
Society for the Study of Labour History
New Archival Acquisitions in 2019

This is an overview of new collections which may be of interest to labour historians reported by archives to the SSLH-ARC in 2019. Please contact the relevant archive for more information. Note that there may be restrictions on access and that some collections may not have been catalogued.

The Sparrows' Nest Library and Archive

Assorted additions to Public Archive

Summary Description: Misc papers, journals, newspapers, pamphlets, posters, leaflets donated by a number of local(ish) comrades. Individual donations too small to warrant their own collection, thus integrated with existing ones as required, almost exclusively to our Public Archive. Significant contributions re Local Alternative Press, local LGBTQ+ and CND.

Dates: 1940s to 2010s

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: c 15-20 boxes in total (our standard box is A3ish in width/length and c 15cm tall)

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://thesparrowsnest.org.uk/index.php/search>

Keywords: all sorts including, but in no way limited to: Feminism; Women; LGBTQ+; Police; Repression; Anti-Racism; Anti-Fascism; Antifa; Nottingham; Urban Development; Music; Punk; Fanzines; CND; TUCND; Molesworth; Chillwell; Peace Protests; Militarism; Arms Trade; Peace Movement; Greenham Common; Peace Camps; Blockades; Direct Action; Journalism; Comics; Sexuality; Travellers; Festivals

Gail's Collection.

Summary Description: Materials collected by a local activist regarding Trade Union activity and assorted campaigns including Anti-Apartheid, CND/TUCND, Poll Tax, etc. Included published and unpublished materials, some of the former integrated in existing collections.

Dates: 1980s to early 2000s.

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: c 2 bathubs

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL: <https://thesparrowsnest.org.uk/index.php/search>

Keywords: see above

Collection Name: Ron's Collection.

Summary Description: Further materials collected by a Salford resident, mostly regarding syndicalist groups/campaigns. Included published and unpublished materials, some of the former integrated in existing collections.

Dates: 1950s to 2000s.

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: c 8 boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://thesparrowsnest.org.uk/index.php/search>

Keywords: see above and Syndicalism; Anarcho-Syndicalism

[National Library of Scotland](#)

Synopsis and audio cassettes relating to an unpublished biography of John Gollan, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, by Margot Kettle

Summary Description: Collection of research materials relating to Kettle's unpublished biography, possibly connected with a separate accession previously deposited by her son (Acc.11479)

Dates: c.1980s

ISAD (G) Code: **Acc.14082**

Size of Archive: 30 tape cassettes, 1 file

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <http://manuscripts.nls.uk/repositories/2/resources/20079>

Keywords: Politics, Labour relations, Scotland, Women

Archive of the William Gallacher Memorial Library

Summary Description: Manuscripts and unpublished papers extracted from the WGML printed books collection, relating to the history of trade unionism, labour relations, and left-wing pressure groups in Scotland (transferred to the NLS from Glasgow Caledonian University, 2017).

Dates: c.1890s-2000s

ISAD (G) Code: **Acc.14114**

Size of Archive: 160 archive boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL: In process; archive cataloguer to be appointed in 2020

Keywords: Politics, Labour relations, Scotland

Papers of the 'office' of Extinction Rebellion (XR) Edinburgh.

Summary Description: The papers were created for an exhibition by Extinction Rebellion (XR) at Summerhall during the 2019 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and represent the group's activities and organised events during 2019 in the form of an ironic 'office'-style map, calendar, and Kanban board.

Dates: 2019

ISAD (G) Code: Acc.14120

Size of Archive: 3 folders

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL: <http://manuscripts.nls.uk/repositories/2/resources/20121>

Keywords: Politics, Scotland, Environmentalism

Papers of the Scottish Committees of the Communist Party of Great Britain and the Communist Party of Britain, and papers of related campaign groups

Summary Description: Papers collected by John Foster and the 'Morning Star' cultural campaigns committee documenting Communist organisations and campaigns in Glasgow and the rest of Scotland

Dates: 1935-2014

ISAD (G) Code: Acc.14124

Size of Archive: 18 archive boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL: <http://manuscripts.nls.uk/repositories/2/resources/20124>

Keywords: Politics, Scotland

[Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru / The National Library of Wales](#)

Fellowship of Reconciliation Records

Summary Description: Copies of three letters, 2007-2008, from Nia Rhosier, two of them addressed to Terry Waite, together with a reply from the latter, dated 17 July 2007. Correspondence regarding request for presence of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Wales on the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod field.

Dates: 2007-2008

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 1 envelope

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Peace movement

Peter Hain Papers

Summary Description: Misc additional papers

Dates: 2010-2015

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 2 small boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Politics Northern Ireland

Archif Plaid Cymru

Summary Description: Election ephemera and booklets, correspondence.

