



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Socialist Feminist Conference, 1984
ACCESSION NO	100/170; VWLLFA No.76
CATEGORY	Community and Political, organisations
ACTIVITY	Feminists
DATE RANGE	1983-1984
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.33 m (3 archives boxes; 50 audio tapes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>The Socialist Feminist Conference, SF'84 Down to Business, was held over two weekends, 3–4 and 10–11 March, 1984, at Princes Hill High School in Carlton. In the lead-up to the conference the organising collective facilitated several discussion evenings around topics of interest, such as 'Heinz, the 57 varieties of feminism', in order to stimulate community awareness about the conference and to prompt debate on socialist feminist theories and ideas. SF'84 was a lively and well-attended conference with many workshops around such topics as, 'The Oppression of Women', 'Feminist Theory', 'Notes Towards a History of the Melbourne Women's Collective of the Communist Party of Australia' and 'Aboriginal Employment/Unemployability'. There was also a great deal of interest in the suggestion about forming another women's organisation to push for equity in society and legislative changes for women. This eventually became the Women's Social and Political Coalition. This collection is No.76 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
1		Biography of the Social Feminist 1984 Conference	
	76/02	Accounts: receipts	
	76/06	Name tags	
	76/03/01	Women and Labour Conference, Brisbane Queensland; registration forms	July 1984
	76/03/02a	Conference papers 1: 'Feminist working for and against the State' by Louise Johnson from Deakin University; 'Women-The Accord and the class struggle' by Anna Pha?; 'The oppression of migrant women' by Helen Said; 'Women in Workforce' by Thelma Prior	1984
	76/03/02b	Conference papers 2: 'Transforming the ALP into a Socialist-Feminist Party' by Deirdre Mason and Tricia Caswell; Day 2 workshops outlines; 'The mystique of the perfect mother' by D'arne Welch and Bronwyn Davies; 'Issues for working parents in the era of the accord' Carol O'Donnell; 'Strategies for making the ALP a socialist/Feminist Political Party' Deirdre Mason and Tricia Caswell; 'The sexual Division of labour' Pat Gowland; 'Effects of women's role in the family vis-à-vis the Paid workforce' D'arne Welch and Bronwyn Davies; Day 1 workshops outlines; 'Socialist Feminism, Equal opportunities and the sexual division of Labour' Patricia Gowland	1984
	76/03/02c	Conference papers 3: Day 1 workshops outlines; 'Women in Unions' Mary Merkenish; 'Self-help groups and Socialist Feminist strategies' by Lesley Hall, Tina Nightingale, Jenny Florence; Log of Claims Network-Second draft; 'Socialist Feminist and the Australian Labor Party' Lesley Podesta; 'Outwork in the clothing industry: incidence, features, legal status and Regulations' by the Clothing and Allied Trades Union; 'The politics of Domestic Violence' Rosemary Gillespie.	1984
	76/03/02d	'Feminist Theory' by Rigmor Berg	
	76/03/03	Conference programme	
	76/04	Contact lists, mailing lists	
	76/05a	Correspondence: incoming	
	76/05b	Correspondence: incoming	
	76/07/02a	Forms: order forms	
	76/07/02b	Forms: registration forms	1984
1	76/08/01	Minutes of meetings	1983

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1	76/08/02	Minutes of meetings	1984
	76/09	Notes	
	76/10	Publications: periodicals 'Down to business' Newsletters	1983
	76/11	Socialist feminist organization: Leaflets	
	76/12	Women and unions: articles	
1	76/6A/A	S.F 84 Conference Papers and Audio Tapes Order forms	1984
		50 Audio Cassettes	
2		<p>29 Audio tapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.W.U Women's Causus: Topic 2 • Women and Peace movement 2 • Feminist Ideology and reproductive Technology, Lyn McKenzie and Robie Rowland • Feminists working for and against the State, Louise Johnson • Women in Unions, Mary Merkenich, Thelma Prior • S.F 84 Plenary 1 • Plenary 3 • Plenary 4 • Socialist Feminist Conference Day 4: Plenary • Changing the ALP into a Socialist Feminist Party, Tricia Caswell and Deirdre Mason • Sue Jackson workshop, Organisation for 80's • The N.C.C Offensive, Rosemary Gillespie • The Accord: Follow-up, Discussion 1 • Self help Groups • Whatever happened to 24 hour Childcare on demand? Jane Alley et. al. • Words and actions, Colleen Hartland, Marc J. • Women's committees in Unions: Acoa, Teacher unions • blank • Welfare system as social control, Judy Cassar • The impact of technology on women; Worang and telecommunications, Karen Throssell • Women's role: Family/Paid workforce, D'arne Welch and Bronwyn Davies • Alexandra Kolontai: still Revoluit in 84, Sara Wettenhall • Scarlet Woman • Mini plenary- Women and peace • Gender, Class and ethnocentrism in education: Georgina Tsolidis • International Forum • The oppression of migrant Women, Helen Said 	

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3		<p>21 audio tapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The struggle for equal pay, Lyn Beaton • AUS Log of claim • Feminist mothers , Feminist Mothers Group • Left Parties • Prices and income accord: mini plenary • The oppression of migrant women, Helen Said • The Accord, follow-up discussion 2 • The Accord, follow-up discussion 1 • Women in Unions: Mary Merkenich, Thelma Prior • U.W.U Women's Caucus, topic 1 • U.W.U Women's Caucus, topic 2 • We're not all Labour Party careerists, Lesley Podesta • Feminist Ideology and reproductive technology, Lyn McKenzie, Robin Rowland • Changing Employment practices <p>Socialist Feminist 1984 Conference workshop tapes March 1984 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feminist Ideology and reproductive technology, Lyn McKenzie, Robin Rowland • The N.C.C Offensive, R Gillespie • Whatever happened to 24 hour Childcare on demand, Jane Alley et. al. • Day 4 plenary, Wheelahan, Beaton, Jackson, Buchanan... • We're not all Labour Party careerists, Lesley Podesta • Gender, Class and ethnocentrism in education: Georgina Tsolidis • Taxation and women, Liz Savage 	

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