

**Reference Code**

3413/Mss.10

**Title**

Gerry Lynch Collection

**Creation Dates**

1969-1988

**Level of Description**

File level description

**Extent & Medium**

1 box, 200 items

**Creator(s)**

Gerry Lynch

**Scope & Content**

**Biography:** Gerry Lynch was a prominent member of the socialism movement in Northern Ireland and is noted alongside Bernadette Devlin, John Throne, and Cathy Harkin as one of the prominent young socialists during the Troubles.

**Collection Scope and Content:** Collection of items relating to socialist, labour and trade union movements in Derry; includes newspapers, booklets, memorabilia and printed and written documents detailing meetings and party policies. The collection consists of material relating specifically to the Trade Union and Labour movements of Derry. The collection was donated to the Heritage and Museum Service by Gerry Lynch in August 2002.

**Item Level Descriptions:****Mss.10.1 Printed Newsletters (18 items) – 1969-1973**

Collection of various printed newsletters and papers including *Workers' Republic* (6), *Young Socialist* (5), *Republican News* (Belfast) (6), *Volunteer*.

**Mss.10.2 Printed Newsletters (11 items) – 1969-1973**

Collection of printed newsletters mainly concerning Derry republican movements and groups. Includes *Republican Voice*, *Bogside News* (3), *Craigavon Gazette*, *Free Derry News*, *The Croppy*, *Reality* (2), *Barricade Bulletin* (2).

**Mss.10.3 Newspapers (27 items) – 1973-1976**

Collection of newspapers including *Rosa Catha* (2), *Militant* (12), *The Starry Plough* (13).

**Mss.10.4 Newspaper Cuttings (33 items)– 1970-1980s**

Collection of newspaper cuttings mainly relating to the Labour and Trade Union movement in Derry; also includes articles concerning civil rights issues and British Army actions in Derry.

**Mss.10.5 Printed Booklets/Pamphlets (5 items) – 1970s**

Collection of printed booklets/pamphlets mainly relating to Trade Union and Socialist workers issues; includes material by Peter hunt, John Throne, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, Finbar O’Doherty.

**Mss.10.6 Derry Socialist and Trade Union Memorabilia (14 items) – 1980s**

Collection of memorabilia relating to Derry Socialist and Trade Union movements includes posters, advertisement for meetings, membership cards, and printed items concerning James Connolly, Socialist.

**Mss.10.7 Northern Ireland Labour Party (7 items) – 1970s**

Materials relating to the Northern Ireland Labour Party includes party memorabilia, rules and regulations and various typed documents concerning policy.

**Mss.10.8 Labour and Trade Union Coordinating Group (16 items) – 1970s**

Materials relating to the Labour and Trade Union Coordinating Group, Belfast; includes printed material concerning the constitution, group policy, press statements, secretary reports, election information and drafts of speeches.

**Mss.10.9 Derry Labour and Trade Union Party (14 items) – 1970s**

Materials relating to the Derry Labour and Trade Union Party; includes printed material concerning party policy and manifesto, newsletters and correspondence (4) between party members.

**Mss.10.10 Derry Labour Party (7 items) – 1970s**

Collection of items relating to the Labour Party includes the leaflet *Protagonist* (2) (that includes a copy of the *Censured report of the Derry Massacre by Sunday Times Reporters*) and a printed paper titled *Irish Perspectives – Discussion document*. Also a

printed document titled *Labour and Civil Rights campaign in Derry since October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1968* (4).

**Mss.10.11 Derry Labour and Civil Rights Group (7 items) – 1970s**

Materials relating to the civil rights movement in Derry and the Labour Party; includes printed statements and minutes of meetings.

**Mss.10.12 Derry Labour Party and Young Socialists (32 items) – 1970s**

Materials relating to the Derry Labour Party and Young Socialists; includes a copy of the constitution, advertisements for public and committee meetings and information guidelines.

**Mss.10.13 Hand Written Notes and Press Statements (16 items) – 1970s**

Collection of hand written notes and press statements mainly relating to Labour and Trade Union Party issues.

**Mss.10.14 Printed Pamphlets (14 items) – 1970s**

Collection of printed pamphlets concerning the Derry Labour Party titled *Ramparts* (10). Also includes copies of the leaflet *Socialist Monthly* (2), *Leader* and *Militant* special leaflet.