

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 214 DAW3

**Title:** WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM, SOUTH WALES BRANCH

**Dates** 1965-2005

**Level of description:** Fonds (level 2)

**Extent:** 0.012 cubic metres (1 box)

**Name of creators** Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), South Wales Branch and Ruth Osborn

### **Administrative/Biographical history**

Founded in 1915, WILPF is an NGO working for peace, human rights and disarmament at local, national and international levels. The organisation aims to facilitate structural changes to achieve equality for all without discrimination, and educates, informs and mobilises women to this end.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

The papers in this collection were primarily assembled by Ruth Osborn during her term of office as secretary of the South Wales Branch of WILPF UK.

### **Scope and content**

Papers and publications relating to the political, administrative and social activities of WILPF South Wales Branch and Ruth Osborn

### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records offered have been accepted and listed.

### **Conditions governing access**

Permission to consult must be obtained in advance

### **Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply

### **Language/Scripts of material**

English; one item each in Norwegian and French

### **Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Good to fair condition

### **Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

### **Date of description**

This description was prepared May 2003; updated 24 September 2007

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| DWAW3/1  | Programme of seminar regarding the 'Irish Sea – Nuclear Free?' conference at the Parade, Cardiff, 24-25 September 1988, organised by Ruth Osborn<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition]   | Sep 1988    |
| DWAW3/2  | Letter from Ruth Osborn, Newport, to Avril Rolph, regarding her personal, political and social history and activities<br>[2 papers, typescript; good condition]   | 1 Jan 1997  |
| DWAW3/3  | Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, South Wales, 1979-95. Evidence for Feminist Archives and History Project for South Wales, by Ruth Osborn<br>[1 paper, typescript; good condition]   | 1995        |
| DWAW3/4  | WILPF, South Wales branch. Report for 1991 by Ruth Osborn, secretary<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition]   | 1991        |
| DWAW3/5  | WILPF. Programme featuring Côr Cochion Caerdydd, at Trinity Methodist church, 21 May 1994<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition]  | May 1994    |
| DWAW3/6  | WILPF South Wales branch. Report for 1994 by Ruth Osborn<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition]   | 1994        |
| DWAW3/7  | Circular from Margaret Turney to members of the British Section of the WILPF<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition]   | 20 Oct 1996 |
| DWAW3/8  | Programme of WILPF 60th Birthday Celebration, 1 May 1995<br>Ruth Osborn, branch secretary.<br>Invitation to Glenys Kinock, MEP<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition]   | Apr 1995    |
| DWAW3/9  | WILPF. Leaflet produced for Thalia Campbell's Exhibition<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition]   | 1996        |
| DWAW3/10 | Advertisement/order form for the publication 'Pioneers for Peace. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom 1915-1965', by Gertrude Bussey and Margaret Tims (1965; updated 1980)<br>[see DWAW3/14]<br>[1 paper; typescript; good condition] | 1980        |

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DWAW3/11	Advertisement leaflet for WILPF. Membership secretary: Margaret Turner [1 paper; typescript; fair condition]	nd
DWAW3/12	Advertisement leaflet for same [1 paper; typescript; good condition]	1990
DWAW3/13	Advertisement leaflet for 'Internships for Young Women in Disarmament, Development, Human Rights', offered by WILPF [1 paper; typescript; good condition]	nd
DWAW3/14	'Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1915-1965: a record of fifty years' work' by Gertrude Bussey and Margaret Tims (London 1965) Flyleaf: 'Annie Humphreys, Llandaf, for South Wales Branch' [1 vol; printed; fair condition]	1965
DWAW3/15	WILPF. South Wales Branch minutes [1 booklet; fair condition]	1978-1981
DWAW3/16	WILPF. South Wales Branch minutes [vol apparently missing and not deposited]	
DWAW3/17	WILPF. South Wales Branch minutes	1984-1985
DWAW3/18	WILPF. South Wales Branch minutes	1985-1988
DWAW3/19	WILPF. South Wales Branch minutes [3 booklets; fair condition]	1988-1992
DWAW3/20	WILPF. 'Irish Sea – Nuclear Free Seminar', 24-25 September 1988, papers including seminar programme; record of attendance; press information from Celtic League 1987; interim report on seminar; notes on Irish concern regarding pollution; and information pack produced by Greenpeace entitled 'Clean Irish Sea' ?1988 [1 file; good condition]	1987-1988
DWAW3/21	Newspaper cuttings and photographs: newspaper report on new branch, 31 July 1979; women's demonstration at Newport: 'Newport's Women for Life on Earth Group' 25 May 1983; copy of cutting regarding Miss Marjorie Evans, peace campaigner, and 'peace tax', and photograph of her 22 January 1985 [1 file; fair condition]	1979, 1983, 1985

