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Name of creator(s)	Manchester Aid to Kosovo (MaK)
Administrative / Biographical history	Manchester Aid to Kosovo (MaK) produced the VOKIM 'Voices of Kosovo in
	Manchester' project between September 2014 and March 2016. The project recorded and preserved the story of the Kosovar community in Manchester. Many arrived as refugees in 1999, evacuated to the North West in part of a global humanitarian response to ethnic cleansing in the Balkans. Their voices have been captured alongside a selection of the many people who responded to their struggle. The project was financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund and supported by the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust. The project produced various outputs including the oral histories, a mobile multimedia exhibition and education resources. Additional materials and guidelines for schools and learning can be found on www.vokim.org In 2019 Manchester Aid to Kosovo received additional funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to mark 20 years since the event of 1999. As a part of this project MaK showcased an exhibition in Manchester Cathedral and has been invited to exhibit new work, interwoven with VOKIM oral history, at
Scope and content Archival history	The collection contains twenty nine audio recordings of interviews with summaries and transcriptions, pen sketches, and photos of some interviewees. The interview include: 13 Kosovars in Manchester 4 returnee Kosovars in Kosovo 1 Human Rights lawyer working in Kosovo who has represented children in Manchester 11 others involved in the humanitarian response Other material in the collection includes copies of the exhibition panels, project files which includes the evaluation, and images of events and activities related to the project. This collection was donated to the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust through the Voices of Kosovo in Manchester project, conducted by the Manchester Aid
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GB3228.53/1	Section	Voices of Kosovo in Manchester Project 2014- 2016		Sep 2014-Apr 2017	12.6GB			
GB3228.53/1/1	Series	Project Files		Mar-May 2016	3 word docs, 1 Jpeg, 1 Pdf	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/1/1	Item		A report by Natalie Harrison (M.A.), Political Science: Governance and Public Policy. The report describes the difficulty of counting Kosovars in the UK and the differences between Humanitarian Evacuation Programme refugees and spontaneous refugees	Mar 2016	1 word doc	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/1/2	Item	Brief explanation of the Voices of Kosovo Project		9 Apr 2016	1 word doc	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/1/3	Item	Project credits	List of all those who contributed to the project and the role that they undertook	7-9 Apr 2016	1 word doc, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/1/4	Item	Voices of Kosovo in Manchester project evaluation	This evaluation was undertaken by Alex Dunning	4 May 2016	1 Pdf	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2	Series	Oral Histories	A collection of oral histories recorded by the project. The 30 interviews include: 14 Kosovars in Manchester 4 returnee Kosovars in Kosovo 1 Human Rights lawyer working in Kosovo who has represented children in Manchester 11 others involved in the humanitarian response Each interview is accompanied by a summary and transcript of the interview. Some are also accompanied by a photograph of the interviewee many of which were taken by Paul Cliff.	Sep 2014-Apr 2016	29 WAV, 29 MP3, 61 word docs, 21 Jpeg, 4 Pdf	A copy of the interviews are available to listen to on the website: http://www.vokim.org/ Hardcopy transcripts of the interviews are available in the AIURRRC Library, Lower Ground Floor, Manchester Central Library, St Peters Square, Manchester, M2 5PD. 24 hours notice required, to access contact: rrarchive@manchester.ac.uk		

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GB3228.53/1/2/1	item	Oral history interview with Adonis Alaj	Interview 1 hour 25 minutes 53 seconds. Adonis Alaj was born and raised in the capital of Kosovo, Prishtina, Adonis Alaj remembers a secure early childhood surrounded by his family, including his beloved grandmother, and many friends. At the age of 13 everything changed. He experienced the increase of aggression as people were violently evicted: forcibly turned out of their flats and ordered out of the country by armed Serb police and soldiers. After several moves and three unsuccessful and terrifying attempts to leave Kosovo, his family reached Macedonia and were evacuated to the UK with special needs due to his grandmother's blindness and fragility. Adonis quickly settled at a reception centre, attended a Catholic Secondary School and went on to college and University in Manchester. He is overwhelmed when comparing the treatment his family was subjected to during the war compared to their new life in Manchester. Adonis lives with his wife in South Manchester and works for an insurance company. His closest friends continue to be 3 boys he met at the reception centre on arrival in Manchester. In the interview Adonis talks about his life in Kosovo before the war, how it affected his family, their journey to U.K. via Macedonia, and life in Manchester.	