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English Collective of Prostitutes

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ECP English Collective of Prostitutes 1979-2019

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Administrative/Biographical History: The English Collective of Prostitutes (ECP) is a self-help organisation of sex workers, working both on the street and in premises, with a national network throughout the UK. The organisation campaigns for the decriminalisation of prostitution, for sex workers' rights and safety, and for resources to enable people to get out of prostitution if they want to.

Established in 1975 the group aimed to abolish prostitution laws. The ECP were prominent in supporting Margaret Colquhoun's 'Protection of Prostitutes' Bill which was passed in 1979. ECP later challenged kerb crawling legislation, and in 1990 publicly stated the implications of Sir William Shelton's 'Sex Discrimination Bill'.

In 1981 the ECP published 'Know Your Rights: An A-Z for Sex Workers' which offered sex workers information on existing legislation, and guidance on ways to defend their rights. In the same year, the ECP organised a picket of the High Court in London over the case of the 'Yorkshire Ripper', and protested against a perceived disregard for sex workers lives. In 1982 the ECP occupied a the Holy Cross church in Kings Cross. This occupation was well photographed, and many women involved opted to wear eye masks when being photographed.

The ECP continued their campaigns throughout the 1990s, and in 1995 succeeded in achieving private prosecutions for rape charges in England. In 2006, following the murders of five young women in Ipswich, the ECP was involved in the establishment of the Safety First Coalition. This coalition stressed the need for sex workers safety and campaigned for the decriminalisation of sex work.

The English Collective of Prostitutes continued its campaign throughout the 2000s, and remains part of the international sex worker led movement for decriminalisation.

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Papers of the English Collective of Prostitutes (ECP) (1975-2019), including: newsletters, press cuttings and articles regarding prostitution, legislation, the English Collective of Prostitutes and the publication of 'Network' (newsletter by the English Collective of Prostitutes), 1982-1996; papers and press cuttings regarding kerb crawling legislation, the Sexual Offences Bill, and the Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation (CAKCL), 1984-1986; papers

regarding Whores Congresses and the international treatment and policing of prostitution, 1985-1986; papers and press cuttings regarding violence towards women (including violence towards prostitutes) and the 'Yorkshire Ripper', 1979-1981; papers and press cuttings regarding Maureen Colquhoun, Baroness Vickers, and laws and legislation on prostitution, 1979-1980; correspondence between Trades Union Congress and English Collective of Prostitutes regarding the abolition of laws on prostitution and a discussion about whether campaigns against laws on prostitution should be considered a trades dispute, May - September 1980; papers regarding the safety of prostitution, 2006; papers and press cuttings regarding private prosecution for rape in England, rape cases (including the raping of prostitutes), and violence against women, 1995-1999; papers and press cuttings regarding rights for prostitutes and the launch of 'A Guide to the Rules of the Game for Working Girls' by the English Collective of Prostitutes, 1980-1981; papers and press cuttings regarding prosecutions, the Director of Public Prosecutions, prosecutions and the Crown Prosecution Service, 1979-c2007; publications and reports published by the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding sex workers and laws on prostitution, 1987-2019; ephemera regarding sex workers, the safety of women, and the decriminalisation of prostitution, (n.d.); black and white cartoon drawings regarding prostitutes and prostitution, (n.d.); papers from the 'In Defense of Prostitute Women's Safety' project, (n.d.); black and white photographs and negatives of the English Collective of Prostitutes [possibly of the church occupation], c1982; press releases by the English Collective of Prostitutes and associated groups regarding prostitution, c1980-2004; correspondence between the English Collective of Prostitutes, members of the media and politicians regarding an attack at Balsall Hall, 1994; Papers regarding 'prostitutes against prostitution', n.d.; papers regarding the Wages for Housework campaign, 1976-1982; and photocopied press cuttings and articles regarding AZT tests, 1993. (1976-2019)

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ECP/1

Newsletters & Articles

1982-1985

Newsletters, press cuttings articles and ephemera regarding prostitution, legislation, the English Collective of Prostitutes and the publication of 'Network' (newsletter by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1982-1996), including:

- flyer, 'No Bad Women Just Bad Laws: Public launching of NETWORK, the first bulletin by the English Collective of Prostitutes' (1p) (September 1983)
- press cutting, 'Prostitutes' own trade paper' (by Terry Messenger) (from the Camden Chronicle) (1p) (2 September 1983)
- newssheet, 'Camden Women's Bus Newsheet' (1p) (February 1984)
- press cutting, 'A voice for sex workers' (author unknown) (from the Islington Gazette) (1p) (2 September 1983)
- blank order form for 'Network: News from the English Collective of Prostitutes' (1p) (June 1984)
- circular from the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding the publication of NETWORK (the first bulletin by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1p) (23 July 1983)
- photocopied flyer, 'No Bad Women Just Bad Laws!: Public launching of the NETWORK, the first bulletin by the English Collective of Prostitutes' (2 copies of flyer on one page) (1p) (September 1983)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitutes collective in England begins news network' (author unknown) (from Media Report to Women) (1p) (1983)
- photocopied article, 'Individual Media Women and Media Concerned Women' (from the Index

