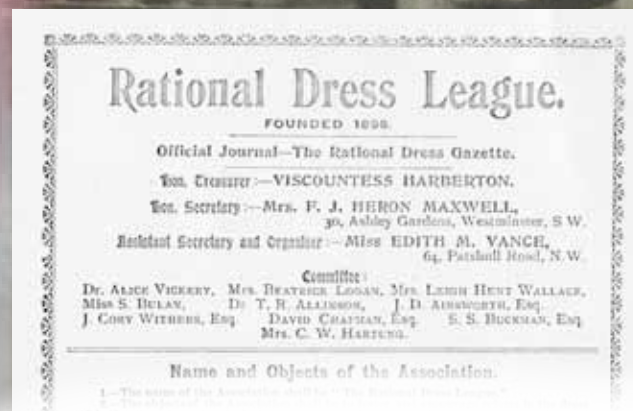
- National Union of Women, 1914-1917 [U DX359]
- Winifred Horrabin, 1882-1967 [U DX283; U DX305; U DWH]
- Leah Manning, 1931-1991 [U DX265]
- Joyce Bellamy, 1781-1972 [U DX84]
- Pearl Lilley, 1949-1991 [U DX367]
- C.J. Bearman on the Suffragette Movement, 2002-2007 [U DX381]
- Joan McMichael, 1930s-1980s [U DJM]
- Janet Blackman, 1950s-2000s [U DJB]
- Sylvia Scaffardi (NCCL), 1910-2001 [U DSF]
- Betty Vernon on Ellen Wilkinson, 1891-1982 [U DX323]
- Cooperative Women's Guild, 1933-1968 [U DX148]
- National Cooperative Women's Guild, 1886-1971 [U DCW]
- Cooperative Women's Guild (Hull Branch), 1946-2006 [U DCWH]
- International Cooperative Women's Guild, 1921-1961 [U DCX]
- Liberty (formerly National Council for Civil Liberties), 1908-1990s [U DCL]
- Female General Post Office Workers in WWI [C DICA]
- National Council of Women: Hull and District Branch, 1936-1994 [L DSCW]
- Papers of Winifred Holtby [L WH]

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL WITHIN COLLECTIONS:

- Cooperative Women's Guild (Hull Branch), 1941-1968 [U DP161/56-57]
- The East Hull Women's Local Option Union, later the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union [C DCE/576]
- Townswomen's Guild Constitutions of Guilds, Federations and the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds [C DSTG/18]



Inside cover of a diary kept by Winifred Horrabin, 1932-1944 [U DWH/1/36]



Constitution of the Rational Dress League, c.1898-1899 [U DX113/14]