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Lesley Synge Collection

Size
1 box, 18 posters

Contents
Political ephemera, badges, photographs and posters relating to the women's movement, the campaign for civil liberties in Queensland and other political causes of the 1970s and 1980s. Includes photographs of International Women's Day rallies and marches in Brisbane.

Date range
1976 to 1987

Biography
Lesley Synge was a participant in the 1970s and 1980s women's movement in Brisbane and the concurrent campaigns against the Queensland Government's curtailment of civil liberties. She is a writer and teacher.

Notes
Open access

Box 1
Badges:
- Armagh and H-Block, Don't let them die, London c.1976
- End British torture in Ireland, London c.1976
- Land rights not uranium, Brisbane c.1980
- Everyone counts for a nuclear free Australia, Brisbane c.1980
- Ageing hippies against the bomb, c.1982
- I'm really into semiology, c.1982
- This is simply pandering to popular taste, c.1982
- Give Joh the boot, Brisbane 1987 [homemade by Lesley Synge in Maleny]

26 slides, May Day banners, Brisbane 1985

1 photograph, The Women’s Army is marching [Lesley Singh]

Folder 1
Political and Women’s Movement Booklets and Newsletters c1970s

Gay issue, Gay Solidarity Newsletter, 1978

The Working Women’s Charter Campaign, c1976

No! No! to Joh, 1979

Women’s Rights Newsletter, Jan 7? [2 copies]
Folder 2

Broadsheets and Leaflets c1970s

International Women’s Day, 1979 [author’s marked in pencil; this was distributed by WWCC to industrial workplaces with many women workers prior to IWD]

International Women’s Day [about girls in education; distributed for IWD to High School girls in Brisbane in 1976. Written by M.L. Cawley and Glenda Wenck with help from Sylvia Innes then QTU as women’s Officer]

International Women’s Day rally, 11 Mar c1978

Homosexual Rights not Wrongs, c1978

Legal Abortions c1978 [Children by Choice]

Not Good enough…, c1978 [AWAR; Australian Women Against Rape]

Feminist High School Group, 1976 [for IWD, badly faded]

Feminist High School Group, 1977 [for IWD]

May Day in Queensland [for BWIU by Megan Martin]

Suicide or Murder? [2 copies]

Irish women in Struggle, 1981

Educate to Liberate insert, Queensland Teachers’ Journal, Mar 1976, Jun 1976

Folder 3

Aurukun material c1970s [Typed transcripts]

Report from Aurukun Consultation, 10 May 1976, Cromwell College, 11pp

Research project on Conzinc Rio Tinto of Australia, Interim Report, Dec 1977, 3pp

Aurukun and Mornington Island: Blacks vs Bjelke Petersen [Lyndon Shea campaign against Racial Exploitation], 4pp

Black Defence Committee, Statement of Principles, Feb 1977, 5pp

Folder 4

Civil Liberties Co-ordinating Committee, c1970s

14 typed articles:

- Introduction to the speakers’ notes
- The state government offensive and how to fight it
- Chronology
- What is the Civil Liberties Co-ordinating Committee?
- The need for an extra-parliamentary opposition
- Sparkes’s speech
- Common parliamentary arguments on civil liberties
• Trade unions, the ‘right to work’ legislation
• The industrial relations bureau legislation
• Women
• Uranium
• Homosexuals
• Blacks
• Comparative legislation
• How to set up an organisation
• Criminal law enquiry

Folder 5
Women’s Demonstrations, Brisbane, 1978

14 captioned photographs

1. SWP banner, May Day 1978 [taken by Lesley Singh]
2. Women’s contingent, May Day 1978 [taken by Lesley Singh]
3. IWD rally, 1978, Roma Street forum
4. IWD 1978, Megan Martin sells sashes for Working Women’s Charter Campaign. Looking in basket is Jane Culvert. Next to Megan (obscured) is Brigette von Olan Bogart from Sydney, now in Melbourne, who often came to Brisbane demonstrations.

Photos 6 – 8: Three Wenck Sisters. The sashes in these three photos were sewn by Megan Martin, Lesley Syngh and ?
6. [Taken by Megan Martin], IWD 1978, all wearing sashes. Lesley Wenck at microphone
7. Glenda with red flag. In background Marg O’Donnell and children, also Ros Innes with flag and Jane Calvert with sash
8. Annette with bracelets and sash
9. IWD March 1978, the front line of the march
10. Arrest of Glenda Wenck
11. King George Square, police having a coffee break in Ann Street [?]
12. Megan Martin
13. Picket for married women and the right to work, Brisbane, 15 Dec 1977
14. Working Women’s Charter Group. Banner held by Julie Walkington wearing t-shirt

Folder 6
IWD rally 1978 sash
Folder 7
IWD, New Farm Park & Dykes on Bikes performance, 1983
20 captioned photos

Folder 8
Working Women’s Charter Campaign t-shirt

Posters
1. Yes mean yes, No means no, However we dress, wherever we go – Reclaim the night
2. Abortion rights under attack
3. Homosexuals demand - the right to work – drop the charges
4. I.W.D. Dance Abraham Mott Hall at the Rocks
5. No more Harrisburgs – Another nuclear power plant
6. Defend the Iranian Revolution Speaker Fatima Fallahi
7. Drop the charges against the arrested Women’s and Gay Rights demonstrators
8. British troops out of Ireland [4 copies]
9. Solar not nuclear
10. Workers of the world unite March May Day with the Communist League [2 copies]
11. Workers of the world unite with the Communist League
12. Resistance Socialist Discussion camp: “Socialism in the eighties’
13. Women strike out Fraser
14. September 4-11 International Week of Solidarity with Chile