

U DX330

Socialist Sunday School song books

1892-1962

Historical Background:

The first Socialist Sunday School was established by Mary Gray in 1892 in an attempt to provide an education for children and to install a sense of socialist responsibilities. The Trade Unionist Tom Anderson created another school in 1894 and by 1912 there were over 200 Socialist Sunday Schools across the UK despite the criticism that they were subverting the minds of the children.

The National Council of British Socialist Sunday Schools was started in Glasgow in 1909. The Sunday Schools sought to move away from the Christian teaching in Sunday schools and worked closely with the Labour movement and this is evident in the choice of songs featured in the song books.

Custodial history:

Donated by Mr Gordon McAlpine in Sep 2005

Description:

Small collection of published song books compiled for the Socialist Sunday Schools

Extent: 7 items

Related material:

'Pioneer Song Book. 1844-1944' [Ref U DAR/11/11]

Song Book: 'Songs for Co-operative Women' [Ref U DCWH/5/1/1]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX330/1	The Labour Church Hymn Book Compilation containing 89 songs following the formation of Labour Churches in Manchester and other towns 1 item	Sep 1892
U DX330/2	Songs of the Social Revolution Compilation by George Neil containing 29 songs. Some pages are torn but the item is complete. 1 item	[1894]

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U DX330/3	<p>Socialist Sunday Schools Song Book Compilation containing 53 songs including details of the key, but not the score of the tunes. Printed and published by the Glasgow and District Socialist Sunday Schools Union. It includes a printed 'APPEAL to Adult Socialists and trade Unionists' to support the work of The National Council of British Socialist Sunday Schools. It includes a directory of Socialist Sunday Schools in Glasgow and London. 1 item</p>	Aug 1907
U DX330/4	<p>Socialist Song Book Printed for the Glasgow Clarion Scouts. Features 8 songs including 'The Red Flag', 'The Labourer's Battle Hymn' and 'The Marseillaise' 1 item</p>	[1920s]
U DX330/5	<p>The Socialist Sunday School Tune Book Contains 116 songs with musical score and words. Compiled by The National Council of British Socialist Sunday School Unions 1 volume</p>	1926
U DX330/6	<p>The Socialist Sunday School Song Book Contains the words to 116 songs. Compiled by The National Council of British Socialist Sunday School Unions. 1 item</p>	1932
U DX330/7	<p>'Alex Gossip' Biography by Steve Harrison of the trade unionist (1862-1952) who was also actively engaged in supporting the Socialist Sunday School movement. Published by Lawrence & Wishart, London 1 item</p>	1962