



LONDON FIELDS HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE ARCHIVE

(LFHC)

Name of Creator: London Fields Housing Co-operative

Extent: 7 boxes, 2 ledgers.

Administrative/Biographical History: London Fields Housing Co-operative (LFHC) began in the autumn of 1977 when likeminded individuals met regularly to secure housing in the London Borough of Hackney. Having already created an informal support network of mutual aid among them, they decided to establish a housing co-operative as an alternative to squatting. In 1979, LFHC was formally established as a fully mutual co-operative with management by general meeting with properties on Shrubland Road and Albion Drive, E8. Solon Housing Co-operative was also appointed as a parent co-operative. In 1981, LFHC's housing policy was amended to prioritise housing for single women and in 1984, the GLC, who had been monitoring the co-op, recommended that LFHC split into to co-operatives to meet the needs of those women who wanted an openly lesbian ('single women') co-operative. It was agreed that the property on Lansdowne Drive would be women-only housing and so the Lansdowne Women's Co-operative (LWC) was formed.

Scope and Content: Archive of London Fields Housing Co-operative including: Papers created by and relating to London Fields Housing Co-operative, including meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records and miscellaneous files. (1977-1997); Papers created by and relating to Lansdowne Women's Co-operative, including meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records and miscellaneous files. (1980-1999); Papers created by and relating to Solon Housing Co-operative including meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records and miscellaneous items. (1977-1993); and Miscellaneous papers relating to housing co-operatives including a UK-wide directory of housing co-operatives, establishing housing co-operatives, rent agreements, policy statements from London co-operatives and the GLC Money Bill (1976-1985). (1976-1999)

System of Arrangement:

The London Fields Housing Co-operative Archive is divided into the following four series:

LFHC/1: London Fields Housing Co-operative

LFHC/2: Lansdowne Women's Co-operative

LFHC/3: Solon Housing Co-operative

LFHC/4: Miscellaneous

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LFHC/1	London Fields Housing Co-operative	1977-1997
	Papers created by and relating to London Fields Housing Co-operative, including meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records and miscellaneous files. (1977-1997) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/1/1	Minutes	1982-1995
	Minutes and agendas from meetings held by London Fields Housing Co-operative. (1982-1995) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/1/1/1	AGM, Joint and Extraordinary meeting minutes	1982-1995
	Minutes and agendas created for and from London Fields Housing Co-operative AGM, Joint and Extraordinary meetings. (1982-1995) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/1/1/2	Phase 1, Site and Building Committees minutes	1983-1985
	Minutes and agendas created for and from London Housing Co-operative Phase 1, Site and Building committees meetings. These meetings occurred when the GLC was helping LFHC rehab properties on Shrubland Road, Albion Drive and Lansdowne Drive, E8. (1983-1985) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/1/2	Correspondence	1977-1997
	Correspondence between LFHC members, LWC, SHC, other persons and organisations. (1977-1997) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/1/3	Finance	1979-1996
	Financial records, reports and related papers relating to LFHC. (1979-1996) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	

LFHC/1/4

Miscellaneous

1979-1992

Layouts of LFHC properties and miscellaneous papers relating to LFHC including the origins of the co-op, co-op policy statements, tenant lists, contract between LFHC and Solon, co-op licence, report of a GLC control visit to LFHC, votes on how to split the co-op houses based on gender, and agreement between the Women's Group and the Mixed Group. (1979-1992)

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LFHC/2	Lansdowne Women's Co-operative	1980-1999
	Papers created by and relating to Lansdowne Women's Co-operative, including meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records and miscellaneous files. (1980-1999) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/2/1	Minutes	1984-1999
	Weekly, finance and extraordinary meeting minutes and agendas of LWC. (1984-1999) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/2/2	Correspondence	1987-1998
	Correspondence between LWC members, LFHC, SHC, other persons and organisations. (1987-1998) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/2/3	Finance	1983-1995
	Financial records, reports and related papers of LWC. (1983-1995) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/2/4	Miscellaneous	1980-c1995
	Miscellaneous papers relating to LWC including the separation of LWC and LFHC, the co-op's equal opportunities policy, the co-op's maintenance, grievance and eviction procedures, and papers relating to LWC's negotiations with SHC. (1980-c1995) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	

LFHC/3	Solon Housing Co-operative	1977-1993
	Papers created by and relating to Solon Housing Co-operative including meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records and miscellaneous items. (1977-1993) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1	Minutes	1980-1993
	Minutes and agendas from Solon Housing Co-operative's AGM, extraordinary, Management, East, Liasion Group, Short Life Working Group, Design Group, Education Group, Development Working Group, Finance and Personnel Working Group and miscellaneous meetings. (1980-1993) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/1	AGM and extraordinary minutes	1981-1986
	Minutes and agendas of SHC's AGM and extraordinary meetings (1981-1986) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/2	Management Committee minutes	1980-1993
	Minutes and agendas of SHC's Managemnet Committee meetings. (1980-1993) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/3	East Sub-committee minutes	1982-1987
	Minutes and agendas of SHC's East Sub-committee meetings. (1982-1987) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/4	Liaison Group minutes	1983-1986
	Minutes and agends of SHC's Liaison Group meetings. (1983-1986) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/5	Short Life Working Group minutes	1981-1987
	Minutes and agendas of SHC's Short Life Working Group meetings. (1981-1987) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	

LFHC/3/1/6	Design Group minutes	1982-1987
	Minutes and agendas SHC's Design Group meetings (1982-1987) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/7	Education Group minutes	1983-1986
	Minutes and agendas of SHC's Education Group meetings. (1983-1986) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/8	Development Working Group	1982
	Minutes and agendas of SHC's Development Working Group meetings (1982) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/9	Finance and Personnel Working Group minutes	c1981-1983
	Minutes and agendas of SHC's Finance and Personnel Working Group meetings. (c1981-1983) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/1/10	Miscellaneous meetings	1983-1986
	Minutes and papers relating to miscellaneous SHC meetings. (1983-1986) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/2	Correspondence	1978-1996
	Correspondence between SHC members, LFHC, LWC, other persons and organisations. (1978-1993) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/3	Finance	1977-1993
	Financial records, reports and related papers of SHC. (1977-1993) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/3/4	Miscellaneous	1976-1985
	Miscellaneous papers relating to housing co-operatives including a UK-wide directory of housing co-operatives, establishing housing	

co-operatives, rent agreements, policy
statements from London co-operatives and the
GLC Money Bill. (1976-1985)
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LFHC/4	Miscellaneous	1976-1985
	Miscellaneous papers relating to housing co-operatives including a UK-wide directory of housing co-operatives, establishing housing co-operatives, rent agreements, policy statements from London co-operatives and the GLC Money Bill. (1976-1985) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	
LFHC/4/1	Layouts	1979-1990
	Layouts of LFHC properties. (1979-1990) OPEN	
LFHC/4/2	Miscellaneous	1980-1992
	Miscellaneous papers relating to LFHC including the origins of the co-op, co-op policy statements, tenant lists, contract between LFHC and Solon, co-op licence, report of a GLC control visit to LFHC, votes on how to split the co-op houses based on gender, and agreement between the Women's Group and the Mixed Group. (1980-1992) APPLY TO ARCHIVIST	