

U DX401

Clearways Campaign

1968

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Historical Background: In 1968 student unrest spread across Europe sparked by student protests in France. At Hull protests developed as a result of student dissatisfaction with examination procedures and demands for representation on the administrative bodies of the University, bodies such as the Senate and Council. Tom Fawthrop, then aged 21, was a leading figure in the movement at Hull, whose actions in ripping up his exam paper and walking out of the exam were arguably responsible for mobilising the protest. The university's Socialist Society also played a role in the initiation of events, and 49 members of lecturing staff signed a 'sit-in' book in support of the protests.

Following a 10 day campaign, students voted at a Union meeting to occupy the administration buildings of the university. The initial sit-in on the 30th May lasted a few hours, before the student protestors withdrew to organise themselves. After a further 10 days of debate between the Senate and the student protestors, a renewed sit-in began on 8th June and lasted five and a half days. Eight demands were made by the students, and the sit-in ended on 13th June after a narrow defeat at a union meeting vote after the intervention of the Vice Chancellor Brynmor Jones.

The events of May and June 1968 became known as the Clearways Campaign and an account of the incident, written by Fawthrop, was published in the July/August 1968 edition of the New Left Review.

Custodial history: Depositor is a former student, poster was handed to him whilst on the train to Hull

Description: Contains a poster produced by students involved in the 1968 'Clearways Campaign' at the University of Hull

Extent: 1 item

Related material: [U DX240] Press Cuttings relating to the 'Clearways Campaign', 1968-1969

[U DPC/13] File. 'Students' 1966-1970 amongst the Papers of Philip Corrigan

[U DTO/9/3] File. 'Left-wing lecturer v. Ald [Alderman] Science' Oct 1968. Cuttings from the Hull Daily Mail regarding the public denunciation of a University of Hull lecturer for supporting the student sit in

[U DX312] Papers relating to student life, 1968-1971

[U REG/2/30-34] Proceedings of the University of Hull, 1968-1969

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U DX401/1	<p>Poster. Clearways Campaign</p> <p>Poster produced by the students involved in the 1968 'Clearways Campaign' at the University of Hull. One side of the poster features densely packed text as follows: eight student 'demands' put to senate; an account of the student sit-in; contextual details about the campaign; lyrics to the song of the Clearways Campaign; glossary of terms used in the text; short notice of support given by Bertrand Russell to the cause. The second side of the poster features a reproduction of a classical ceiling fresco annotated with comic book style art and text.</p> <p>1 item</p>	1968
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