

U DSO Records of the Labour Solidarity Campaign 1980-1988

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Historical Background: The Labour Solidarity Campaign (LSC) was established after the special Labour Party conference held at Wembley in February 1981. It was intended to maintain what were described as the 'traditional values and ideals of a democratic Labour Party', to prevent the loss of support to the newly-established Social Democratic Party, and to counter the activities of the 'undemocratic Left' within the Party. Its joint chairmen were Roy Hattersley and Peter Shore with, initially, Ken Woolmer MP as secretary and Austin Mitchell MP as Treasurer. Supporters included figures such as Denis Healey, Sam Silkin, Jack Ashley, John Smith, Gwyneth Dunwoody and Merlyn Rees. In practical terms the group aimed to moderate the effects of the introduction of re-selection for MPs, and of the electoral college for the selection of the Party leader, preferring one-member one-vote. The group, which included well over 100 MPs amongst its membership, supported Denis Healey as Deputy Leader, securing a narrow victory over Tony Benn in 1981, and also the Neil Kinnock/Roy Hattersley leadership ticket after the departure of Michael Foot and Denis Healey. The group was discontinued in mid-1988 by which time it was considered to have secured most of its original objectives.

Custodial history: This collection was previously catalogued as part of the papers of Roy Hattersley with reference U DRH/1. After the withdrawal of the rest of Lord Hattersley's papers in 2021 this collection was recatalogued as U DSO.

Description: Material relating to the Labour Solidarity Campaign (1981-1988). The collection includes meeting minutes and recordings; financial records; correspondence; subject files; publicity material; and photographs.

Note: The number of letters written by each individual correspondent is indicated in brackets after their name, for example: Margaret Thatcher (3).

Arrangement

- U DSO/1 Minutes of Steering Committee and National Advisory Council
- U DSO/2 Financial records
- U DSO/3 Correspondence
- U DSO/4 Subject files
- U DSO/5 Publicity material
- U DSO/6 Photographs

Extent: 8 boxes

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Language: English

U DSO/1	Minutes of Steering Committee and National Advisory Council 1 file	1981-1987
U DSO/1/1	Organising Committee Notices, agenda and minutes of meetings, list of members, financial statements and memoranda 1 file	Feb 1981-Jun 1982
U DSO/1/2	Steering Committee Notices, agenda and minutes of meetings, including inaugural meeting, with related papers, including on the subject of Militant. Including: a) Letter from Frank Field MP, 10 November 1981 1 file	Feb 1981-Dec 1983
U DSO/1/3	Steering Committee/National Advisory Council Notices, agenda and minutes of meetings, with related papers, including statistics of supporters by region, financial reports, newsletters, letters re attendance at meetings, lists of members and ts. mailing list 1 file	Jan 1984-Nov 1987
U DSO/1/4	"Steering Committee file of attendance from 1981" Only four completed sheets 1 file	Feb 1984-Mar 1986
U DSO/1/5	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 4 sides) Forum held with LSC "key workers", about development of Labour Party and LSC, London, 28 February 1982, chaired by Ken Woolmer MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	28 Feb 1982
U DSO/1/6	Audio cassettes (3 items, recorded on 5 sides) Forum held with LSC "key workers", about situation within the Labour Party and its development, chaired by [?] 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	6 Jun 1982

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U DSO/1/7	Audio cassettes (3 items, recorded on 6 sides) Inaugural meeting of National Advisory Council, about situation within the Labour Party and general election campaign, chaired by Gwyneth Dunwoody MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	16 Jan 1983
U DSO/1/8	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 4 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, introduced by Roy Hattersley MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	27 Mar [1983]
U DSO/1/9	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 3 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, chaired by Terry Davis MP and introduced by Roy Hattersley MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	14 Feb 1984
U DSO/1/10	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 4 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, chaired by Terry Davis MP and introduced by Roy Hattersley MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	25 Nov 1984
U DSO/1/11	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 3 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, chaired by Sandy Feather/Terry Davis MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	20 Jan 1985
U DSO/1/12	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 4 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, chaired by Sandy Feather/Terry Davis MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	24 Feb 1985