Directory of Women's Media). The article features references to Wilmette Brown, Suzie Fleming, Ruth Hall, Anne Neale, Selma James, Network (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) and Campaign Bulletin (by Wages for Housework) (two copies of photocopied article) (1p) (1984)

- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitution' (author unknown) (from Women of Europe) (1p) (1983)
- three photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Vice girls fears about new beat: But it's utter nonsense, says police' (by Terry Messenger) (from Camden Chronicle) (16 September 1983), 'Prostitutes' own trade paper' (by Terry Messenger) (from Camden Chronicle) (2 September 1983), and 'A voice for sex workers' (author unknown) (from Islington Gazette) (2 September 1983), (1p) (September 1983)
- photocopied article, 'Prostitutes' Rights' (author unknown) (from the 'Resources' section of Women's Health & Information Centre [newsletter]) (1p) (Summer 1983)
- photocopied itinerary from the 'Bringing it all back home: Black and immigrant women speak out and claim our rights' conference organised by Housewives in Dialogue (1p) (13 November 1982)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Memo: Writing on the game' (author unknown) (from Guardian Women) (1p) (14 September 1983)
- newsletter, 'Network: News from the English Collective of Prostitutes' (Issue No.1) (5 original copies and 1 photocopied copy) (4pp) (July 1983)
- newsletter, 'Network: News from the English Collective of Prostitutes' (Double Issue: No.2 & 3) (four copies) (8pp) (June 1984)
- newsletter, 'Network: News from the English Collective of Prostitutes' (Double Issue: No.4 & 5) (five copies) (8pp) (June 1985)
- article, 'Who are the ECP?' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (3pp) (n.d.)
- article/press release, 'Why We Are Campaigning to Abolish the Prostitution Laws: Abolition Would:' (by the International Prostitutes Collective) (2pp) (n.d.)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Murder fear for awayday prostitutes' (author unknown) (from the Daily Telegraph) (1p) (10 July 1986)
- photocopied press cutting, 'New rules for the

oldest game: prostitution in the AIDS age'
 (author unknown) (from SHE) (2pp) (July 1987)
 - photocopied press cutting, 'Women of
 convenience' (by Susan Crosland) (from The
 Independent) (1p) (24 July 1987)
 - photocopied articles, 'Workers: Introducing the
 English Collective of Prostitutes' (by Nina Lopez-
 Jones) and 'U.S. PROStitutes Collective' (by
 Rachel West) (both from 'Sex Work: Writings by
 Women in the Sex Industry) (10pp) (n.d.)
 - photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Mothers'
 Union votes against legalising brothels' (by
 Caroline Davies) (from The Daily Telegraph) and
 'Mothers' Union says no to legal brothels' (by
 Ruth Gledhill) (from The Times), (1p) (7 July
 1992)
 - photocopied press cuttings, including:
 'Prostitute wins compensation for rape attack'
 (by Clare Dyer), untitled letter [to the editor] by
 Lisa Longstaff of Women Against Rape, and
 'Anger over rape discrimination' (by Duncan
 Campbell) (all from The Guardian) (1p) (March-
 April 1996)
 - article, 'The Abolition of the Prostitution Laws'
 (by Niki Adams and Nina Lopez-Jones) (3pp)
 (10 November 1992)
 - circular from the English Collective of
 Prostitutes regarding a request for financial
 donations (2pp) (June 1996)

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**ECP/2 Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation 1984-1990
 (CAKCL)**

Papers and press cuttings regarding kerb
 crawling legislation, the Sexual Offences Bill,
 and the Campaign Against Kerb Crawling
 Legislation (CAKCL) (1984-1986), including:
 - untitled paper regarding the origin and mission
 of Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation
 [by the Campaign Against Kerb Crawling
 Legislation] (4pp) (n.d.)
 - typescript copy of a speech given by Murray
 Bruggen (Assistant Chief Probation Officer) at
 the National Association of Probation Officers
 Annual General Meeting (2pp) (12 October
 1984)
 - paper titled 'Payday's Statement Against Kerb-
 Crawling Legislation: We reject Victorian
 equality' (2pp) (October 1984)

