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**LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION:
HULL BRANCH**

1921-1937

Historical Background:

The League of Nations Union (LNU) was formed by the merger of the League of Free Nations Association and the League of Nations Society, two groups working for the establishment of a new world order based upon the ideals of the League of Nations.

It became the largest and most influential organisation in the British peace movement, playing an important role in inter-war politics, and launching education programmes that had a lasting impact on British schools. The LNU's popularity dwindled during World War Two, and when the United Nations Association (UNA) was founded in 1945 to promote the work of the United Nations, the LNU arranged to transfer its complete organisational structure and its membership to the UNA.

The LNU consisted of a General Council, which met twice a year and had responsibility for LNU policy; an Executive Committee, which met every two weeks and co-ordinated campaigns, analysed branch reports and resolutions, monitored the work of the numerous specialist sub-committees, supervised the staff, and generally acted as the central policy-making body of the LNU; and regional LNU branches, which had their own independent management structures.

The Hull branch was formed in September 1918 with 80 members and the numbers grew quite rapidly, a junior branch was established in 1923 and by 1926 had 8650 members. The branch's first President was the Right Hon. T.R. Ferens who served from 1918 until his death in 1930.

Description:

Minutes of the Committee Meetings but also the Finance, Foreign Affairs, Garden Party and Parliamentary sub-committees

Custodial history:

Deposited at Hull Local Studies Library in 1976

Related material:

The Records of the League of Nations Union, 1918-1971 (Ref LNU) are held at the London School of Economics and Political Science

The Winifred Holtby collection (ref WH) held at the Local Studies Library includes correspondence with Vera Mary Brittain (1893-1970) and features many references to the work of the League of Nations Union

Extent:

4 items (1 box)

Access Conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

L DSLN/1-4	Minutes Minutes of the Committee Meetings but also the Finance, Foreign Affairs, Garden Party and Parliamentary sub-committees detailing its events and activities including an annual Garden Party hosted by Right Hon T.R. Ferens, public meetings and local and national demonstrations. The Secretary's Annual Report provides a good overview of the branch's activities including membership and a balance sheet. 4 items/4 volumes	1921-1937
L DSLN/1	Minute Book With draft copy of the 1922/23 Annual Report it also includes newspaper cutting and printed copy of the 1921/22 Annual Report 1 volume	27 Oct 1921- 18 Feb 1924
L DSLN/2	Minute Book With typescript report for the Annual Meeting (Mar 1924) including reports that more than 4000 new members had enrolled with more than half of this number from Mssrs Reckitt's Works. 1 volume	3 Mar 1924- 6 Apr 1927
L DSLN/3	Minute Book With an annotated list of Committee members (c 1927 and 1928). Disarmament sub-committee (from July 1931), Delegates reports from the General Council's Annual Meetings in London (1930) and Blackpool (1931) and typescript circular entitled 'Lord Cecil's Views on Disarmament' (Dec 1930). 1 volume	2 Jun 1927- 18 Mar 1932
L DSLN/4	Minute Book With annotated lists of Committee members (c 1935), includes report of Wilberforce Centenary and Anti-Slavery Week (Jul 1933); resolution against the country's increased air armaments (Jul 1934); discussion of Germany's remilitarisation of the Rhineland (Mar 1936); Report of Peace Demonstration at Queen's Hall (Nov 1936). Also includes delegates reports from the General Council's Annual Meetings in Cambridge (1935). 1 volume	8 Apr 1932- 15 Mar 1937