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DAVENTRY TRADES COUNCIL

Trades councils date from the 1840s when they were founded in the major urban centres as a means of creating an inter-union organization which functioned at a local level. Out of the trades councils came the Trades Union Congress, the first successful inter-union organization to function at a national level, which first met in 1868. By 1895, the TUC had superceded the trades councils. The two bodies were only to be properly re-united in 1926 and since the early 1940s, the TUC has looked to the trades councils to act as its local counterparts.

Daventry Trades Council was founded in 1964, in view of the planned future expansion of the town as overspill accommodation for the city of Birmingham and in the hope that every trade union branch in the area would affiliate. There was no precedent for a trades council in Daventry and membership fluctuated greatly. Although very involved in the political campaigns of the labour movement (see especially ZB 738/64-69) during the more active periods of its life, the Daventry Trades Council could not survive the retirement from office of its long serving secretary, Roy Sharp (1964-1985). It formally ceased to exist as of its AGM in November 1986, and its papers (entirely consisting of the secretary's files) were deposited in the record office in March 1987.

REGISTRATION

1/1-22	Forms of registration of the DTC with the TUC Include details of the number of union branches affiliated to the council and the numbers of total affiliated membership, per annum	1965-1986
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See also ZB 738/23

## MINUTES

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| 2     | Minute book<br>Includes notes re inauguration of DTC and of<br>DTC rules and standing orders [no details given],<br>drawn up and accepted at the second meeting<br><br><u>See</u> ZB 738/23 for details of standing orders etc. | 1964-1965 |
| 3     | Minutes<br>Includes details re winding up of DTC,<br>20 November 1986<br>(loose-leaf bundle)                                                                                                                                    | 1965-1986 |
| 4/1-2 | Delegates' attendance record<br>at DTC meetings<br>(two small volumes)                                                                                                                                                          | 1964-1974 |
| 5     | Minutes, executive committee<br>(loose-leaf bundle)                                                                                                                                                                             | 1964-1984 |

## ACCOUNTS

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| 6  | General account book<br>Includes income (mostly union<br>affiliation fees) and expenditure<br>At rear, deposit account, income<br>and expenditure, 1967-1976          | 1964-1976 |
| 7  | [to be deposited]                                                                                                                                                     |           |
| 8  | Account book, affiliation fees<br>Includes printing and stationery,<br>room rent, equipment fund (1969)<br>and payments for affiliation to the<br>TUC etc., 1965-1977 | 1964-1977 |
| 9  | Miscellaneous receipts                                                                                                                                                | 1976-1983 |
| 10 | Record of postage<br>(1 small volume)                                                                                                                                 | 1964-1979 |

## CORRESPONDENCE

11	Letters in	May 1964 - Dec 1971
12	Letters in	Dec 1971 - Dec 1974
13	Letters in	Jan 1975 - Dec 1976
14	Letters in	Jan 1977 - Dec 1979
15	Letters in	Jan 1980 - Dec 1981
16	Letters in	July 1981 - Feb 1983

See also ZB 738/44 and 50

17	Copy letters out	June 1964 - Dec 1968
18	Copy letters out	Jan 1969 - Dec 1975
19	Copy letters out	Jan 1976 - Dec 1981
20	Copy letters out	Jan 1982 - Feb 1983

See also ZB 738/44 and 50

21	Correspondence re union affiliation and representation on DTC	1964-1986
22	Miscellaneous papers, mostly correspondence and receipts re May Day dances	1970-1980

23/1-17	'Pro forma' letters re affiliation to DTC Also include annual registration form of Rugby branch of ASTMS with DTC, 1 July 1986 DTC rules etc., 1974 letters from Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth affairs, 31 Dec. 1974 and William Wilson, MP for Coventry SE, 30 Dec. 1974 [? re anti-apartheid petition]	1974-1986
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24/1-20	Correspondence and associated papers re the British Hospital for Vietnam [Roy Sharp was the chairman of the Daventry campaign]	1976-1979
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See also ZB 738/29-62 for TUC circulars

25/1-4	Correspondence re the appointment of magistrates	1980-1982
26	Letter to the secretary of DTC re the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) motion for the annual conference of trades councils, 1983	12 Feb 1983

27	Correspondence and associated papers re Daventry training workshop, steering committee	1982-1983
28/1-31	Miscellaneous papers re celebrations for the 21st anniversary of the foundation of Daventry Trades Council	1985

## TUC CIRCULARS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL

These were filed in bundles within half-opened envelopes, by the secretary. The principal organisations represented are the Gas Consumers' Association, the Independent Broadcasting Association (IBA), Amnesty International, Banner Theatre, Birmingham, Ruskin College, Oxford, Solidarnosc, Labour Research Department (LRD), the Labour Party, Community Health Councils. There is a substantial quantity of material relating to the 1984-1985 miners' strike.

29	TUC circulars etc Sept., Dec. 1979, May - August 1980	1979-1980
30	TUC circulars etc	Feb - March 1983
31	TUC circulars etc	March - March 1983
32	TUC circulars	April - April 1983
33	TUC circulars etc	May - July 1983
34	TUC circulars etc	June - Aug 1983
35	TUC circulars etc	Aug - Oct 1983
36	TUC circulars etc	Oct - Nov 1983
37	TUC circulars etc	Nov - Dec 1983
38	TUC circulars etc	Dec - Jan 1984
39	TUC circulars etc with many other leaflets including the Northamptonshire County Council's <u>Annual Report</u> , 1981-82	Jan - Feb 1984
40	TUC circulars etc	Feb - 1984
41	TUC circulars etc	Feb - May 1984
42	TUC circulars etc	March - April 1984
43	TUC circulars etc	April - June 1984
44	TUC circulars etc Includes letters in and copy letters out	June - July 1984

