



HISTORY WORKSHOP CENTRE FOR SOCIAL HISTORY (HWCSSH) ARCHIVE

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HWCSH Archive

1976-1992

Name of Creator: History Workshop Centre for Social History (HWCSH)

Extent: 31 Folders

Administrative/Biographical History: Opened in February 1984 in a 19th century terraced house across the road from Ruskin College, this provided a bricks and mortar home for History Workshop, offering a base to amateur and professional historians, students and teachers, local history and other groups. Under the general supervision of the History Workshop collective, the small permanent staff organized events, produced newsletters, and ran two summer schools. Despite support from Ruskin College, the Centre's finances were precarious, and it ceased to exist as a separate entity in 1987. The Centre also acted as a 'brand name' for History Workshop publications and events.

Custodial History: Transferred to Bishopsgate Institute from Ruskin College, 2012.

Scope and Content: Archives of the History Workshop Centre for Social History (HWCSH), including: Papers regarding the founding and aims of the HWCSH, including: manifestos, minutes of the Founding Committee and correspondence with sponsors, trustees and advisors, 1982-1984; Papers regarding the administration of the HWCSH, including: minutes of the Working Party/Committee, Council of Management, Finance and Employment Committee, and International Liaison Group, 1983-1987; Correspondence files of the HWCSH, including general correspondence files, correspondence with Ruskin College and applications or sponsorship, grants and financial assistance, 1976-1991; Papers regarding the events and activities of the HWCSH, including: papers regarding the Popular Literature Group, the Visual Documentation/Poster Archive Group and History of Work/Politics Group; papers, correspondence and programmes from HWCSH Summer Schools and events on the NHS, Feminist History, the English Civil War and education, 1983-1992.

System of Arrangement:

The History Workshop Centre for Social History (HWCSH) Archive is divided into the following four series:

RS 6/001-007: Origins, Aims and Launch

RS 6/008-012: Committee and Other Meetings

RS 6/021-025: Correspondence

RS 6/030-043: Events and Activities

Language/scripts of material:

English

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OPEN

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RS 6/001-007	Origins, aims and launch Papers regarding the founding and aims of the HWCSH, including manifestos, minutes of the Founding Committee and correspondence with sponsors, trustees, and advisors, 1982-1984. OPEN	1982-1984
RS 6/001	Draft manifesto, correspondence with solicitors and others, lists of potential members etc OPEN	1982-1983
RS 6/002	Manifesto, memorandum and articles of association, correspondence with solicitors, Ruskin College, and others OPEN	1984
RS 6/003	Founding committee (identified only as 'HWCSH' or 'HWJ Centre'): minutes OPEN	1983-1984
RS 6/004	(Jan-Jul) 'Sponsors', 'Trustees', 'Advisers' etc: correspondence, lists OPEN	1983
RS 6/005	'Sponsors', 'Trustees', 'Advisers' etc: correspondence, lists OPEN	1983-1984
RS 6/006	Press cuttings relating to launch OPEN	1983-1984
RS 6/007	Employment of Coordinator, Research Fellows, 'interns': correspondence, CVs [CONFIDENTIAL] APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	1983-1984

RS 6/008-012	Committee and other meetings Papers regarding the administration of the HWCSH, including: minutes of the Working Party/Committee, Council of Management, Finance and Employment Committee, and International Liaison Group, 1983-1987. OPEN	1983-1987
RS 6/008	'Working Party', 'Working Committee': agendas, minutes OPEN	1983-1984
RS 6/009	'Working Party', 'Working Committee': agendas, minutes OPEN	1985-1987
RS 6/010	Council of Management, AGMs: minutes, reports, correspondence OPEN	1984-1985
RS 6/011	Finance and Employment Committee: minutes, accounts OPEN	1983-1985
RS 6/012	International Liaison Group/Committee: minutes, correspondence OPEN	1984-1985

RS 6/021-025	Correspondence Correspondence files of the HWCSH, including general correspondence files, correspondence with Ruskin College and applications or sponsorship, grants, and financial assistance, 1976-1991. OPEN	1976-1991
RS 6/021	Applications for sponsorship, grants, financial assistance OPEN	1983-1985
RS 6/022	Ruskin College and finance OPEN	1983
RS 6/023	General (including references to launch) OPEN	1976-1983
RS 6/024	General (including references to launch) OPEN	1984
RS 6/025	General (including references to launch) OPEN	1985-1991

RS 6/030-043	Events and activities	1983-1992
	Papers regarding the events and activities of the HWSCH, including: papers regarding the Popular Literature Group, the Visual Documentation/Poster Archive Group and History of Work/Politics Group; papers, correspondence and programmes from HWSCH Summer Schools and events on the NHS, Feminist History, the English Civil War and education, 1983-1992. OPEN	
RS 6/030	Forthcoming events, proposals, publicity material, Newsletter	1983-1987
	OPEN	
RS 6/031	Popular Literature Group and related conferences: correspondence, minutes, publicity material, drafts	1981-1992
	OPEN	
RS 6/032	Visual Documentation/Poster Archive Group (includes English Countryside and Animals & Beasts workshops): minutes, correspondence, drafts, programmes	1983-1984
	OPEN	
RS 6/033	Visual Documentation/Poster Archive Group (includes English Countryside and Animals & Beasts workshops): minutes, correspondence, drafts, programmes	1985-1986
	OPEN	
RS 6/034	Oxford local histories and historians: correspondence, drafts (includes Len Hart: 'History of the Mayor of Oxford's Mining Distress Fund 1938-1953')	1983-1986
	OPEN	
RS 6/035	NHS: past, present & future: correspondence, publicity material	1983-1984
	OPEN	

RS 6/036	Collaboration with WEA on Preparatory Educational Project (PEP): correspondence	1985-1986
	OPEN	
RS 6/037	Feminist History conference: summaries of papers (original wallet)	1985
	OPEN	
RS 6/038	History of Work Group/Politics of Work workshop: correspondence, publicity material (in original wallet)	1985
	OPEN	
RS 6/039	Summer Schools, Aspects of Social History, 1985, 1986: correspondence, programmes	1984
	OPEN	
RS 6/040	(Jan-Jul) Summer Schools, Aspects of Social History, 1985, 1986: correspondence, programmes	1985
	OPEN	
RS 6/041	Summer Schools, Aspects of Social History, 1985, 1986: correspondence, programmes	1985-1986
	OPEN	
RS 6/042	England Before the Civil War, correspondence, list of attendees	1986
	OPEN	
RS 6/043	Law and Society: correspondence, programme	1986
	OPEN	