- paper titled 'Sexual offences - a dangerous bill' (by Women Against Rape) (2pp) (20 January 1985)
- three photocopied press cuttings, including: 'A public nuisance cruising slowly in a private car' (by Sarah Boseley) (from the Guardian Women) (4 February 1985), 'A kerb too far' (author unknown) (from The Guardian) (26 February 1985), and 'Innocents at risk in kerb crawl bill' (by Frances Gibb) (from The Times) (20 February 1985), (2pp) (February 1985)
- flyer, 'The sexual offences bill - a new 'sus' law: Speak out to the law makers' (2pp) (1985)
- four photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Brittan to back new war on sex fiends' (unknown author) (from News of the World) (28 October 1984), 'Meaner streets for blacks?' (by Wilmette Brown, Sara Callaway, Anne-Marie Campbell, Sylvette Collins, Pragna Patel, Louis Raj Joseph, Jasbir Kaur, Ace Kelly, Ronnie Moodley, Unmesh Desai, Pat Palmer, Winston Pinder and H. Punja) (from The Guardian) (7 June 1985), 'When Labour lets down the women's side' (by Selma James) (from The Guardian) (18 May 1985), and 'Letters to the Editor: A bill that puts women at risk' (by Kathy Charters, Ruth Hall, Nicola Lambert and Beryl Thompson) (28 May 1985), (2pp) (October 1984 - June 1985)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Letters: When police are the red light nuisance' (by R. James) (from The London Standard) (1p) (25 February 1986)
- open letter sent by English Collective of Prostitutes to Jeremy Corbyn (MP) regarding prostitution, policing, CAKCL, and the Kerb Crawlers bill (5pp) (4 August 1986)
- [press release], 'Kerb-Crawling Legislation- a new 'sus' law' (by Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation) (3pp) (24 May 1990)
- photocopied report, 'Parliamentary Debates (Hansard)' (incomplete official report by the House of Commons regarding discussions on the Sexual Offences Bill) (10pp) (6 July 1990)
- press release, 'Sexual Offences Bill - police powers endanger civil rights' (by Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation) (1p) (c1990)
- untitled press release regarding the reading of the Sexual Offences Bill in the House of Commons (by Lillian Winter of the Wages for

Housework Campaign) (two copies) (1p) (14 May 1990)

- incomplete open letter sent by Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation to various MPs regarding the Sexual Offences bill, police powers and civil rights (n.d.)
- letter from Nina Lopez-Jones (of Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation) to Michael Day (Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality) regarding a statement quoted by Robert Hughes (MP) during a House of Commons debate on the Sexual Offences Bill (1p) (8 March 1990)
- correspondence between Kate Hoey (MP) to Nina Lopez-Jones (of Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation) regarding rape, kerb crawling legislation, working class and ethnic communities, 'sus' laws, and the campaign against Sir William Shelton's bill and kerb crawling legislation (8pp) (May - July 1990)
- blank open letter from the Campaign Against Kerb Crawling regarding Sir William Shelton's bill to tighten kerb crawling legislation and a request for organisations and individuals to endorse Campaign Against Kerb Crawling's statement on the dangers of this bill (2pp) (28 January 1990)
- [press release], 'Kerb-Crawling Bill - new 'sus' law talked out' (by Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation) (2pp) (15 May 1990)
- correspondence between Lord Scarman and Nina Lopez-Jones (of Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation) regarding oppositions toward the Sexual Offences Bill proposed by Sir William Shelton's bill (2pp) (May - June 1990)
- blank circular from Barbara Hayes (of Caldmore Christian Action Group Project for Prostitutes) regarding Sir William Shelton's bill, prostitution, and kerb crawling legislation (2pp) (n.d.)
- letter from Myk Zeitlin (of Haringey & Islington Claimants Union) to Jeremy Corbyn (MP) regarding civil liberties, the criminalisation of prostitution, and a parliamentary vote on Sir William Shelton's Sexual Offences Bill (1p) (14 February 1990)
- letter sent from Robin V Gorna (of The Terrence Higgins Trust) to an unspecified recipient regarding the criminalisation of prostitution, the prevention of HIV, and Terrence

Higgins Trust's support of the Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation (1p) (14 February 1990)

- letter sent from Eleanor Hadley (of Women Against Rape) to an unspecified recipient at the House of Commons regarding kerb crawling, rape victims experiences of reporting rape to the police, and concerns over the implications of Sir William Shelton's Sexual Offences bill (1p) (13 February 1990)

- [press release], 'Manchester National Association of Probation Officers on Sir William Shelton's Sexual Offences Bill' (by the National Association of Probation Officers) (1p) (11 April 1990)

- [press release], 'Re: Sexual Offences Bill - (Kerb Crawling)' (by the National Council of Civil Liberties) (1p) (April 1990)

- three photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Livingstone bars kerb-crawling bill' (by Martin Linton) (from The Guardian) (12 May 1990), 'Livingstone kills kerb-crawling Bill' (by Judy Jones) (from The Independent) (12 May 1990), and 'MPs block tougher law on kerb-crawling' (author unknown) (from The Times) (12 May 1990), (2pp) (12 May 1990)

- three photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Letters to the Editor: Poverty all part of the game' (by Jayne Goddard) (from The Guardian) (14 July 1990), 'Home News: Livingstone's roadblock wrecks private members' bills' (by Nikki Knewstub) (from The Guardian) (7 July 1990), and 'Streets Apart' (by Jo Grant) (from The Guardian) (3 July 1990), (2pp) (July 1990)