Dates: ca 1980-1990

ISAD (G) Code: PLAMRU

Size of Archive: 1 small box

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/archif-plaid-cymru-2>

Keywords: Politics Wales

Deian R. Hopkin Papers

Summary Description: Additional papers comprising 17 letters from Jennie Eirian Davies, 1978-1981; 2 letters (one incomplete) from Peter Thomas, 1980; items relating to T. E. Nicholas (Niclas y Glais), including two letters, 1978-1979, from his son, Islwyn ap Nicholas; typescript reports concerning the election campaign of Loti Rees Hughes, Labour candidate for Cardigan; and printed material, [1960]-1988.

Dates: [1960]-1988

ISAD (G) Code: DEIKIN

Size of Archive: 1 small box

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/deian-r-hopkin-papers-2>

Keywords: Politics Wales Labour Party

National Assembly for Wales Archive:

Summary Description: 53 large boxes of National Assembly for Wales archive.

Dates: 1999-2011

ISAD (G) Code: NAFW

Size of Archive: 120 large boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/archif-cynulliad-cenedlaethol-cymru-national-assembly-for-wales-archive>

Keywords: Politics Wales

Ivor T. Rees Political Papers

Summary Description: A further collection of political notes on election candidates, accumulated by the donor.

Dates: 1970-2016

ISAD (G) Code: IVTRES

Size of Archive: 37 small boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/ivor-t-rees-political-papers-2>

Keywords: Politics Wales

Welsh Political Ephemera Collection

Summary Description: An undated bilingual flyer published and printed by the Welsh Republican Clubs entitled 'Ireland's Tragedy - Wales' Disgrace'.

Dates: 1980s

ISAD (G) Code: EPHEMERA

Size of Archive: 1 envelope

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/welsh-political-ephemera-collection-2>

Keywords: Politics Wales

Coleg Harlech Archive

Summary Description: File containing papers and correspondence, 1963-1998. "Annual reports and correspondence with National Library".

Dates: 1963-1998

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 1 folder

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Education

Sir Guildhaume Myrddin-Evans Papers

Summary Description: The family and political papers of civil servant and President of the International Labour Organisation, Sir Guildhaume Myrddin-Evans.

Dates: 1940-1980

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 7 large boxes, 3 small boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Politics, Labour relations

Welsh Political Ephemera Collection:

Summary Description: A collection of Welsh political badges

Dates: 1970-1990

ISAD (G) Code: EPHEMERA

Size of Archive: 0.5 small box

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/welsh-political-ephemera-collection-2>

Keywords: Politics Wales

Ian and Thalia Campbell Papers

Summary Description: An envelope containing additional papers mostly relating to exhibitions which included early work by Thalia Campbell.

Dates: 1958-2018

ISAD (G) Code: IANELL

Size of Archive: 1 envelope

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/ian-and-thalia-campbell-papers-2>

Keywords: Art

Ann Clwyd Papers

Summary Description: Papers relating to Ann Clwyd's political interests, Iraq, the Kurds, international development, NHS

Dates: 1986-2019

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 50 large boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Politics, Iraq

Ann Jones AM (Women's Archive of Wales) Papers

Summary Description: Three boxes containing papers relating to the Domestic Fire Safety (Wales) Measure 2011.

Dates: 2011

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 3 large boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Politics Wales

Peter Hain Papers

Summary Description: Additional papers related to his political career.

Dates: 2000-2017

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 12 large boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Politics Wales Northern Ireland

Owen John Thomas Papers

Summary Description: Political papers from his period as a Member of the National Assembly for Wales and as a councillor

Dates: 1980-2007

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 30 large boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Politics Wales

National Assembly for Wales Archive

Summary Description: Additional archives, including the records of the Third Assembly.

Dates: 1999-2011

ISAD (G) Code: NAFW

Size of Archive: 220 large boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.library.wales/index.php/archif-cynulliad-cenedlaethol-cymru-national-assembly-for-wales-archive>

Keywords: Politics Wales

[Labour History Archive and Study Centre, People's History Museum](#)

Labour Party Press Office Archive

Summary Description: Includes material from the press and publicity campaign for the 1983 General Election and the 1984 Chesterfield by-election.

Dates: 1981-1985

ISAD (G) Code: LHASC/3

Size of Archive: 2 folders

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL: <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/search/archives/c02aba16-7121-3713-8eb8-041fb0e85faf?component=e7cd9d7d-203e-32e3-82b7-d5ce9c764cfe>

Keywords: Labour Party

Labour History Archive and Study Centre, People's History Museum

Collection Name: Labour Party National Executive Committee Minutes

Summary Description: Further deposit of meeting minutes

Dates: 2018-2019

ISAD (G) Code: LP/NEC

Size of Archive: 5 MB

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Labour Party

European Parliamentary Labour Party Archive

Summary Description: Further deposit of meeting minutes, standing orders and other papers

Dates: 2002-2018

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 15 large boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Labour Party

Labour Party European Safeguard Committee Archive

Summary Description: Further deposit of papers, including Committee meeting minutes

Dates: ca 1980-2000

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 2 large boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Labour Party