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U DSO/1/13	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 3 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, chaired by Terry Davis MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	2 Jun 1985
U DSO/1/14	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 3 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, chaired by Terry Davis MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	8 Sep 1985
U DSO/1/15	Audio cassettes (2 items, recorded on 4 sides) National Advisory Council meeting, chaired by Terry Davis MP 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	3 Nov 1985
U DSO/1/16	Audio cassette (1 item, recorded on 2 sides) National Advisory Council meeting 1 file This material is currently unavailable whilst we investigate converting the material into a digital format	12 Apr 1986
U DSO/1/17	"Meetings of Solidarity MPs" Notices of meetings, correspondence, signatures of attendees at meeting on 28 Jun 1982 and photocopy ts. "Statement by 150 Labour MPs" 1 file	Jan 1982-May 1983
U DSO/2	Financial records 1 file	1981-1987
U DSO/2/1	Income and expenditure account Covering 1 June 1986 to 31 July 1987, Nithia Anandan, accountants. 1 file	23 Nov 1987
U DSO/2/2	Nominal ledger, comprising accounts of income and expenditure under various categories 1 file	1982-1983
U DSO/2/3	Cash book, with balances at end 1 file	Feb 1981-Mar 1984

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U DSO/2/4	Financial papers of Mary Goudie and Carol Mathias Including accounts and correspondence between Ken Woolmer MP, Austin Mitchell MP and Lord Chitnis of the Joseph Rowntree Social Service Trust about an application for a grant 1 file	Feb-Jul 1981
U DSO/2/5	Finance Committee Correspondence, notices of meetings and accounts 1 file	May 1981-Feb 1984
U DSO/3	Correspondence 1 file	1981-1988
U DSO/3/1	Correspondence between Mary Goudie and Ken Woolmer MP 1 file	Sep-Dec 1982
U DSO/3/2	Original bundle of correspondence with peers and MPs supporting the LSC, filed A-S Correspondents include: Stuart Bell MP (2), Betty Boothroyd MP (1), Peter Archer MP (1), Joe Ashton MP (3), Dale Campbell-Savours MP (1), Terry Davis MP (1), Frank Dobson MP (1), Gwyneth Dunwoody MP (4), John Golding MP (1), Lord Graham (3), Denis Howell 1 file	1982-1985
U DSO/3/3	Correspondence with supporters in the House of Lords, filed A-Z, with its annotated list of Labour peers Correspondents include: Lord Berwick (1), Lady Birk (1), Lady David (1), Lord Campbell (1), Lord Collinson (1), Lord Balogh (1), Lady Fisher (1), Lady Forman (1), Baroness Lockwood (1), Lord Oram (1), Lord Plant (1), Lord Sefton (1) and Lord Strauss (1) 1 file	1981-1982

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U DSO/3/4	<p>Correspondence with supporters of the LSC Including Sir Sigmund Sternberg (1), Giles Radice MP (1), George Robertson MP (1), Brynmor John MP (1), Donald Dewar MP (1), John Smith MP (1), John Spellar (EETPU) (4), Gerald Kaufman MP (1), Terry Davis MP (1) and Denis Howell MP (2). Also some circulars issued by Broad Left Alliance, Merseyside Labour Briefing, Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, Labour Co-ordinating Committee, Target Labour Government/Labour Briefing and Women's Action Committee, MORI poll about the Labour leadership (June 1983) and record of votes cast for party leader at 1983 conference 1 file</p>	1982-1986
U DSO/3/5	<p>Original bundle of correspondence with supporters of the LSC Including some MPs, filed B, J-M, P-S. Correspondents include: Gerald Kaufman MP (1), Peter Shore MP (1), Ken Woolmer MP (2) and John Spellar (EEPTU) (3) 1 file</p>	1982-1988
U DSO/3/6	<p>Original bundle of correspondence with MPs and others supporting the LSC Including Gwyneth Dunwoody MP (1), Terry Davis MP (5), Andrew Cook (5), Barry Jones MP (4), Stuart Bell MP (1), John Spellar (EEPTU) (2) and Denis Howell MP (1). Also notices and agenda of various LSC meetings, minutes of National Advisory Council, annual report of Campaign Group of Labour MPs, report of investigation into Liverpool District Labour Party, papers about the expulsion of a member from Teesside Middlesbrough Constituency Labour Party, circulars from Campaign for Labour Party Democracy and the Labour Co-ordinating Committee, and list of members of Camden Fabian Society 1 file</p>	1983-1987
U DSO/3/7	<p>Completed forms and letters from supporters Including Betty Boothroyd MP (1), Jack Ashley MP (1) and John Spellar (EEPTU) (1), comprising contact details for addition to mailing list. Also newsletters issued by the Labour Co-ordinating Committee 1 file</p>	1986

