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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE REFUGEE
ARCHIVES HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF EAST LONDON.

Introduction

Hello and welcome to this our introductory Refugee Archives newsletter. We hope that by launching this newsletter to coincide with the start of the new academic year for 2007/8 that this newsletter might give a flavour of both the range of archival materials and services provided to help you with your research and study.

Well, we hope that you will find the following sections both interesting and informative and if there is anything that you would like to see added to future newsletters or if you have anything that you would like to contribute, then please do let us know.

Opening Hours

The Archive itself is situated on the ground floor for the main Docklands Campus Library and Business Scholl building. We are situated behind the main Security Desk as you enter.

During the Semester One term, the Archive will be open during the times indicated below. Please feel free to drop in anytime.

Opening Hours:

Mondays: 9am – 6pm
Tuesdays: 10am – 7pm
Wednesdays: 9am – 6pm
Thursdays: 9am - 5pm
Fridays: 9am – 1pm
Saturdays: Closed
Sundays: Closed

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Refugee Survey Quarterly

Online Services New for 2007

We have tried this year to make as much information as possible available online in order to facilitate your use of our collections. Any feedback on the following services will be much appreciated.

Firstly, we do have the online Library Catalogue, called Talisprism, which can be found online at: www.uel.ac.uk/lss/index.htm or via one of the OPAC terminals located in the library. We are currently in the process of re-cataloguing the entire Refugee Archives collection and to date approximately 19,500 items are available to search via the catalogue.

Secondly we have the Refugee Council Archive website which can be found at www.uel.ac.uk/rca. The site provides comprehensive information on all the Refugee Archives that we hold and in particular the Refugee Council Archive which is the largest one that we hold.

Thirdly, for the first time this year I have created a Refugee Archives guide as part of the MA Refugee Studies section of your UEL Plus accounts. Plus check this regularly for any useful information for both the Archives and your course in general.

Lastly, we have also created for this year, a Refugee Archives wiki at:

<http://refugeearchives.wetpaint.com/> which provides general introductory information. We have also created a current awareness blog which can be found at: <http://refugeearchives.blogspot.com/> These are both free to browse and if you wish, you can register with both sites and contribute to each.



Refugee Archives.



UNHCR Audio Visual Collection Videos

Archival Collections

Our Refugee Archive collections currently consist of four individually named collections. The first and largest of these is the Refugee Council Archive at UEL. C This was the first archive collection to arrive at UEL back in the summer of 2002 and now contains somewhere in the region of 25,000 items. The Archive contains a broad range of materials including published books and journals, reports, articles and a wide range of grey literature (e.g. conference papers and field reports). We also hold the UNHCR Audio-Visual Collections which now contains over thirty boxes of photographs and slides in addition to several hundred video and DVD recordings. These were originally collected by the UNHCR London branch.

"The Refugee Archives web site can be found at: www.uel.ac.uk/rca"

Our third collection is that of the Northern Refugee Centre which is based in Sheffield. This archive arrived in January 2007 and contains a range of grey literature, articles and press cuttings. Work will begin shortly in preparing this collection to be catalogued.

Lastly, the most recent archive to arrive is that of Charter 87, which was very kindly donated to us by a former director of the organisation, Dr. Louise Pirouet. This collection arrived at the end of July 2007 and further information will be included in subsequent newsletters.

Recent Acquisitions

Included here is a selection of new and recently received acquisitions received by the Refugee Archives since July 2007. If you do in the course of your research find any useful documents or materials that would be beneficial to the Archive then do please let us know.

Recent Additions:

A3 INT

International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care.

Journal – Volume 3 Number 1, (July 2007).

The European Centre for the Study of Migration and Social Care (MASC), at the University of Kent.

A5 NOR

News from the Nordic Africa Institute.

Journal – Number 2, (May 2007).

Nordic Africa Institute.

A6 UNHCR

Statistical Yearbook 2005: Trends in Displacement, Protection and Solutions.

UNHCR : Field Information and Coordination Support Section, Division of Operational Services.

Geneva : UNHCR, 2007.

553p. : maps and graphs.

A30 CAN

Refuge : Canada's Periodical on Refugees.

Journal – Volume 24 Number 1, (Winter 2007).

Centre for Refugee Studies.

A30 IMR

International Migration Review.

Journal – Volume 41, Number 2 (Summer 2007). Number: 158.

Center for Migration Studies.



World Refugee Survey

A30 REF

Refugee Survey Quarterly.

Journal – Volume 26 Number 2, (2007).

UNHCR.

DC/QU42 GHO

Ghosts.

Recorded off air from More 4 on 17 April 2007.

DVD – 120 mins.

GC/QU30 CYP

The Cypriot Diaspora Project.

Greek Parents Association (GPA)

London : GPA, 2006.

193p. : ill.

QU21 FCO

Human Rights Annual Report 2004.

United Kingdom: Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

London : Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 2004.

310p. : ill. : 30cm.

QU43.2 HOME

Immigration Detention: Criteria for assessing the conditions for and treatment of immigration detainees.

HM Inspectorate of Prisons.

London : HM Inspectorate of Prisons, 2007.

vi, 152p.

YA3 EMA

The Australian Journal of Emergency Management.

Journal – Volume 22 Number 2, (May 2007).

Emergency Management Australia.



Donations

To date this year we have received a number of very useful donations including the Charter 87 archive, courtesy of Dr. Louise Pirouet, a former director and founder of the organisation. We have also received large donations of materials from both the Refugee Council, the Department of Health and the charity Asylum Aid. These donations will of course need to be sorted and catalogued prior to being added to the Archive shelves.

Research & Projects

The Refugee Archives work in conjunction with the Refugee Research Centre (RRC) (www.uel.ac.uk/ssmcs/research/refugee.htm) at UEL to develop research and related project pertaining to the study of the refugee. We are currently working on a Department of Health funded project with Dr. Pauline Lane of the RRC entitled **“The health of asylum seekers and refugees in England. 2000-2007. A systematic review of research evidence.”**

The result of this project will be the publication of a systematic review of the literature relating to refugee health and this will be published online via Harpweb (www.harpweb.org.uk/). The Department of Health have also generously given us a grant to enable the purchase of the items included within the systematic review and these will be added to the Refugee Archives in due course.

Other Collections Held

In addition to the Refugee Archives listed above, the Docklands Archive Suite also includes a number of additional archival collections. These include the Hackney Empire Archive, forming part of our East London Theatre Archive project. We also have the Diversity Art Forum archive formerly known as AAVAA, the African and Asian Visual Artists' Archive. Examples of the work held can be found on the AAVAA Online web site at: www.aavaa.org.uk/ Additionally we have the Gender, Sexualities and Ethnic Studies Collection which supports the UEL postgraduate MA course of the same name and we also have a number of smaller special collections.

*“Nadine Edwards’
International Development
wiki can be found here:
<http://intdev.wetpaint.com/>”*



The Archives

Email Notifications

If you would like to be kept informed by email of any news or information relating to the Refugee Archives then please detach and complete the form below and return it to the address given below. Any emails received will of course be securely stored under the guidelines laid out in the Data Protection Act.

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Email Notification Request Form

Name: _____

Course: _____

UEL Email: _____

Preferred Email: _____

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Alternatively, hand this in at the desk or drop us an email at library-archives@uel.ac.uk.