10 Jan 2016	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/2	item	Oral history interview with Amir Lamaxhema	Interview: 6 minutes 42 seconds In 1999 Amir Lamaxhema was newly married and living with his young wife, Adriana, and parents. Driven from their home in Ferizaj, Adriana became ill during the forced exodus from Kosovo. She was medically evacuated to the UK by British doctors who treated her in Macedonia. After a period in Barrow-in-Furness the family moved to Trafford. Diagnosed as suffering from Leukaemia, Adriana was admitted to hospital in Manchester and, tragically, died shortly afterwards in the UK. Amir talks fondly of the care the family received in Manchester and of the warmth he received from the community. Amir's parents returned to Kosovo in 2000 to find they had lost everything. When Amir returned to Kosovo for his wife's burial he decided to support his parents' attempt to re-build their lives in Ferizaj and they made a new start together. Amir loves sport and is an interpreter working for the EULEX Law Mission in Kosovo. In the interview Amir talks about his family situation, his wife's medical evacuation to England during the Kosovar war due to her Leukaemia and his return, alone, to Kosovo to try to rebuild his life with his parents.	1 Mar 2015	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/3	item	Oral history interview with Bendri Hyseni	Interview: 12 minutes 47 seconds Bedri Hyseni is a law graduate who now teaches in Kosovo. He experienced massacres carried out by the Serbian army. His family was evacuated to Manchester from a Macedonian border camp in May 1999. He has four children and speaks very positively of the family's reception in England and the organisation of care for refugees like himself. The family returned to Kosovo in 2000 after 13 months in Manchester. Their home had been burned down and Bedri struggled to gain employment. Now a teacher, Bedri was highly impressed by the education his children received in Manchester. Having returned swiftly to Kosovo after the Liberation he has some frustrations and considers opportunities for his family would have been better in the UK. Bedri gave evidence in the trial of the former Deputy Interior Minister of Serbia at The Hague. In this interview Bedri talks about England and his evacuation. He describes the reception in Manchester and his family's adjustment. He discusses his swift return to Kosovo and life back there with his family. He talks about being a witness at The Hague.	27 Sep 2015	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 4 word docs		Albanian with written English transcription	

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GB3228.53/1/2/4	item	Oral history interview with Bekim Blakaj	Interview: 16 minutes 12 seconds Bekim Blakaj lives in Kosovo. He studied organisational sciences at Belgrade University. He is executive director of the Humanitarian Law Centre, Kosovo, a partner organisation to HLC, Belgrade. The Humanitarian Law Centre supports post-Yugoslav societies in the promotion of the rule of law and acceptance of the legacy of mass human rights violations. In establishing the criminal responsibility of the perpetrators it aims to serve justice and prevent recurrence. HLC has produced the Kosovo Memory Book a unique database of documentation of individual victims who were killed or who disappeared in the armed conflict in Kosovo during 1998 – 2000. The immense project involved collecting and researching documents whilst conducting more than 8,400 interviews with families of the victims, of all ethnicities. The book will contribute to preventing political manipulation of the numbers of victims from the armed conflict, help Kosovo society to face and deal with the atrocities committed and contribute to the building of a collective memory. In this interview Bekim talks about the significance of the evidence of the Bogujevci children, from Manchester, oral history and his organisation's Memory Book project in Kosovo.	