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U DSO/3/8	Completed forms and letters from supporters Including Gwyneth Dunwoody MP (1), comprising contact details for addition to mailing list 1 file	1987
U DSO/3/9	Correspondence, filed A-Z Correspondents include: John Spellar (EEPTU) (1), Andrew Cook (5) and Terry Davis MP (2) 1 file	1987
U DSO/3/10	Original bundle of correspondence with officers of the Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) About the recruitment of supporters for the LSC in the trade union movement 1 file	1981-1984
U DSO/3/11	Original bundle of correspondence with officers of the Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) and the APEX union about trade union support for the LSC Also correspondence about arrangements for LSC meetings at the 1983 Labour Party conference, photocopy annotated list of constituency delegates to 1983 conference, and photocopy ts. survey of views of LSC members (1982) 1 file	1981-1985
U DSO/3/12	Correspondence about the organisation of an LSC fringe meeting and the LSC office at the 1981 Labour Party Conference Correspondents include: Ken Woolmer MP (2), Betty Boothroyd MP (2), Gwyneth Dunwoody MP (2), Dianne Hayter (1) and John Smith MP (1) 1 file	1981
U DSO/3/13	Original bundle of correspondence about the organisation of an LSC fringe meeting at the 1982 Labour Party conference Correspondents include: John Smith MP (1) 1 file	1982

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U DSO/3/14	<p>Correspondence about the organisation of LSC fringe meetings and rally at the 1984 Labour Party conference</p> <p>With diary of conference events, booklets of composite resolutions, agenda and report of conference arrangements committee, daily conference bulletins and press releases, and ts. "Reselection and selection of Labour MPs" by Ira Walters. Correspondents include: George Robertson MP (1), Barry Jones MP (1) and Gerald Kaufman MP (2)</p> <p>1 file</p>	1984
U DSO/3/15	<p>Correspondence about the organisation of LSC fringe meetings at the 1984 Trades Union Congress conference</p> <p>Correspondents include: John Smith MP (1), Alan Tuffin (General Secretary, Union of Communication Workers) (1) and Denis Howell MP (1)</p> <p>1 file</p>	1984
U DSO/3/16	<p>Correspondence about the organisation of LSC fringe meetings and rally at the 1985 Labour Party and Trades Union Congress conferences</p> <p>With Labour Party conference diary of events. Correspondents include: Donald Dewar MP (1), George Robertson MP (2), John Smith MP (1), Gwyneth Dunwoody MP (1), Gerald Kaufman MP (1), Betty Boothroyd MP (1), Lord Graham (1) and Giles Radice MP (1)</p> <p>1 file</p>	1984-1985
U DSO/3/17	<p>Correspondence about the organisation of LSC speakers and meetings at Labour Party regional annual meetings during 1985</p> <p>With lists of such events. Correspondents include: Roy Hattersley MP (1), Denis Healey MP (1), John Smith MP (1) and Gerald Kaufman MP (1)</p> <p>1 file</p>	1985

