U DX225 **Records of Hull Action for Peace** 1978-1988 and other items relating to the Peace Movement

Historical Background:

This non-party organisation was established in early 1978 following a public meeting in Hull on 'alternative employment' advocating a switch from military to civilian production. There was no formal membership, and supporters simply offered whatever commitment of time and energy they could. The group, which lasted until the mid-1980s, was affiliated to the National Peace Council and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. It worked with other sympathetic groups, such as the Hull Trades Council's Peace Sub-Committee. Basically, the group worked in Hull and its region to promote peace, nuclear disarmament, to halt the arms race, argue for the use peaceful non-military solutions to international conflicts, and so on. Regular meetings were held, one of which included a showing of Peter Watkins' banned 1965 BBC film 'The War game'.

Custodial history:

Donated by Brenda Rigby, Hull, February 1991

Description:

The collection contains records pertaining to Hull Action for Peace between 1979-1981, including minutes, correspondence and publicity material. There are also eleven separate items of miscellaneous peace movement ephemera.

Extent: 7 files

Related material:

Newspaper cuttings relating to Ron Huzzard, 1944-1946 [Ref U DX361] League of Nations Union: Hull branch, 1921-1937 [Ref : L DSLN]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX225/1 Original file containing records of Hull Action

for Peace. Originally one folder subdivided into different types of records relating to the aims. direction and activities of the group Hull Action for Peace. Repacked into six separate folders

for conservation purposes.

6 files

U DX225/1/1 **Photographs**

[1981] Seven colour photographs of the Hull Action for

Jun 1978-

1985

Peace group at the Humberside Show [1981] showing their stalls, some of the members of the group and examples of their advertising (e.g. posters). The photos may also show members of the Remould Theatre Co. putting on excerpts from

their play 'Nuclear Cabaret'.

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Minutes

Feb 1979-Nov 1981

The minutes are mostly typed with some annotations and generally pertain to consecutive meetings. They provide detailed insight into the agenda, aims and actions of the group. The minutes begin with the names of those who were present at the meeting followed by the events of the meeting. The minutes, in conjunction with the correspondence, also provide information on the group's contacts with other groups and individuals. The file also contains some accounts.

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Correspondence sent by Hull Action for Peace The letters cover a wide range of areas including letters to specific members or the group about group activities (e.g. petitions), letters to prospective new members or individuals asking for support, answers to enquiries about providing speakers for events, thank you letters to supporters, answers to requests for leaflets or information about the group, letters to individuals and the council trying to generate support, letters mentioning disturbances at Hull Action for Peace meeting and events, thank yous and information on collecting signatures for the World Disarmament Campaign petition and letters relating to concern about the potential deployment of Tomahawk and Pershing 2 missiles in the UK and Western Europe. Some of the letters are incomplete and some are handwritten. The correspondence sent by Hull Action for Peace also includes letters to notable individuals such as Alan Plater, Philip Larkin and John Prescott MP. 1 file (circa 100 items)

Nov 1978-Oct 1981

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Correspondence to Hull Action for Peace
The correspondence covers similar topics to the
group's outgoing correspondence, including some
enclosed leaflets and letters from individuals and
groups: Sir Roy Marshall, John Prescott MP, Kevin
McNamara MP, Alan Plater, Jonathan Dimbleby,
James Johnson MP, World Disarmament
Campaign, National Council for Peace, European
Nuclear Disarmament, Campaign for Nuclear
Disarmament, Campaign Against the Arms Trade
and the British-Soviet Friendship Society.
1 file (circa 100 items)

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U DX225/1/5 Publicity Material

1979-1981

Contains letters and leaflets sent to specific councillors or Hull City Council. Other leaflets cover topics such as: Polaris, 'British groups working for peace and social justice', a 'synopsis' of the activities of Hull Action for Peace over the past two years (5/2/1980), annual reports for Hull Action for Peace for the years 1978-1979 and 1979-1980. promotional material for Hull Action for Peace, promotion material produced by other groups involved in the peace movement. There is also some draft promotional material and an envelope containing black and white photographs of an anti-Polaris protest. Also contains one original and one copy of the annual report for 1980-1981 detailing the efforts and activities of Hull Action for Peace. 1 file

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Peace Literature

1979-1988

Leaflets and newspapers cuttings concerning peace activities, publicity materials and the production of publicity material e.g. items that can be bought like T-Shirts, cards and posters. The literature relates to various peace movement groups. Includes a flyer for a talk by Dr. David Bellamy.

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Peace movement ephemera Including:

1983-1985

- a) Hull Women for Peace, (5 items) contains newsletter, publicity material by Hull Women for Peace and notes on future activities.
- b) Large poster relating to Greenham Common Women's mass demonstration, 11 December 1983. The demonstration led to an encircling of the RAF Greenham Common base involving a human chain of 50 000 women. The Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp began in September 1981 and was set up to protest against nuclear weapons being positioned at the RAF base.
- c) Publicity material including posters and notices, including Humberside Against Nuclear Dumping, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, (5 items). 11 items