

C TMB

Hull City Council Civic events

1968-2011

Accession number: 17/31

Historical Background: Hull's Civic Week began in the 1920s, and was a series of events and exhibitions to highlight the work of the council and promote the city. It later developed into the Hull Civic Open Days events. Initially, the twin town movement was developed in Europe in the 1940s as a way of bringing people together after World War Two, but it later became more wide ranging. The sister cities movement began in North America in the 1930s. The moves to twin Hull with Freetown began in 1979, with an official ceremony in 1980. Hull established the civic link with Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A. in 1986 and with Niigata in Japan in 1990. The William Wilberforce Award is given periodically to an individual who has made a contribution to fight against slavery. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, an Anglian Archbishop and leading anti-apartheid campaigner, has visited Hull on three occasions, the first time in 1989.

Custodial history: In most cases, these records have been transferred to the City Archives at the Hull History Centre by various departments of the Hull City Council

Description: Includes copies of official speeches, certificates, programmes of events, video tapes, a visitor's book, and a photograph album

Extent: 27 items, 2 volumes

Related material: A Brief History of Freetown and its twinning with Kingston Upon Hull and the subsequent links between the two cities can be accessed in the search room at C SRL/R/28 (SRL/R/Box 4)

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C TMB/1	Programme of the ceremony to mark the admission of Rt. Hon. Lord Middleton and Alderman Harold Fairbotham, Alderman Frederick Holmes, Alderman Sydney Herbert Smith and George Kryn Spruit as Freemen of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull Includes order of ceremony, a short bibliography on each of the men, a description of a city's power to bestow Honorary Freedom, and a list of honorary freemen from 29 Jul 1885 to 1 Feb 1968 1 item	23 May 1968
C TMB/2	Programme of the visit of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to mark Her Majesty's silver jubilee held as part of the Civic Week events Includes two copies 2 items	13 Jul 1977

C TMB/3	Video recordings relating to the visit by a civic delegation to Freetown, Sierra Leone Due to the format of these items we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make them accessible. 6 items	Jan 1980
C TMB/3/1	Video recording of the twinning ceremony of Freetown, Sierra Leone, and Kingston upon Hull and the admittance of the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull as Honorary Freeman of the City of Freetown Labelled as Tape 1 Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. 1 item	22 Jan 1980
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C TMB/3/3	Video recording of the press conference at the Hull City Hall for the twinning of Kingston upon Hull and Freetown, Sierra Leone Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. 2 items	22 Jan 1980
C TMB/3/4	Video recording of the City Hall Cultural Night Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. 2 items	22 Jan 1980

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C TMB/4	Address given by the Lord Mayor, Alexander Clarke, to the City Council of Freetown, Sierra Leone 1 item	Oct 1980
C TMB/5	Order of Service of Thanksgiving for the safe return of the Norland and all those who were engaged in the South Atlantic Campaign Includes two copies 2 items	6 Feb 1982
C TMB/6	Special Meeting of the Council to mark the admission of Sidney Beetham Hainsworth, C.B.E, L.L.D., Councillor Fred Hammond, J.P., James Johnson, M.P. and Honorary Alderman Lawrence Science as Honorary Freemen of the City of Kingston upon Hull Includes a short bibliography on each of the men, a description of a city's power to bestow Honorary Freedom, and a list of honorary freemen from 29 Jul 1885 to 17 Nov 1982 1 item	17 Nov 1982
C TMB/7	Speech delivered by Dr. J. C. Oju Mendis at the 150th Anniversary dinner of the death of William Wilberforce 1 item	28 Jul 1983
C TMB/8	Copy of the speech made by the Leader of the Hull City Council, Councillor Patrick J. Doyle, on the occasion of the visit by a City Council delegation to Freetown, Sierra Leone 1 item	Feb 1985
C TMB/9	Video recording of the City Council's involvement in International Youth Year Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. 1 item	c.1986

C TMB/10	Items relating to a visit by Archbishop Desmond Tutu 4 items	1 Feb 1989
C TMB/10/1	Radio Humberside tape of the civic dinner for Archbishop Desmond Tutu Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. 1 item	1 Feb 1989
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C TMB/10/3	Cassette tape containing edited highlights of the civic dinner and civic service for Archbishop Desmond Tutu Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. 1 item	1 Feb 1989
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C TMB/11	Joint Communiqué issued by the Lord Mayor of Hull and the Mayor of Niigata, Japan at the end of a civic visit Niigata In presentation folder 1 item	5 Apr 1990
C TMB/12	Video presentation of the William Wilberforce Award Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible. 1 item	14 Dec 1990

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| C TMB/13 | <p>Photograph album of the civic visit to Kingston upon Hull by the Mayor of Niigata, Japan, and other civic officers
1 volume</p> | c.1991 |
| C TMB/14 | <p>Video of the granting of the Freedom of the City of Hull to Nelson Mandela, in Glasgow
Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible.
1 item</p> | 9 Oct 1993 |
| C TMB/15 | <p>Cassette tape recording of the Wilberforce Lecture by Professor Wole Soyinka
Includes a master copy and a working copy
Due to the format of this item we are currently unable to provide access. However, we are investigating the possibility of digitisation in the near future in order to make it accessible.
2 items</p> | 8 Jul 1997 |
| C TMB/16 | <p>Certificate of rededication of the Twinning Agreement between the City Council of Kingston upon Hull and Freetown City Council, Sierra Leone
This rededication was made in recognition of the operation for twenty five years of the twinning arrangement between the citizens of Freetown, Sierra Leone and the citizens of Kingston upon Hull, United Kingdom. States in accordance with the Twinning Agreement the Freetown City Council and the Kingston upon Hull City Council will continue to endeavour to promote close co-operation, so that the citizens of both cities may enjoy lasting friendship and mutual understanding with prosperity, peace, freedom and dignity. The Twinning Agreement is signed on behalf of the citizens of the cities of Kingston upon Hull and Freetown by the leader of Hull City Council, Ken Branson, the Chairman of the Freetown Society, Hon. Alderman Patrick Doyle, the Mayor of Freetown City Council, Councillor Winstanley Bankole Johnson and the High Commissioner of Sierra Leone, His Excellency Alhaji Suleiman Tejan-Jalloh.
1 item</p> | 25 Oct 2005 |

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| C TMB/17 | <p>Wilberforce House visitor's book
This visitor's book was launched in 2005 to celebrate 200 years since the passage of the Slave Trade Act (1807) in 2007. Several of the pages are still unused but there are a number of signatures and messages from dignitaries from around the world that visited Wilberforce House during that time. This volume is housed in a specially made presentation box.
1 volume</p> | 17 Mar 2005-
23 Aug 2011 |
| C TMB/18 | <p>Sealed certificate from Sister Cities International saluting the citizens of Kingston upon Hull as they celebrate the 20th Anniversary with Raleigh, North Carolina
1 item</p> | c.2006 |