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DWAW3/22	Newspaper cutting regarding Ruth Osborn [1 paper; fair condition]	12 Sep 1985
DWAW3/23/1-13	WILPF activities: photographs and cuttings of Rosemary Butler, member, at tree planting in Newport for WILPF and CND; cuttings; and correspondence	1990
DWAW3/24/1-4	Agenda and minutes of WILPF executive committee [1 file; good condition]	6-7 Oct 1990
DWAW3/25/1-5	'Letters 1991-2': copy of letter from Paul Flynn MP to John Major, Prime Minister, 7 July 1991, regarding arms sales; letter from Ruth Osborn to Flynn, 23 July 1991; letter from Flynn to Osborn, 29 July 1991, regarding same subject; letter from the Health & Safety Executive to Osborn, 5 March 1992, regarding nuclear installations; letter from Wil Oliver, Chepstow, for Liberal Democrats, to Mrs C Handcock, Magor, concerning the Gulf War, 5 April 1992 [1 file; good condition]	1991-1992
DWAW3/26	WIPF. South Wales Branch membership list  [1 paper; typescript; fair condition]	Oct 1993-Feb 1994
DWAW3/27	WILPF. Advertisement of International Women's Day for Disarmament [1 paper; printed; good condition]	nd
DWAW3/28	Political leaflet 'Stop the Arms Trade' [1 paper; typescript; good condition]	c1991
DWAW3/29	Papers described as '1926 – WILPF WALES ARCHIVES – 1972', containing historical notes on archives of possible involvement 1918-1985 in Wales; letter from Rosemary Scadden to Ruth Osborn, 21 June 1993, on 'Stori Dilys' programme on S4C television; letter from Dilys Lewis to Osborn, 30 July ?1993, regarding early history and personal work for WILPF; notes on Dilys Lewis; letter from 'Nell' to Osborn, 29 March 1971, on race discrimination; 2 letters from 'Barbara' to Osborn, 16 March 1971 and 5 May 1972, regarding work of WILPF; copy of 'Peace and Freedom' magazine, new series, no 63, January-March 1971; and notes on early history of WILPF [1 file of papers; good condition]	1971-1993