- five photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Boy rapist law killed by red Ken' (by Robert Gibson and Nicholas Buckley) (from Daily Express) (12 May 1990), 'Opinion: Why Livingstone is no ladies' man' (author unknown) (from Daily Express) (12 May 1990), 'Ken kills curb on sex pests' (author unknown) (from Daily Mirror) (12 May 1990), 'Ken's Outrage' (by B. Skelhome) (from Daily Mirror) (18 May 1990), 'Livingstone sinks kerb crawling Bill' (by Peter Pryke) (from The Daily Telegraph) (12 May 1990), (2pp) (May 1990)

- three photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Police may warn employers after study finds typical kerb-crawler' (by Mike Prestage) (from The Independent) (13 November 1989), 'Voice

of the west: erosion of civil rights' (by Rose Douglas) (from the Evening Post) (22 November 1989), and 'Judge attacks racial bias in police leaflet' (by Paul Hoyland) (23 June 1989), (1p) (June - November 1989)

- photocopied press cutting, 'Backbench Bill to close loophole on kerb-crawlers' (by Colin Brown) (from The Independent) (1p) (12 December 1989)
- two photocopied press cuttings, including: 'MP slammed as 'paranoid' over curb crawl Bill' (author unknown) (from Kilburn & Willesden Recorder) (23 May 1990) and 'Sex Bill view' (author unknown) (from Reporter) (31 May 1990), (1p) (May 1990)
- two photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Sounds Off' (by Ian Pollard) (from London's Guide: City Limits Magazine) (May 1990) and 'Garrulous Ken angers Tory MPs' (author unknown) (from Kilburn & Willesden Recorder) (16 May 1990), (1p) (May 1990)

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ECP/3

Whores Congress & the International Treatment and Policing of Prostitution

1985-1986

Papers regarding Whores Congresses and the international treatment and policing of prostitution (1985-1986), including:

- photocopied press cutting, 'The unhappy hookers shun congress' [by Simon de Bruxelles] (from The Observer) (1p) (21 September 1986)
- two photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Whores de combat' (by Aislinn Dulanty) (from The Guardian) (17 September 1986) and 'Letters: Whores' boycott' (by Nina Lopez-Jones of the English Collective of Prostitutes) (from The Guardian) (23 September 1986), (1p) (September 1986)
- typescript statement made by Nina Lopez-Jones and Gigi Turner to the International Whores Convention in Amsterdam. The statement is titled 'For Prostitutes, Against the Police' (1p) (14 February 1985)
- letter sent by the English Collective of Prostitutes to Annemiek Onstenk (MEP) regarding a resolution made to European Parliament, the economics of prostitution, the policing of prostitution, the treatment of women in the sex industry, women's safety, the

legitimisation of prostitute women, political party stances on prostitution and associated legislation, the working class and prostitution, and information regarding the work of various international bodies on prostitution (13pp) (March 1986)

- photocopied handwritten letter sent from Loes Grotenbreg (The Red Thread) to the International Whores Convention regarding attendance at a meeting (1p) (n.d.)

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ECP/4

'Yorkshire Ripper'

1979-1981

Papers and press cuttings regarding violence towards women (including violence towards women prostitutes) and the 'Yorkshire Ripper' (1979-1981), including:

- two photocopied press cuttings, including:

'Verdict that surely appeals to the sexually violent man' (by Selma James and Anne Neale) (from The Guardian) (26 June 1981) and 'Getting justice for all women is the problem' (by Selma James and Anne Neale) (from The Guardian) (13 July 1981), (1p) (June - July 1981)

- article, 'Lie Back and Think of English Justice: The connection between Ronald Gregory of the West Yorkshire Police, and other violent men' (by Selma James of the English Collective of Prostitutes) (6pp) (6 February 1982)

- article, '13 women - victims of terrorism'/'Prostitutes are innocent OK!' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (2pp) (22 May 1981)

- three press cuttings, including: 'Prostitutes in court protest' (author unknown) (from the Daily Mirror), 'English collective of prostitutes' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (from The Leveller) (15-24 May 1981), and 'Prostitutes demonstrate outside Ripper court' (author unknown) (from the Morning Star) (9 May 1981), (1p) (May 1981)

- [open] letter sent from the English Collective of Prostitutes to David McNee (Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police) regarding the Yorkshire Ripper, police attitudes regarding violence towards prostitutes, and laws regarding prostitution (1p) (February 1980)

- press cutting, 'MPs give 'the green light' to a

better deal for prostitutes' (by the Daily Telegraph's parliamentary staff) (from the Daily Telegraph) (1p) (7 March 1979)

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ECP/5

Maureen Colquhoun, Baroness Vickers & Legislation on Prostitution

1979-1980

Papers and press cuttings regarding Maureen Colquhoun, Baroness Vickers, and laws and legislation on prostitution (1979-1980), including:

