
THE DAVID HARDISTY PAX COLLECTION : collection description

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REFERENCE CODE

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TITLE

The David Hardisty PAX Collection.

DATES

1936-1977.

LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION

Fonds.

EXTENT

24 cm.

NAME OF CREATOR

David Hardisty, Peace Studies student, University of Bradford, 1979.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

PAX was formed in 1936 by a group of individuals who sought peace by practical application of Christian ethics, believing that modern warfare could no longer meet "just war" criteria. It was inter-denominational though it had a strong Catholic focus. Close links were developed with other peace groups including the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The work of the Group during World War 2 included offering help to Catholic conscientious objectors. The influence of Eric Gill, the third Chairman of the group from 1938 to his death in 1940, broadened the group's concerns to cover Christian unity, anti-industrialism and social justice, although a minority of members were strongly opposed to these changes. Membership declined post-war, although the group continued to publish, but revived later in opposition to atomic weapons. In 1971, the group merged with international Catholic peace group, Pax Christi. This

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collection of photocopies of PAX and Pax Christi documents was created by Mr Hardisty to assist in his research for his undergraduate dissertation.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION

Donated to Commonweal by David Hardisty.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Copy of David Hardisty's undergraduate dissertation (Peace Studies, University of Bradford): "History of PAX 1936-1945". Photocopies of PAX Bulletin 1936-1971, a few issues missing. Photocopies of PAX minutes 1936-1969, some missing. Pax Christi documents 1960s and 1970s (including Bulletins of the English section and meeting minutes and further PAX documents).

ACCESS CONDITIONS

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LANGUAGE OF MATERIAL

English.

FINDING AIDS

Basic handlist (June 2007).

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

Originals held by the Pax Christi Centre in London.

PUBLICATION NOTE

A detailed historical study of PAX: Flessati, Valerie. "PAX: the history of a Catholic peace society in Britain 1936-1971". PhD thesis, University of Bradford, 1991.

ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

Described by Alison Cullingford.

RULES OR CONVENTIONS

ISAD(G) 2nd ed.

DATE(S) OF DESCRIPTION

June 2007.

INDEXING

Persons

Hardisty, David.

Gill, Eric, 1882-1940.

Corporate Bodies

PAX.

Pax Christi.

Subjects

Peace movements – Great Britain – History – 20th century.

Pacifism – Religious aspects – Catholic Church.

Conscientious objectors – Great Britain.

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