

COLLECTION LEVEL	
Ref no	GB3228.84
Collection name / Title	Northern Carnival Against the Nazis
Accession number(s)	2018/9-11
Level of Description	Collection
Collection type	Donated Collection: Open-ended
Date	1978
Extent	9 items
Name of creator(s)	Northern Carnival Against the Nazis
Administrative / Biographical history	<p>In response to an increasing climate of racial intolerance and division in Britain, Rock Against Racism (RAR) and the Anti Nazi League (ANL) were established between 1976-1977. Although developing from two different backgrounds and with different operational methods both organisations aimed to combat the rise of far right groups in the UK.</p> <p>The inspiration for the Northern Carnival came from Bernie Wilcox of RAR and Geoff Brown of the ANL. It was while travelling back together from the Carnival Against the Nazis, held in London's Victoria Park on 30 Apr 1978, that they formulated the idea to hold a similar concert in the Northwest. The event was organised within ten weeks and used a network of contacts to produce the final event and associated RAR events on the run up to the concert.</p> <p>The Northern Carnival Against the Nazis was both a rally and concert. Preceding the concert a rally gathered at Strangeways on Bury New Road and marched through Manchester to the concert in Alexandra Park. The line-up for the concert included Steel Pulse, Buzzcocks, Exodus and China Street and it was attended by around 40,000 people.</p> <p>In 2018 the original organisers, Bernie and Geoff, worked with the Manchester Digital Music Archive on a Heritage Lottery Funded project to arrange a series of commemoration events. A launch was held at Manchester Central Library on Saturday 14 July 2018. At this event the items within this collection were collected.</p>
Scope and content	Collection includes 5 posters and 4 badges
Archival history	Collected at the concert in 1978. Brought together and donated to AIURRC at the NCaN commemoration event at Manchester Central Library in Jul 2018
Immediate source of acquisition or transfer	Items donated by individuals at the commemoration launch at Manchester Central Library
Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information	No appraisal or destruction undertaken
Accruals	Additional accruals may come from other people involved in the Carnival and commemoration
System of arrangement	Items are grouped by type i.e. poster or badge and listed
Access conditions	Open
Conditions governing access (usage)	For research and private study. 24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room, Manchester Central Library, St. Peters Square, Manchester, M2 5PD. To access this collection please contact: rrarchive@manchester.ac.uk
Conditions governing reproduction (permissions)	Items donated by individuals not the organisations which developed and delivered the event. Copyright remains with the creators of the items. Where known this has been indicated at item level.
Language/s	English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements	Several items have damage, see individual items for further details
Existence and location of copies	Copies of several items in this archive can be found on the Manchester Digital Music Archive website https://www.mdmarchive.co.uk/
Rules or conventions	ISAD(G)
Date(s) description created / revised	Jo Robson, May 2019
Related material	Additional material relating to the Northern Carnival Against the Nazis can be found on the Manchester Digital Music Archive website https://www.mdmarchive.co.uk/exhibition/674/we-are-dynamite!-northern-carnival-1978 .
Key words	Anti-Nazi League, Anti Nazi League, Rock Against Racism, Northern Carnival Against the Nazis, Carnival Against the Nazis, NF, National Front, Steel Pulse, Buzzcocks, China Street, Tom Robinson Band, X-Ray Spex, Bushfire, Alexandra Park, North West Regional TUC

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GB3228.84/1	Series	Northern Carnival Against the Nazis Posters		1978	2 items			
GB3228.84/1/1	item	Northern Carnival Against the Nazis Poster	Two copies of the poster have been donated	Jul 1978	2 items	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	One poster is relatively undamaged and if issuing originals in the search room it is preferable to issue the least damaged item (2018/10). The other poster is showing considerable wear which includes two sections missing and a large rip from the top of the poster which has been repaired with cello tape(2018/9). Each poster had aged differently with one having a relatively white background and the other a more yellowed background.	
GB3228.84/2	Series	Badges		1978	4 items			
GB3228.84/2/1	Item	Anti-Nazi League badge		c.1978	1 item	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	Damage to top right edge of badge where plastic cover is degrading. Badge is generally dirty and worn. Reverse of badge shows signs of rust to metal parts. Conservation report undertaken 1 May 2019 before display.	
GB3228.84/2/2	Item	Stop the NF Nazis! badge	Anti-Nazi League badge	c.1978	1 item	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	Badge in generally good condition, some evidence of rust on the rear of the badge. Conservation report undertaken 1 May 2019 before display.	See also wider badge collection GB3228.35

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GB3228.84/2/3	Item	Women Against Nazis badge		c.1978	1 item	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	Badge in generally good condition, some evidence of rust on the rear of the badge. Conservation report undertaken 1 May 2019 before display.	See also wider badge collection GB3228.35
GB3228.84/2/4	Item	Rock Against Racism Badge		c.1978	1 item	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	Badge shows slight damage to top edge immediately above top star point. Reverse shows signs of rust to badge. Conservation report undertaken 1 May 2019 before display.	See also wider badge collection GB3228.35
GB3228.84/3	Series	Related Posters		1978	3 items			
GB3228.84/3/1	Item	Bushfire Gig poster	Rock Against Racism gig poster. The poster was created using the silk-screen method by artist Richard Lees. The gig was held at the Community Centre, Wellington Lane.	Mar c.1978	1 item	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	Original poster is showing wear and small tears around the edge of the item particularly in the lower left hand corner and requires careful handling. Digital copy available.	

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GB3228.84/3/2	Item	Carnival Against the Nazi's poster	This poster advertises the Carnival Against the Nazis held in London on the 30 April. This event was a joint event between the Anti-Nazi League (ANL) and Rock Against Racism (RAR). The event was attended by Bernie Wilcox of RAR and Geoff Brown of the ANL and was the inspiration for them to establish an event in the north west which became the Northern Carnival Against the Nazis.	Apr 1978	1 item	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	Original poster is showing wear and small tears around the edge of the item and requires careful handling. Digital copy available.	
GB3228.84/3/3	Item	Never Again Stop the Nazi NF poster	General Anti-Nazi League poster. This poster was probably collected from the Manchester Northern Carnival Against the Nazis event.	c.1978	1 item	24 hours notice is required to view this collection. Material will then be accessible through Manchester Central Library Search Room.	The original poster is in generally good condition. Digital images of the poster are available.	