- letters sent between Housewives in Dialogue and MPs regarding Maureen Colquhoun's bill on the protection of prostitutes (2pp) (28 February 1979)
- letter sent by Lord Avebury to Selma James regarding loitering or soliciting (1p) (27 May 1980)
- circular sent by the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding Baroness Vickers and the 'Protection of Prostitutes' bill (1p) (6 December 1979)
- circular sent by Housewives in Dialogue regarding Maureen Colquhoun (MP) and a '10 minute rule' bill on legislation regarding prostitution (1p) (23 February 1979)
- circular sent by Housewives in Dialogue regarding support for the abolition of laws on prostitution (1p) (6 March 1979)
- [newsletter], 'For the campaign to abolish all the laws on prostitution' (2pp) (17 February 1979)
- photocopy [of a page from the] Protection of Prostitutes' bill (1p) (c1979)
- circular sent by the English Collective of Prostitutes [and] the Wages for Housework Campaign regarding the campaign to abolish laws on prostitution reaching the House of Commons (2pp) (17 February 1979)
- circular sent by the English Collective of Prostitutes to the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party regarding a decision to dismiss Maureen Colquhoun (2pp) (n.d.)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Maureen wins on 'game' bill' (author unknown) (from Gay News) (two copies) (1p) (22 March - 4 April 1979)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Hookers' Heyday!' (by David Buchan) (from the Daily Star) (7 March 1979)
- photocopy of an untitled press cutting

regarding prostitution (by Jill Nicholls and Angela Phillips) [from The Guardian] (1p) (9 October 1979)

- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitute Law Protest' (author unknown) (from The Guardian) (1p) (9 March 1979)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Aiding the female therapist' (by Frank Johnson) (from The Daily Telegraph) (1p) (7 March 1979)
- photocopied press cutting, 'MPs give the 'green light' to a better deal for prostitutes' (by The Daily Telegraph's parliamentary staff) (from The Daily Telegraph) (1p) (7 March 1979)
- photocopied paper regarding Maureen Colquhoun's 'Protection of Prostitutes' speech in the House of Commons (4pp) (6 March 1979)
- two photocopied press cuttings, including: 'MPs back the silent call girls' (by Walter Partington) (from the Daily Express) and 'Vice girls' win' (author unknown) (from the Daily Mirror) (7 March 1979), (1p) (7 March 1979)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Driven to sex' (author unknown) (from Guardian Women) (1p) (2 December 1980)
- photocopied press cutting, 'The boldest professional' (by Tom Davies) (from The Observer) (1p) (11 March 1979)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitutes Bill step nearer' (by Aileen Ballantyne) [from The Guardian] (1p) [March 1979]
- photocopied press cutting, 'Expert reveals problems of world's oldest profession' (by Ian Malin) (from The Gazette) (2pp) (19 October 1979)

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ECP/6

Trades Union Congress & Prostitution

1980

Correspondence between Trades Union Congress and the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding the abolition of laws on prostitution and a discussion about whether campaigns against laws on prostitution should be considered a trades dispute (May - September 1980)

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ECP/7

Safety of Prostitution

c2006-2008

Papers regarding the safety of prostitution

(2006), including:

- flyer, 'English Collective of Prostitutes: When prostitute women are not safe, no woman is safe' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1p) (c2006)
- flyer, 'Safety first - a coalition to decriminalise sex work and prioritise women's and children safety: Criminal Justice & Immigration Bill 2008 - Aspects relating to prostitution' (by the Safety First Coalition, including: the English Collective of Prostitutes, the Royal College of Nursing, Women Against Rape and Zaacheus 2000 Trust) (2pp) (n.d.)
- photocopied article, 'Somebody's daughter, somebody's friend' (by Cari Mitchell) (from FREE Press) (2pp) (January - February 2007)
- press release, 'Policies which contributed to the tragic murders of five young women in Ipswich are being reintroduced' (by the Safety First Coalition) (2pp) (March 2007)
- printed online article, 'Debate on prostitute killings' (author unknown) (from the Daily Mail Online) (1p) (15 March 2007)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Anti-prostitution strategy to offer counselling or court' (by Diane Taylor and Hugh Muir) (from The Guardian) (1p) (22 March 2007)
- article, 'Playing the wrong game' (by John Furniss) (from Drink and Drug News) (2pp) (2 July 2007)
- flyer, 'Sex Workers' Rights & Safety vs Violence & Criminalisation: Public meeting with the Safety First Coalition' (by the Safety First Coalition) (1p) (14 July 2008)

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ECP/8

Private Prosecution for Rape Cases

1995-1999

Papers and press cuttings regarding private prosecution for rape in England, rape cases (including the raping of prostitutes), and violence against women (1995-1999), including:

- [press release], 'First Private Prosecution for rape in England - a precedent which cannot be defeated' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (2pp) (27 June 1996)
- press release, 'First private prosecution for rape in England: rapist sentenced (19 September 1995)' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (2pp) (c1995)

