

**U DX314**

**Hull Association of  
Women Graduates**

**1933-1997**

**Accession number:** 2004/18

**Historical background:**

Founded in 1907 and incorporated on 16 August 1933, it was known nationally up to 1990 as the British Federation of University Women (BFUW) and was renamed, British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG) to include Open University graduates. The aim of the association was and still is to promote women's opportunities in education and public life, the discussion and action of which was an 'essential part of being a member of the BFUW which was not a social club' (see DX/314/3/3 - Minute book). It also aimed to help remove disabilities of women that may affect them socially, economically and legally. It is affiliated to an international organisation called the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) to improve the lives of women and girls. The association is a company limited by guarantee, and today is also an educational scholarship registered charity.

The local association in Hull was made up of local meetings on a monthly basis and was attended by women graduates living in Hull, but were not necessarily from Hull students. There were also women attending who did not have degrees but were seen as friends and gave a donation instead of a subscription. The structure of the organisation is made up of local, regional, national and even international meetings and Annual General Meetings (AGM), as well as executive meetings. In the Hull Association, there was an International meeting held where international students (usually post-graduate) were invited to meetings and to talk about their home countries and own personal studies. There was also an annual luncheon and summer outing to local areas of interest.

The association was also linked with many other groups such as Age Concern and the Standing Conference of Women's Organizations to name but two. The association also donated to charities and to bursaries to further study of its members. The Hull Association of Women Graduates was formally disbanded at the close of the National Conference/AGM weekend in July 1997.

**Custodial History:**

The collection was donated to the Hull University Archives by the British Foundation of Women Graduates in September 2004

**Description:**

In the collection, there is the subscription book, and account book, as well as a cashbook, a copy of the Articles of Association, the Constitution of Local Associations and the Bye-laws of the association and a collection of minute books.

**Extent:** 1 box

**Access Conditions:**

Access will be given to any accredited reader

<b>U DX314/1</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>1954-1967</b>
U DX314/1/1	<p>Memorandum and Articles of Association                      Booklet includes Memorandum of Association (1933), Articles of Association (1954) and the Special Resolutions (1958).                      Outlines the aims and objectives, rules and regulations of the association, details membership rules and details of the structure of the association. The Special Resolutions from 5 July 1958 rewrite some of the previous clauses and alters some of the articles. Also includes names of the 1933 subscribers.                      1 item</p>	1954-1958
U DX314/1/2	<p>Hull and District Association Bye-Laws, British Federation of University Women, Limited                      The association's own independent set of Bye-Laws for general management of its own affairs, particularly dealing with the matters concerning its local constitution. Including details on associations name, annual subscriptions, honorary officers, the committee, quorum for committee, general meetings, quorum for general meetings and details regarding affiliated members.                      1 item</p>	c.1964
U DX314/1/3	<p>British Federation of University Women Ltd.                      Constitution of Local Associations                      Details on local association's rules and regulations concerning membership, objectives, definitions, officers, committees, subscriptions, general meetings and of the running of the local association and regulations for the guidance of local associations                      1 item</p>	c.1967
<b>U DX314/2</b>	<b>Financial records</b>	<b>1964-1997</b>
U DX314/2/1	<p>Hull Association of Women Graduates (Hull AWG) Accounts Book                      Account checked and dated to August 1997.                      Details of income and expenditure including income from subscriptions and bring and buy sales, and expenditure as regarding to donations, scholarship funds, speakers, hall hire, capitation fees paid each year to the national Association, stationary and other peripherals.                      1 item</p>	Jan 1964 - Nov 1997

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U DX314/2/2	Hull Association of Women Graduates (HAWG) Cash Account Book Details of cash account including income from subscriptions and bring and buy sales and expenditure regarding peripheral expenditure (tea and coffee) and secretarial expenses, donations, speakers, room hire, and transferrals to other accounts 1 item	19 May 1989- 10 April 1997
<b>U DX314/3</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>1977- 1997</b>
U DX314/3/1	Minute Book Includes reference to supporting the 'The Year of the Child' (1979) and 'The Year of the Disabled' (1981). Note clarifying that women who were not graduates could not become members but could visit as friends and discussion regarding the foundation of a hospice in Hull for those with terminal cancer. 1 item	26 Sep 1977- 23 Mar 1983
U DX314/3/2	Hull and District LA of the BFUW Minutes of Committee Meetings and Special Meetings [Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings within the Hull Association] Cooperation with European Affiliates. No minutes recorded for 1980 1 item	15 Feb 1979 - 10 Jun 1986
U DX314/3/3	Minute Book Includes news cutting and photograph of Miss Mary Baxter receiving her honorary degree (1983). Discussion of the EEC Draft Directive (1986) on Parental Leave. References to membership drives. With references to the British Federation of University Women's Annual Conference and AGM held in Hull (1987). 1 item	26 May 1983 - 12 Oct 1989
U DX314/3/4	British Federation of University Women Hull District Association Minute Book Discussion of road transport and subsidies. Discussion on working mothers. Minutes of the 1990 AGM included. The whole of the BFUW suffering serious financial problems. Recommendation at the Executive meeting in Cosby Hall 12 October 1991 that Crosby Hall be sold and furthering discussions. Discussion against the appointment of Ann Widdicombe in any role to represent women. 1 item	16 Nov 1989- 22 May 1995

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U DX314/3/5	HAWG (BFUW - Hull) Committee Meetings Only five entries. Discussion of business and yearly program of meetings. 1 item	18 May 1990- 16 May 1994
U DX314/3/6	Hull Association of Women Graduates. Minutes from October 1995 Also includes minutes from the BFWG Regional Meeting held in Wakefield, April 1997. Reference to the Princess of Wales [Diana] and her attack her husband (1996). Discussions on how to increase membership and change the organisation to encourage new and younger members, and mention of the reorganisation of Region 12 of the association (which included Hull). Copy of the AGM Region 12 Hull Draft Accounts 1996. Also discussion on winding up the association. 1 item	19 Oct 1995 - 24 Apr 1997
U DX314/3/7	AGM Minutes from Hull and District Association of the BFUW Including a number of balance sheets and presidents report and a report from Kingston upon Hull Standing Conference from May 1982 to May 1983, but excludes minutes from the 1980 AGM. Including details of new elections of office, and reorganisation of the BFUW. Details of money raised to give to charities supported, and in the case of Age Concern, some details on the meetings and their work. Brief outlines of the meetings throughout the year and finances of the association as well as details of resolutions of the group. 1 item	20 May 1972- 14 May 1997
<b>U DX314/4</b>	<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>1937-1997</b>
U DX314/4/1	Subscription Book for the British Federation of University Women, Hull Association Including name and title of each member, address and type of degree (but not the subject) and in some cases where the degree had been taken, as well as subscription paid by each, both local and national. 1 item	1937-1997