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Records of Just Defence:

Interim Catalogue

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# Introduction

This catalogue is ‘interim’; it is published as part of our ‘First Sort’ programme which aims to put basic information about new archives into the public domain as quickly as possible. We will refine and enrich it in response to user demand.

Alison Cullingford, Special Collections Librarian.

# Collection description

## Reference code

GB 0532 Cwl JD.

## Title

Records of Just Defence.

## Dates

1984-1995.

## Level of description

Collection (fonds).

## Extent

0.13 linear metres.

## Name of creator

## Just Defence, organisation.

## Administrative history

Just Defence was a membership-based non-party organisation that grew out of concerns about the threat of nuclear war during the early 1980s. It affirmed an approach to national defence that was “non-provocative, non-nuclear” with a view to preventing war by seeking consensus and creative problem solving. Co-founded by Professor Frank Barnaby and Stan Windass, it was launched in 1983. The group encouraged discussion of defence issues at conferences and seminars, and produced reports, newsletters, briefings and other publications. *What is Just Defence?* By Frank Barnaby and Stan Windass (Just Defence, 1983) outlined the ideas behind the organisation.

Just Defence New Zealand was launched in December 1985 following a talk there by John Ziman.

Just Defence created a Charter in 1987, using the UK general election to gain publicity. Signatories to the Charter, which called for non-provocative defence and progressive disarmament, included politicians, bishops, military experts and academics.

Barnaby and Windass were initially co-directors; Barnaby later took on the role of Chairman. Just Defence was run by a working group or Core Group. An advisory council included many influential people such as Professor Joseph Rotblat, Sir Richard Doll and Brigadier Michael Harbottle. Other active individuals represented in the archive include Lesley Andrews, Morris Brodie, Ken Carter, Pat Craig, Heinz Dessau, Commander Rob Green, Bill Hawthorne, Jake Jacobs, Alastair Mackie, Peter Norton, Muriel Seltman and Derek Wellman. The archive lacks evidence relating to the ending of the group, but it appears to have been wound up circa 1995.

## Immediate source of acquisition

Donated to Commonweal during the late 1990s.

## Scope and content

Minutes, business papers, publications and events, correspondence.

## Appraisal

The archive was received in good order without apparent duplicates or irrelevant material.

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## System of arrangement

We have retained the existing arrangement, which appears to have been created by someone involved with Just Defence prior to the donation.

## Access conditions

Available to researchers, by appointment. Access to archive material is subject to preservation requirements and must also conform to the restrictions of the Data Protection Act and any other appropriate legislation. This Archive contains correspondence and other items likely to contain personal data so access to these files is restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing. This will be carried out in response to user demand so individuals are encouraged to inform Special Collections of their interest in this material.

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## Language of material

English.

## Finding aids

A basic boxlist has been produced to make the Archive accessible as quickly as possible. This will be further refined in response to user demand.

## Archivist’s note

Described by Alison Cullingford.

## Rules or conventions

ISAD(G) 2nd edition.

## Date(s) of description

July 2015.

## Indexing

### People

Barnaby, Frank.

Harbottle, Michael.

Windass, Stan.

### Organisations

## Just Defence, organisation.

### Subjects

Military policy — Great Britain.

Deterrence (Strategy).

National security — Great Britain.

Nuclear weapons — Great Britain.

Nuclear disarmament — Great Britain.

Non-provocative defense (Military science).

# Box List

## 1 a. To 87 and PN's filing list 10/84-11/90.

Date: 1984-1990.

Extent: 1 file.

Access conditions: Restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing.

## 1 b. Business papers 11/87-12/88.

Date: 1987-1988.

Extent: 1 file.

Access conditions: Restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing.

## 2 Business papers 1/89-12/89.

Date: 1989.

Extent: 1 file.

Access conditions: Restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing.

## 3 Business papers 3/90-12/90.

Date: 1990 Extent: 1 file.

Access conditions: Restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing.

## 4 Minutes 10/87-12/91.

Date: 1987-1991.

Extent: 1 file.

Access conditions: Restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing.

## 5 Minutes 1/92-8/93.

Date: 1992-1993.

Extent: 1 file.

Access conditions: Restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing.

## 6 Business papers and PN's filing list 12/90-10/93.

Date: 1990-1993.

Extent: 1 file.

Access conditions: Restricted under the Data Protection Act pending further cataloguing.

## 7 Newsletters 10/88-12/93.

Date: 1988-1993.

Extent: 1 file.

## 8 Seminars and events and papers.

Date: 1990-1991.

Extent: 1 file.

## 9 Reports, booklets, leaflets.

Date: 1986-1991

Extent: 1 file.