

C DCF Documents relating to the Hull and District Free Church Federal Council 1936-1996

Historical Background: Around 1890 it was first suggested that Nonconformist Churches in England and Wales needed a congress similar to that of the Anglican Church. Whilst the first Nonconformist Churches Congress was held in Manchester in 1892, it was in the following year that it was decided to create local Free Church councils across the country. This resulted in the creation of such a council in Hull in 1893. With its various officers and committees, membership was drawn from various nonconformist churches across the city, such as the Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians and later the United Reform Church, as well as the Salvation Army and the Society of Friends (Quakers).

As well as supporting its own church members, the council would also work to ensure the word of Christ was applied to all aspects of life. To that end, the council ensured representation of various external bodies and providing chaplains for hospitals and prisons. In 1940, the Free Church Federal Council was created, when the former Nonconformist Churches Congress, now known as Nonconformist Churches National Council merged with the Federal Council of Evangelical Free Churches. 1943 saw the title of President of the Hull and District Council altered to that of Moderator.

Custodial background: C DCF/1-13 were deposited by Mrs D M Fletcher in February 1995 while C DCF/14 was deposited by Mr D Colin Dews in 2021

Description: Contains minutes, annual reports, publications and the President's Bible

Extent: 2 boxes

Related material: A copy of the Rules and Constitution for the Hull and District Free Churches Council from 1935 can be located at C DCE/60. The Hull History Centre has many records relating to nonconformist churches in Hull, please see our research guide, 'Religious records and records of individuals of faith'.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DCF/1	Minute book 1 volume	30 Mar 1936- 22 Jan 1964
C DCF/2	Minute book 1 volume	30 Apr 1964- 6 Feb 1975
C DCF/3	Minute book 1 volume	8 Apr 1975- 5 Jun 1986
C DCF/4	Minute book of the Humberside Free Church Council's Co-ordinating Committee. Book 1 1 volume	9 Oct 1973- 29 Jan 1974
C DCF/5	Records of attendance and activities 1 volume	25 Jan 1956- 30 Oct 1962

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C DCF/6	Records of attendance and activities 1 volume	19 Oct 1961- 14 Jun 1972
C DCF/7	Annual report 1 item	Jun 1960
C DCF/8	Annual report 1 item	29 Jun 1961
C DCF/9	Annual report 1 item	28 Jun 1962
C DCF/10	Annual report 1 item	1963-1964
C DCF/11	Hull City Council minutes - Colleges and schools sub-committee 1 item	5 Dec 1967
C DCF/12	Booklet entitled 'The Issue of the Free Church Union' 1 item	c.1958
C DCF/13	Agenda for meeting of Humberside Free Church Council's Co-ordinating Committee 1 item	29 Jan 1974
C DCF/14	President's Bible Presented by Frank Bacon in 1935, and is signed by each of the Council's Presidents and Moderators 1 volume	1936-1996