See also ZB 738/11-20

45	TUC circulars etc Includes papers re campaign for M1 - A1 link road	July - Aug 1984
	<u>See</u> also ZB 738/64-69 for other campaigns	
46	TUC circulars etc	Aug - Sept 1984
47	TUC circulars etc	Sept - Oct 1984
48	TUC circulars etc	Oct - Nov 1984
49	TUC circulars etc	Nov 1984 - Jan 1985
50	TUC circulars etc Include some letters in and copy letters out	Nov 1984 - Feb 1985
	<u>See</u> also ZB 738/11-20	
51	TUC circulars etc	Dec 1984 - Mar 1985
52	TUC circulars etc	March - April 1985
53	TUC circulars etc	April - May, Aug 1985
54	TUC circulars etc	April - June 1985
55	TUC circulars etc	May - June 1985
56	TUC circulars etc	June - Oct 1985
57	TUC circulars etc	July - Aug 1985
58	TUC circulars etc	Oct - Nov 1985
59	TUC circulars etc	Nov 1985 - Apr 1986
60	TUC circulars etc	Nov 1985 - May 1986
61	TUC circulars etc	Jan - Nov 1986
62	TUC circulars etc	Feb - Oct 1986
63/1-121	<u>Labour</u> , the TUC Information Broadsheet (Incomplete series)	March 1965 - Sept 1977

## PAPERS RE CAMPAIGNS

64/1-48	Miscellaneous papers re the Young Socialists' Right-to-Work campaign [five marches from Glasgow, Liverpool, Bristol, Southampton and Kent were organised to converge on London at the same time] Include correspondence, accounts, leaflets etc re the over-night stay of the marchers from Liverpool, in Daventry on 4 March 1972 and the rally in Northampton the following day This included a performance of a drama documentary called 'The English Revolution'	1972
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| 65/1-30 | Miscellaneous papers re the Peoples' March for jobs campaign<br>Include the <u>Newsletter</u> and bulletins                                                                                                                                                           | 1981         |
| 66/1-11 | Miscellaneous papers re Peoples' March for jobs campaign and the campaign against the government's proposed industrial relations legislation                                                                                                                          | 1982         |
| 67/1-89 | Miscellaneous papers re the Peoples' March for jobs campaign [the marchers again stayed a night in Daventry]<br>Include <u>Morning Star</u> , 25 May 1983<br>Minutes of meetings, March - May 1983<br>accounts, correspondence, helpers' rotas, posters, leaflets etc | 1983         |
| 68/1-6  | Miscellaneous papers re the Low Pay campaign                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1978-1979    |
| 69/1-3  | Miscellaneous campaign badges:<br>'Stop them killing public transport' (2)<br>'Save our buses'                                                                                                                                                                        | n.d. [1980s] |

## MISCELLANEOUS LEAFLETS ETC

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| 70/1-10 | Miscellaneous printed leaflets and booklets<br>Include <u>Directory of Guides to Careers</u> , 1965 published by Sheffield Trades and Labour Council<br>Souvenir issue and last publication of the <u>Quarterly journal</u> of the National Union of Vehicle Builders, April 1972 with printed leaflet of resolutions to be put before the Annual Policy Conference of the NUVB in Hastings, 22-26 May 1972;<br>NCC Social Services Department, Daventry Area information sheets n.d. [1973]<br>Handbill for 'Everybody Out', drama documentary about the 1926 General Strike, performed by the EMMA Theatre Company at the United Reform church, 3 Nov. [? 1970s]<br>Leaflets re week of action in support of trade unionism in South Africa, 13-21 March 1978<br><u>Law Centres' News</u> , free quarterly bulletin of the Law Centres' Working Group, Spring 1979<br><u>A Simple guide to Northamptonshire Health Series</u> , published by the Community Health Councils, 1978<br><u>seventh Annual Report</u> , 1980-1981, of the Northampton and District Health Council, 1981 | 1965-1981 |
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- 71/1-39 'Executive file', mostly printed leaflets 1972-1977  
Includes letters and information from  
Knuston Hall Adult Education Centre, Irchester,  
re retirement courses, 1972  
Newsletters and Bulletins etc re International  
Women's Year, 1975  
papers re legal liability of safety  
representatives, 1975-1976  
papers re Daventry District Council's  
proposal to end concessionary bus fares  
scheme, 1977  
papers re Fire Brigades Union strike, 1977
- 72/1-5 Booklets re Chemical Scott-Bader and the 1972-1973  
principle of industrial common ownership
- 73/1-8 Blank certificates (with printing block) 1976-1985  
for DTC's award for Trades Unionist of  
the Year  
The recipient was presented with a shield  
to hold for a year and a certificate

## Recipients were:-

- 1976 H Barnsby AUEW Daventry 114  
Long and active branch service
- 1977 L Coleman AUEW 87 Daventry  
Many years of active service  
to the movement
- 1978 H R Drage EET & PU Northampton  
Dedicated service to the  
movement
- 1979 R Kingdom FBU Northampton  
Sterling work for the movement  
at time of need
- 1980 J Kendall AUEW Daventry 114  
Many years of dutiful service
- 1981 F Obee GWWU Daventry 107  
Diligent service to Union  
members
- 1982 J Sellen NUPE Daventry  
Service to branch and union
- 1983 M Ford T & GWU 5/221 Northampton  
Many years of commitment to  
the movement



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| 1984 | C Palmer<br>Service to members in branch,<br>factory and trades council                | AUEW Daventry 114 |
| 1985 | R Sharp<br>For years of active and<br>dedicated service to the<br>trade union movement | AUEW Daventry 114 |

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