- DWAW3/30/1-22 Papers described as 'The Great Peace Journey – May 1985' and '1986 Follow-up Seminar in Cardiff', including booklet entitled 'the Yes conference. The Great Peace Journey: five questions to the Governments', at Ronnesby, Sweden, May 5-7 1986, written by Ninna Widstrand; newspaper cuttings April-May ?1986; badges; 2 photographs taken from 'The South Wales Evening Post' of coach party; list of contacts for Wales C-ordinating Committee and the Great Swedish Peace Journey; replies by the British Government with copies of cuttings; income and expenditure; letter from County Councillor Albert Huish of County of South Glamorgan to Osborn, 29 January 1985; letter from County Councillor John Allison of Mid Glamorgan County Council to Osborn, 1 March 1985; letter from Dafydd Wigley MP to Osborn, 25 March 1985; letter from Lucille Hughes, Caernarfon, to Osborn, 6 february 1985; programme for The Great Peace Journey nd; copy of note on final phase January ?1987; copy of covering letter to Arms Control and Disarmament Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, ?October 1987; letter from Lucille M Hughes, Caernarfon, to Osborn, 27 Feb 1985; programme of meeting 'Woman and Peace at Temple of Peace, 20 September 1986, and draft; copy of letter from Osborn to David Tetchfield, Intake Desk, BBC Radio Wales, 5 September 1986 [1 file; good condition] 1985-1987
- DWAW3/31 Notes on Prague Conference of Women's Democratic Federation, November 1981; paper 'Connection between Disarmament and Assistance to the Third World' by Betty Geugjes, November 1981; paper 'Massmedia and Peace' 27-29 November 1981 at Amsterdam Tropical Institute; papers 'On possible strategies. A few remarks for consideration during the conference of 'Women of Europe in action for peace', by Prof Hylke Tromp, 27-29 November 1981, at the Amsterdam Tropical Institute; article on Prague confernece in 'Pax et Libertas' Vol 46, no 4, December 1981; 'Message to the Preparatory Committee of the Second Special Session of the UN General Assembly devoted to Disarmamentn(SSDII); background paper for Conference for Action to end the arms race, for disarmament and peace' by Rigmor Risbjerg Thomsen, Vice President of WLPP, November 1981; minutes of WILPF, Executive Committee, cartigny, Switzerland, 9-14 August 1981 [1 file; good condition] 1981

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DWAW3/32	Printed booklet 'Documents of the World Congress of Women – Equality, National Independence, Peace', at Prague, 8-13 October 1981 [1 booklet; printed; fair condition]	Oct 1981
DWAW3/33/1	WILPF. Membership application form [1 paper; printed; good condition]	1980s
DWAW3/33/2	WILPF. Origins, aims and work of the International Priorities of the British Section today' [1 paper; typescript; good condition]	
DWAW3/33/3	Report by Ruth Osborn 1980-81. International – local links with Wales March to Greenham Common [1 paper; typescript; good condition]	1981
DWAW3/33/4	Address list of organizations at conference 'Women of Europe in Action for Peace', 27-29 November 1981 [1 file; typescript; fair condition]	Nov 1981
DWAW3/33/5	Copy taken from 'Pax et Libertas' on WILPF Sections in Action [1 photocopy; good condition]	Jun 1981
DWAW3/33/6	Copy of pages from 'Fredsmarsj over alle grenser' by AV Rakel Lapin containing note on IKKF and note by Ruth Osborn on History of Norwegian Section of IKKF/WILPF by Johanna Gripsrud [1 paper; good condition]	1981
DWAW3/33/7	Notes on conference 'Women of Europe in Action for Peace' [see DWAW3/33], pp 4 and 5, for circulation [2 papers; typescript; good condition]	?1981
DWAW3/33/8, 9	2 copies taken from 'Pax et Libertas' September 1981 on 'Marche 1981 pour le Désarmement' and 'NGOs Plan Urgent Action for Disarmament' [2 papers; good condition]	Sept 1981
DWAW3/33/10	Copy taken from minutes book of WILPF South Wales Branch [1 paper; good condition]	28 Sept 1981
DWAW3/33/11	Programme of 'Women of Europe in Action for Peace' called by WILPF, 27-29 Nov 1981 [2 papers; typescript; good condition]	Nov 1981

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| DWAW3/33/12 | Copy taken from 'Heddwch 10' containing note on Greenham Common March Memorial, Cardiff<br>[1 paper; good condition]              | nd       |
| DWAW3/33/13 | Copy of cover page from 'Pax et Libertas' on Prague Conference<br>[2 papers; good condition]                                      | Dec 1981 |
| DWAW3/34    | "Ninety Years of Working for Peace in Wales, WILPF, 1915-2005" by Katrina Gass; extract from MA dissertation, 2004.<br>[1 volume] | 2005     |