

U DX81

Letters to Professor W.E. Styler

1963-1970

Biographical Background:

Arthur Eustace Morgan was officially appointed as the first Principal of the University on 18 June 1926 and would continue as the Principal until 1935 when he was succeeded by John H. Nicholson. Hector Hetherington, then Professor of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow University and former Principal of University College, Exeter recommended Morgan for the post of Principal. Morgan had been Hetherington's deputy at Exeter from 1920 to 1923 and had taken part in the process by which Exeter was elevated to University College status. Morgan had also been Publicity Secretary to the Committee for the Furtherance of University Education in the South West for several years and had been a Professor at Sheffield University.

Adult Education had been planned as part of the College at Hull since the beginning. Adult Education was intended, in particular, to serve the local community and was the first department to be established at the College with the first Professor of Adult Education, T.H. Searls, beginning on 1 January 1928.

The 'Tutors for a University' pamphlet written by W.E. Styler concerns the provision and quality of teaching for adult education using the details of teaching and classes at the University of Hull as the basis of his assessment. Styler also provides a brief background history of the Department of Adult Education at the University of Hull within the Introduction.

Custodial history:

Donated by Prof. W.E. Styler, University of Hull, Feb 1972 (U DX81/1) and Feb 1983 (U DX81/2)

Description:

This collection contains four letters written to Professor W.E. Styler. Three of the letters concern the Adult Education department at the University of Hull, with two containing comment on W.E. Styler's work 'Tutors for a University'. The fourth letter is from Samuel Beckett concerning his inability to accept an offer to lecture at the University.

Extent: 4 items

Related material:

Correspondence between Styler and Larkin (see U DPL2/2/9/126 and U LIB/2/39)

Survey of mature students at the University of Hull conducted by WE Styler (U DTO/1/62)

L 374 'Tutors for a University'

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Hull History Centre: Letters to Professor W.E. Styler

- U DX81/1 Letters from A.E. Morgan, Bristol and J.H. Nicholson, York to W.E. Styler 2 Nov 1968-
2 Sep 1970
Contains three letters sent to W.E. Styler.
- The first is a typed letter from A.E. Morgan written from Bristol. Morgan mentions his belief in the importance of the Department of Adult Education to the University of Hull and states that he enclosed a small contribution to a retirement present for a Mr Raynor (possibly the sum of £1.1.0 annotated on the letter) but was unable to attend Mr Raynor's retirement ceremony.
- The second is a handwritten letter from A.E. Morgan written from Bristol. It begins with Morgan thanking Styler for his pamphlet 'Tutors for a University'. Morgan goes on to suggest that, unlike T.R. Ferens, Morgan wished to put some stress on adult education and explains his involvement and the involvement of other individuals in the development of adult education at the University of Hull.
- The third is a typed letter from J.H. Nicholson thanking W.E. Styler for his pamphlet 'Tutors for a University' and praising him for the conclusions he reaches in the pamphlet. Nicholson also praises the University of Hull for employing mainly full time and part time tutors for adult learners rather than 'casual' teachers.
3 items
- U DX81/2 Letter from Samuel Beckett, Paris to W.E. Styler 15 Jan 1963
A short, typed letter to W.E. Styler hand signed by Samuel Beckett. In the letter Beckett states he is unable to accept the invitation to lecture at the University of Hull because of his dislike of lecturing and of talking about his work.
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