- [press release], 'Appeal court upholds legal precedent in first private prosecution for rape in England' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (2pp) (30 June 1996)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitutes fight back' (by Lucy Johnston) (from The Big Issue) (2pp) (30 October 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, 'CPS accused of ignoring rape against prostitutes' (by Jason Bennetto) (from The Independent on Sunday) (1p) (25 July 1993)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitutes to sue rapist' (author unknown) (from Thanet Times) (1p) (10 August 1993)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Private case brings rapist to justice' (by Sally Weale) (from The Guardian) (1p) (18 May 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Women win private rape case' (by Ian MacKinnon) (from The Independent) (1p) (18 May 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitutes bring private rape case' (by Ian MacKinnon) (from The Independent) (1p) (16 May 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Prostitute wins case against rapist' (by Lucy Berrington) (from The Times) (1p) (18 May 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, '14 Years for rapist in private case brought by victims' (by Neil Darbyshire) (from The Daily Telegraph) (1p) (20 September 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Two prostitutes win private case against rapist' (by Caroline Davies) (from The Daily Telegraph) (1p) (18 May 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Rapist is jailed after private court case' (by Frances Gibb) (from The Times) (1p) (20 September 1995)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Rapist jailed after victims bring private action' (author unknown) (from Today) (20 September 1995)
- photocopied article, 'The guilty victim: rape and the CPS' (by Niki Adams and Nina Lopez-Jones) (from Socialist Lawyer) (2pp) (Autumn 1995)
- photocopied [pamphlet], 'Some mother's daughter: the hidden movement of prostitute women against violence' (by Niki Adams and the International Prostitute Collective) (6pp) (April 1999)

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ECP/9 **'A Guide to the Rule of Game for Working Girls'** **1980-1981**

Papers and press cuttings regarding rights for prostitutes and the launch of 'A Guide to the Rules of the Game for Working Girls' by the English Collective of Prostitutes (1980-1981), including:

- leaflet, 'A Guide to the Rules of the Game for Working Girls' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (4pp) (c1980)
 - photocopied press cutting, 'Newsshorts: Prostitutes: Free enterprise or Co-ops' (author unknown) (from Spare Rib) (1p) (March 1981)
 - photocopied press cutting, 'A to Z for Prostitutes and their Rights' (by Julie Bailey) (from Camden & St Pancras Chronicle) (1p) (23 January 1981)
 - two photocopied press cuttings, 'News: Rights for prostitutes' (author unknown) (from Health Visitor) (May 1981) and 'Giving up the game makes me feel clean' (author unknown) (from The Sun) (26 February 1981), (1p) (February - May 1981)
 - photocopied press cutting, 'All in the game' (author unknown) (from News Society) (1p) (22 January 1981)
 - untitled press release from the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding the protection of prostitutes from violence and the launch of 'A Guide to the Rules of the Game for Working Girls' (1p) (c1980)
 - circular sent by the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding the launch of a 'Rights Sheet' and the rights of prostitutes (1p) (c1981)
 - flyer, 'Prostitutes Our Life and Rights' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1p) (1981)
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ECP/10 **Director of Public Prosecutions** **1979-c2007**

Papers and press cuttings regarding prosecutions, the Director of Public Prosecutions, prosecutions and the Crown Prosecution Service (1979-c2007), including:

- flyer, 'Those who make the laws break them' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1p) (4 October 1991)
- letter sent from the English Collective of

Prostitutes to Keir Starmer (Director of Public Prosecutions) regarding the criminalisation of sex workers, the human rights of sex workers, sexual violence against prostitutes and other women, prosecution of rape, brothels, and the safety of prostitutes (4pp) (c2007)

- editorial comment for the Daily Express [issued by the English Collective of Prostitutes] regarding Sir Allan Green, the prosecution of police officers, and the abolition of prostitution laws (1p) (12 February 1993)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Police and 'punters' are on the prowl' (by Terry Kirby) (from The Independent) (1p) (4 October 1991)
- photocopied press cutting. 'Green's downfall rocks prosecution service' (by Heather Mills and Nick Cohen) (from The Independent) (1p) (4 October 1991)
- two photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Search begins for a new DPP' (by Nick Cohen) (from The Independent) (4 October 1991) and 'Sad demise of a 'prosecutor' without bile' (by Heather Mills) (from The Independent) (4 October 1991). (Note: the photocopy also includes the 'Police and 'punters' are on the prowl' article by Terry Kirby, listed above) (2pp) (4 October 1991)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Green's fall from grace shocks legal profession' (by Frances Gibb) (from The Times) (1p) (4 October 1991)
- two photocopied press cuttings, including: 'Letters to the Editor: Proof in a case against the police' (by Nina Lopez-Jones, of English Collective of Prostitutes) (from The Guardian) (25 May 1992) and 'How the DPP will rebuild trust in the criminal justice system' (by Barbara Mills) (The Guardian) (22 May 1992), (1p) (May 1992)
- photocopied speech delivered by Helen [Billingham] to the House of Commons regarding her experience of prostitution and the introduction of Maureen Colquhoun's Bill (6pp) (5 March 1979)
- letter sent by the English Collective of Prostitutes to the editor of The Guardian regarding the prosecution of police officers and public trust of the Crown Prosecution Service (1p) (22 May 1992)
- letter sent by Nina Lopez-Jones (of Legal Action for Women) to the editor of The Guardian

regarding Sir Allan Green, the Crown Prosecution Service, the prosecution of police officers, and prosecutions for rape and murder (1p) (23 May 1998)