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U DSO/3/18	<p>Correspondence about the organisation of LSC fringe meetings and rally at the 1986 Labour Party and Trades Union Congress conferences</p> <p>LSC leaflets and notices of meetings, daily conference news bulletins, and correspondence and press release about elections to National Executive Committee of Labour Party.</p> <p>Correspondents include: Gwyneth Dunwoody MP (2), Peter Shore MP (1), George Robertson MP (2), John Smith MP (2), Donald Dewar MP (1), Merlyn Rees MP (3) and Gerald Kaufman MP (2)</p> <p>1 file</p>	1985-1986
U DSO/3/19	<p>Original bundle of correspondence about the organisation of a meeting with the Hammersmith Political Workshop</p> <p>1 file</p>	Oct 1983
U DSO/3/20	<p>Original bundle of correspondence and related papers, mainly about the future of the LSC and the decision to wind up the campaign, and about the local group in Sandwell</p> <p>Also correspondence and form for LSC registration as a non-affiliated group of the Labour Party</p> <p>1 file</p> <p>This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2064. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.</p>	1986-1988
U DSO/4	<p>Subject files</p> <p>1 file</p>	1981-1987
U DSO/4/1	<p>"Anti-witch hunt literature"</p> <p>Newsletters, circular letters and minutes issued by Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, Labour Against the Witch Hunt, Labour Co-ordinating Committee, Militant, Labour Liaison 82, TUC-Labour Liaison Committee</p> <p>1 file</p>	1981-1983

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U DSO/4/2	"CLP [Constituency Labour Party] contacts" Lists of constituencies, with secretaries of CLPs, MPs, contacts and notes of views on leadership contest, ts. analysis of Labour Party prospects in new constituencies, record of votes cast in elections for National Executive Committee of Labour Party, 1984 and 1985, and correspondence 1 file	1983-1985
U DSO/4/3	Partially completed forms, listing names of Constituency Labour Party delegates to 1985 Labour Party Conference Arranged A-G by CLP 1 file	[1985-1986]
U DSO/4/4	Partially completed forms, listing names of Constituency Labour Party delegates to 1985 Labour Party Conference Arranged H-Y by CLP 1 file	[1985-1986]
U DSO/4/5	Membership records Statistics of members and list of MPs supporting the LSC 1 file This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2039. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	Mar 1982-Apr 1983
U DSO/4/6	"Newsletters (correspondence)" Routine correspondence with those placing adverts in LSC newsletter, some issues of newsletter, drafts of [? articles for newsletter] re priorities for the campaign, and speech notes of Stanley Clinton Davis MP, 6.3.82 1 file	Jan 1982-Feb 1987
U DSO/4/7	"Policy documents" Reports and papers on the organisation and development of the LSC, including those arising out of forums with "key workers" 1 file	[1981-1983]

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U DSO/4/8	"Policy papers" Discussion papers, report on the future of the LSC by George Robertson MP, list of Labour MPs annotated with their political tendencies, correspondence, newsletters, circulars from other Labour Party groups, papers for a meeting of the Steering Committee 1 file	Jun-Oct 1987
U DSO/4/9	Original bundle Register of non-affiliated groups of Labour Party members Papers about application submitted by LSC 1 file	Jun 1982-Apr 1984
U DSO/4/10	"Student Solidarity" Agenda and minutes of Steering Committee, newsletters, and correspondence with organisers 1 file	Mar 1985-Jun 1986
U DSO/4/11	"Working papers on policy statement and organisational report" Papers about the future organisation, activities and policies of the LSC, list of MPs supporting the LSC, and information about the activities of the Labour Co-ordinating Committee (forwarded by the APEX trade union) 1 file	Sep-Nov 1981
U DSO/5	Publicity material 1 file	1981-1987
U DSO/5/1	Labour Solidarity, vol 1, nos 1-4 & 6-9 1 file	Mar 1981-Apr 1982
U DSO/5/2	Range of LSC leaflets, notices of meetings, circular letters, flyers, press releases and newsletters Produced during the campaign, with several mock-ups for printing/copying 1 file	May 1981-Oct 1987
U DSO/6	Photographs 1 file	[Sep 1984]

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Colour photographs (25) of an LSC fringe meeting at the 1984 Trades Union Congress conference, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
Featuring Roy Hattersley MP, Peter Shore MP, John Smith MP and Alan Tuffin (Union of Communication Workers). With press cutting about meeting, Financial Times, 4.9.84
1 file

[Sep 1984]