Wolverhampton Communist Party Archive

Summary Description: Small collection of papers, including correspondence and pamphlets

Dates: ca1960-ca1970

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 1 box

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Communist Party of Great Britain

[Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Senate House Library](#)

African National Congress

Summary Description: The Fight Against Apartheid! Album of exhibition photographs

Dates: c1967

ISAD (G) Code: ICS206

Size of Archive: 1 volume

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110056726>

Keywords: Anti-apartheid

Moorcroft, Errol (fl 1985) South African politician

Summary Description: Report by Errol Moorcroft MP and colleagues on shootings near Uitenhage - the Langa massacre on 21 March 1985

Dates: 1985-1986

ISAD (G) Code: ICS208

Size of Archive: 1 report

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110056788>

Keywords: Apartheid

Harry and Mary Morris papers

Summary Description: Papers of Harry Morris (also known as H.D. Emery, George Weston). Subject files include Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB), c1920-1941; International Left Opposition, 1930-c1933; Marxist Group, 1937-1938; Marxist League, c1931; Revolutionary Socialist League, 1938-1943; Revolutionary Socialist Party, 1938-1941; Militant Labour League, c1939; De Havilland shop stewards, 1940-1942; Fourth International circulars, papers, c1938-c1948; photographs of British Communist and National Unemployed Workers Committee demonstrations, 1927-1936; Communist Party of Great Britain group photographs, c1920s; radical leaflets and pamphlets including anti-war, pacifist. Papers of Mary Morris including memoirs of the Soviet Union, 1923-1928; correspondence and papers, c1934-c1981; subject files including John Lawrence and the CPGB, 1956-1958, and Yugoslavia information services, c1949-1974. Vera Morris research papers, c1980-c1989. Also Trotskyist press-cuttings, c1928-c1954 and newspapers and bulletins including Socialist Appeal, 1941 Aug-1948 March (incomplete), and The Communist, 1932 May-1934 January (missing number 6) ; Socialist Workers Party (USA) internal bulletins, papers, 1936-1939; French Trotskyism journals, reports, 1936-1948.

Dates: 1885-c1999

ISAD (G) Code: MS1249

Size of Archive: 14 archive boxes, 1 oversized box

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL: <https://archives.libraries.london.ac.uk/Details/archive/110056715>

Keywords: Communism, Trotskyism

TUC Library

TUC Pamphlets

Summary Description: TUC publications incl. Congress reports, periodicals, policy documents and campaigns literature

Dates: 2019

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 2 boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Trades Union Congress, Labor unions Great Britain

Affiliated unions

Summary Description: Publications from 48 unions affiliated to the TUC, annual reports, conference reports, periodicals, policy documents and campaigns literature

Dates: 2019

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 10 boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Labor unions Great Britain

Bernard Jennings Collection

Summary Description: 34 boxes concerning his work for the WEA

Dates: 2018-2019

ISAD (G) Code:

Size of Archive: 34 boxes

Additional Deposit: Y

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: Adult literacy, adult education

[Working Class Movement Library](#)

Papers of Ernie Roberts

Summary Description: Papers largely relating to Roberts' political activity, in the Labour party, as a trade unionist and in various campaigns

Dates: 1934-1997

ISAD (G) Code: PP/ROBERTSE

Size of Archive: 21 boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: politicians, trade unions, activism

Roberts-Arundel Strike Committee papers

Summary Description: Records of strike from 1965 to 1968 at Roberts Arundel in Stockport

Dates: 1965-1971

ISAD (G) Code: EVT/ROBERTS

Size of Archive: 8 boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: strikes, engineering industry

Manchester Mirror Pensioners Action Group

Summary Description: papers relating to the Mirror Group pension funds, Robert Maxwell's conduct and the campaign to get justice for the pensioners affected

Dates: 1980-1997

ISAD (G) Code: ORG/MMPAG

Size of Archive: 10 boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: newspapers, pensions

Mick Jenkins collection

Summary Description: Personal papers mainly relating to Jenkins' Communist activities, includes his autobiography

Dates: 1925-1922

ISAD (G) Code: PP/JENKINSM

Size of Archive: 15 boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: communism, elections, Spanish Civil War

Socialist Party of Great Britain

Summary Description: Miscellaneous papers

Dates: 1949-2007

ISAD (G) Code: **ORG/SPGB**

Size of Archive: 1 box

Additional Deposit: N

Catalogue URL:

Keywords: political parties, socialism

[University of Sussex Library](#)

Walter Kendall Library and papers

Summary Description: Largely consists of printed material on the history of socialism, trade unions and communism, including a large run of 'Voice of the Unions' of which Kendall was an editor. The collection includes some correspondence and drafts of writing and much ephemeral printed material.

Dates: c.1900 - c.2000

ISAD (G) Code: ACC 2008

Size of Archive:30 boxes

Additional Deposit: N

Keywords: Trade Unions; History of Socialism; Political Campaigning