- two press cuttings, including: 'The lowest prices and highest risk' (by Robin Stacey and David Young) (from The Times) (4 October 1991), 'Letters to the Editor: Prostitutes and the police' (by Nina Lopez-Jones of the English Collective of Prostitutes) (from The Guardian) (7 October 1991). (Note: rear of sheet includes 'Proof in a case against the police' and 'How the DPP will rebuild trust in the criminal justice system' press cuttings, listed above) (1p) (October 1991)
- press cutting, 'Law chief resigns in sex scandal' (by Martin Delgado) (from The European) (October 1991)

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ECP/11

Publications & Reports

c2004-2019

Publications, papers and reports published by the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding sex workers and laws on prostitution (1987-2019), including:

- pamphlet, 'What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Job Like This? - A comparison between sex work and other jobs commonly done by women' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (32pp) (2019)
- pamphlet, 'Criminalisation: the price women & children pay: a response to the government's review of the prostitution laws, presented at the conference 'No Bad Women, No Bad Children, Just Bad Laws' London 4 December 2004' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (56pp) (c2004)
- report, 'Decriminalisation of Prostitution: the evidence. Report of parliamentary symposium, 3 November 2015, House of Commons' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (82pp) (2016)
- paper titled 'Response to the Criminal Law Revision Committee's Working Paper on Offences Relating to Prostitution and Allied Offences' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (24pp) (n.d.)
- paper, 'Equal before the law: response to local authorities against police proposals to legalise prostitution' (by the English Collective of

Prostitutes) (7pp) (10 July 1987)
- paper, 'UN Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes and Women Against Rape) (6pp) (1992)
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ECP/12

Ephemera

n.d.

Ephemera regarding sex workers, the safety of women, and the decriminalisation of prostitution (n.d.), including:
- postcard, 'Decriminalise Sex Work for Safety's Sake' (by the Safety First Coalition, co-ordinated by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1p) (n.d.)
- postcard, '#MAKEALLWOMENSAFE' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1p) (n.d.)
- leaflet, 'Know Your Rights An A-Z for sex workers' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (6pp) (n.d.)
- leaflet, '#MAKEALLWOMENSAFE' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (6pp) (n.d.)
- flyer, 'No Nordic Model! Briefing: Criminalising Clients Undermines Sex Workers' Safety' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (1p) (n.d.)
- leaflet, 'Crossroads Women's Centre' (by Crossroads Women's Centre) (6pp) (2016)
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ECP/13

Cartoon Drawings

n.d.

Black and white cartoon drawings regarding prostitutes and prostitution (n.d.), including:
- black and white cartoon drawing of a police officer talking to an individual with a clipboard on the corner of a street. A speech bubble has been assigned to the individual with the clipboard which says 'And when did you first notice this desire to earn a living by walking the streets and accosting passers-by?' (the cartoon was to commemorate the occupation of the Holy Cross, Kings Cross, London, 17-29 November 1983, by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (cartoon by Hector Breeze) (1p) (c1982)
- black and white cartoon drawing of a [business] man sat next to a woman on a sofa. A speech bubble has been assigned the woman which says 'Your wife doesn't understand you - If you weren't paying me £200 a time neither

would !!!'. There is an arrow named 'Judges Bar' to the top left of the cartoon (cartoon by Gigi) (1p) (n.d.)

- black and white cartoon drawing of a man and woman dancing [in a bar]. A speech bubble has been assigned to the woman which says '2 doz eggs, 3 tins beans, 1/2lb butter, John's dental appointment, must pay the milkman' (cartoon by Gigi) (n.d.)

- split black and white cartoon drawing of a woman in two different situations. The woman in the top of the drawing is waving to two children by a train on a platform at Sheffield train station. The woman in the bottom drawing is wearing a short dress by a train on a platform at Kings Cross train station. Underneath the cartoon are the words: 'This is the age of the game' (cartoon by Gigi) (1p) (n.d.)

- black and white cartoon drawing of women holding placards and protesting at a performing female stripper. A speech bubble has been assigned to the female stripper which says 'There's a club that needs a good clean up - Just down the road girls - Westminster!!!' (cartoon by GiGi) (1p) (n.d.)

- black and white cartoon drawing of a police officer on the phone. There is a chart at the right side of the cartoon with features the words 'Reported: Rape 800, Solved: 1, Reported: Sexual Assault 1,360, Solved: 1, Reported: Racist Attacks 1,400, Solved: None, Reported: Kerb Crawling 3, Solved: 2,970, Reported: Loitering & Soliciting 2, Solved: 3,200' (cartoon by GiGi) (1p) (n.d.)

- black and white cartoon drawing of a woman being driven in a car. A speech bubble has been assigned to the woman in a car which says 'The pig blows £20,000 gambling and he thinks he's doing me a favour giving me £200' (There are various destination signs in the background of the drawing) (cartoon by GiGi) (1p) (n.d.)

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ECP/14

'In Defense of Prostitute Women's Safety'

n.d.

