

**U DX70      Papers re the National Council of Labour Colleges      1943-1954**

**Accession number:** 1980/01; 1981/14

**Historical Background:**

The National Council of Labour Colleges (NCLC) was established in 1921 with the aim of encouraging self-education amongst the working classes and acted as a co-ordinating body for the labour colleges movement. In 1926 it took over the Plebs League, a marxist educational and political organisation, and continued printing the organisations' Plebs' Magazine. The NCLC eventually merged with the Workers' Educational Trade Union Committee in 1964 to form the Trades Union Congress Education Department.

**Custodial history:**

Donated by Prof. John Saville, Department of Economic and Social History. It appears some of Saville's personal papers were deposited under the reference U DX70 but were subsequently moved to the main sequence of his papers under U DJS (see p.24 of the publication 'The Labour Archive at The University of Hull - Philip Larkin Memorial Series No.2'). Remaining material related to the National Council of Labour Colleges and also to the Humber Amalgamated Steam Trawlers', Engineers' and Firemen's Union. In June 2016 these discrepancies were spotted and the remaining material in U DX70 was split to create two collections: material currently within U DX70 now relates only to the National Council of Labour Colleges, whilst material relating to the Humber Amalgamated Steam Trawlers', Engineers' and Firemen's Union is now catalogued under U DX393.

**Description:**

This small collection includes minutes, agenda, reports and memoranda relating to the activities of the National Council of Labour Colleges in the period 1951-1954. There is also a file of letters relating to the appointment of a new Principal at Ruskin College in the 1940s.

**Extent:** 17 items

**Related material:**

Material held in other repositories:

Papers of the National Council of Labour Colleges [NCLC], London School of Economics

Papers of the National Council of Labour Colleges [Acc 5120], National Library of Scotland

Papers of the National Council of Labour Colleges [MSS.127/LC], Modern Records Centre at Warwick University

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U DX70/1	Report of National Executive of the National Co-operative Education Association 1 item	1952-1953
U DX70/2	Correspondence relating to the appointment of the Principal of Ruskin College, Oxford. Correspondents include Philip Noel-Baker, G D H Cole, R H Crossman, Hugh Dalton, Hugh Gallacher, A D (Lord) Lindsay, Henry Smith, R H Tawney, G E (Lord) Wigg, George Woodcock. There does not appear to be a direct relation between this item and the National Council of Labour Colleges, other than the fact that Ruskin College shares the goal of working class education with the NCLC, and that a strike at the College in 1906 led to the formation of the Central Labour College. 20 items	Feb 1943- May 1945
U DX70/3	Memorandum on National Council of Labour Colleges' Summer Schools 1 item	1954
U DX70/4	Details of the National Council of Labour Colleges' Summer Schools in Denmark 1 item	Jul 1953
U DX70/5	Minutes of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Labour Colleges 1 item	Dec 1951- Sep 1953
U DX70/6	Minutes of the Executive Sub-Committee of the National Council of Labour Colleges 1 item	Dec 1951- Dec 1953
U DX70/7	Agenda and Minutes of the 31st and 32nd Annual Conferences of the National Council of Labour Colleges 2 items	Jun 1952- Jun 1953
U DX70/8	Reports of the Executive Committee to the 31st and 32nd Annual Conferences of the National Council of Labour Colleges 2 items	Jun 1952- Jun 1953
U DX70/9	Comparative Statements (classes, courses, students) of the National Council of Labour Colleges. 2 items	1945-1951
U DX70/10	Report on divisional work of the National Council of Labour Colleges 1 item	Jan-Dec 1951

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U DX70/11	Examination paper of the National Council of Labour Colleges 1 item	c.1950
U DX70/12	Reports of the National Council of Labour Colleges' Publishing Society 2 items	1951-1952
U DX70/13	Account and balance sheet of National Council of Labour Colleges' Superannuation Society 1 item	1952
U DX70/14	Circular letters issued by National Council of Labour Colleges Relations with Co-operative Union; publicity for annual conference 3 items	Feb-Jun 1953
U DX70/15	Report on education scheme of National Union of Furniture Trade Operatives with National Council of Labour Colleges 1 item	11 Jun 1953
U DX70/16	Presidential address of Arthur Woodburn MP to 32nd Annual Conference of the National Council of Labour Colleges 1 item	13-14 Jun 1953
U DX70/17	Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Labour Colleges' Superannuation Society 1 item	14 Jun 1953