Papers from the 'In Defense of Prostitute Women's Safety' project, (n.d.), including:

- flyer, 'In Defense of Prostitute Women's Safety' (by US PROstitutes Collective and two other women's organisations) (1p) (n.d.)

- flyer, 'In Defense of Prostitute Women's Safety Project' [by US PROstitutes Collective and two other women led organisations) (1p) (n.d.)

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ECP/15

Photographs

c1982

Black and white photographs and negatives of the English Collective of Prostitutes [possibly of the church occupation] (c1982), including:

- black and white photograph of women wearing eye masks and cheering [in a church] (c1982)

- black and white photograph of women wearing eye masks and holding a 'English Collective of Prostitutes' banner (c1982)

- black and white photograph of women wearing eye masks and cheering [in a church] (c1982)

- black and white photograph of two women wearing eye masks (two copies of photograph) (c1982)

- black and white photograph of a group of women wearing eye masks holding a baby (c1982)

- black and white photograph of a group of women wearing eye masks holding a baby (c1982)

- black and white photograph of a group of individuals (including some women wearing eye masks) sat on chairs. Several women in the photograph are holding babies (c1982)

- thirty-four black and white negatives of the English Collective of Prostitutes' occupation of a church (c1982)

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ECP/16

Press Releases

Press releases by the English Collective of Prostitutes and associated groups regarding prostitution (c1980-2004), including:

- [press release], 'Biking away from prostitution: myth or reality for working girls' (by the U.S. Prostitutes Collective and the English Collective of Prostitutes) (2pp) (11 April 1987)

- [press release], 'Prostitutes and Unemployment: Speech by Selma James at the Institute of Contemporary Arts' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (two copies) (5pp) (c1980)

- press release, 'Stop the Serial Killer/s - Stop

Police Sweeps' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (2pp) (16 July 2004)
 - untitled press release from Women Against Rape and the English Collective of Prostitutes (2pp)(20 December 1989)
 - press release, 'Rape victim refused compensation because of prostitution, wins her appeal' (2pp) (March 1996)
 - press release, 'UK Government fails to comply with UN convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women' (by Wages for Housework) (1p) (28 January 1993)
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ECP/17	Attack in Balsall Heath	1994
	<p>Correspondence between the English Collective of Prostitutes, members of the media and politicians regarding an attack at Balsall Hall by vigilantes on two individuals who had appeared on a television programme about vigilantes and prostitution, including: the television company's responsibility, media coverage of the attack, and the public and police response to the attack (1994) OPEN</p>	
ECP/18	Prostitutes Against Prostitution	n.d.
	<p>Papers regarding 'prostitutes against prostitution' (n.d.), including: - paper, 'For prostitutes against prostitution - crossing the divides between sex workers and other women' (by the English Collective of Prostitutes) (10pp) (March 1990) - paper, 'For prostitutes and against prostitution' [by the Power of Women Collective in London] (3pp) (n.d.) OPEN</p>	
ECP/19	Wages for Housework	1976-1982
	<p>Papers regarding the Wages for Housework campaign (1976-1982), including: - open letter from the English Collective of Prostitutes which was addressed to the first national conference of the Wages for Housework Campaign in October 1976 (this was the first public statement made by the English Collective of Prostitutes in Britain) (4pp)</p>	

(October 1976)

- open letter from the English Collective of Prostitutes regarding child benefits for all mothers (this letter was sent to a meeting of the Child Benefit for All campaign which was held in Bristol) (1p) (March 1978)

- paper, 'Money for prostitutes is money for black women' (by Black Women for Wages for Housework - U.S.A.) (3pp) (February 1977)

- article, 'Violence Against Women in the Sex Industry: An open letter to all women' (by the Black Women for Wages for Housework, the English Collective of Prostitutes and Women Against Rape) (2pp) (n.d.)

- pamphlet, 'The Perspective of Caring: Why mothers and all carers should get a living wage for their caring work' (by Nina Lopez of the Global Women's Strike) (22pp) (n.d.)

- circular from the Black Women for Wages for Housework, the English Collective of Prostitutes and Wages Due Lesbians regarding a campaign to defend the 'Bradford 12' (4pp) (2 April 1982)

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ECP/20

AZT Tests

1993

Photocopied press cuttings and articles regarding AZT tests (1993), including:

- photocopied press cutting, 'Stop Now! Women protest child AIDS experiments' (unknown author) (from The Gleaner: The top Caribbean newspaper) (photocopy features a letter heading for International Black Women for Wages for Housework) (1p) (28 September 1993)

- photocopied article, 'AZT On Trial' (author unknown) (from Peacock - The magazine for the Ugandan Community) (1p) (Autumn 1993)

- photocopied press cutting, 'African babies in controversial Aids experiment' (by Abdul Montaqim) (from The Weekly Journal: News from a black perspective) (1p) (1 July 1993)

- photocopied press cutting, 'Letters to the Editor: AZT for Kids OK' (by Dr Diana Gibb) (from The Weekly Journal: News from a black perspective) (the photocopy features the following annotation: 'We will be responding to this letter') (1p) (29 July 1993)

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