12 Jan 2016	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/5	item	Oral history interview with Besim Kadriu	Interview: 16 minutes 27 seconds Besim Kadriu grew up near Mitrovica in northern Kosovo close to the Serb border. He was an engineering student and married shortly before conflict escalated in 1999. His sixteen year old wife, Valbona had just become pregnant with their first child when, close to his village, Besim was shot by the Serb military. Half Besim's face was blown off. He fled to the hills and somehow survived for months with minimal help and no medication. After the Liberation, Besim was seen by British and American medics who vowed to do everything they could to help him. He and Valbona were medically evacuated by the British Army. Besim's face has gradually been reconstructed in Manchester, where Besim and Valbona now live with their four daughters. His eldest child, Alberina, plans to join the British Army as an engineer. In this interview Besim talks about being medically evacuated to Manchester from Kosovo in 1999 after being shot in the face, his family and his recovery in Manchester.		1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/6	item	Oral history interview with Bledar Bujupi	Interview: 23 minutes 59 seconds Bledar Bujupi is a freelance film editor working in Manchester. He was born in Pristina, the capital of Kosovo and he moved to the UK when he was thirteen years old. Bledar remembers a happy childhood until the war began when his family were forced to leave their home and were moved to the Macedonia as part of an ethnic cleansing campaign. The family were loaded onto a train and were taken to the border and they then had to walk from one country to another. Bledar's family were evacuated to Manchester and they lived in a refugee centre for a year when they first arrived. Bledar and his twin brother both studied multi-media at Manchester College and they both work in the media now. Bledar enjoys living in Manchester; he finds it an accessible city and says it has everything you need. He says he would choose to live here again if he had to make the choice again and he finds it to be a creative, stimulating city.	16 Feb 2015	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/7	item	Oral history interview with Bleta Kabashi	Interview: 1 hour 14 minutes 35 seconds The daughter of two teachers, Bleta Kabashi was born in Prizren, a town in the south of Kosovo. She was brought up in a village which was ethnically mixed, with both Serbian and Albanian families living side by side. When Bleta was 13 her schooling was interrupted by the conflict. Her family moved away from their village and she then trained to be a pharmacist in secret in the parallel education system. Bleta's family were forced to move from house to house to avoid the conflict and so she missed out on enrolling to study pharmacy at University and so she enrolled to study Biology. Bleta's university studies were interrupted by the NATO bombings when her family were forced to flee to the refugee camps in Macedonia, sharing the camp with Bosnian refugees. After the conflict had died down, Bleta became an English teacher and she eventually became a translator for MaK, where she met her husband Mike Annit, an artist from England. Bleta is married to Mike and they work alongside each other at the Castle Fine Arts Foundry in Oswestry. They have a baby boy, Alberti and they return to Kosovo to visit Bleta's family each year.		1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
			In this interview Bleta describes her experiences in Kosovo before the war and at the start of the war. Bleta describes NATO bombing, the refugee camp and becoming involved in the charity, Manchester Aid to Kosovo. She moves to England and describes her marriage, her life working in a bronze foundry, and feelings about Kosovo.					

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GB3228.53/1/2/8	item	Oral history interview with Bruce Thompson	Interview: 54 minutes 14 seconds Rev Bruce Thompson is married and currently lives in Lincoln where he is Chair of Lincolnshire Methodist District. Bruce was Minister of Timperley Methodist Church in 1999 when the British government made the decision to evacuate Kosovars as part of the global humanitarian response to help the survivors from the war in Kosovo, forced out off their own land. The North West was designated the location for refugees where at least one family member had a special need: often medical. Bruce suggested to his local authority, Trafford MBC, that a disused building in his area could be converted for incoming families. This was accepted and the church and the wider community got to work. Families started to arrive, mainly from the border camps, in May 1999. The last family to arrive were the Bogujevcis which included five injured children and two traumatised, widowed fathers. Bruce visited all the families, almost daily, and played a huge part in their recovery. His church, Timperley Methodist, became the focus for games, trips, friendships and integration with local people. Bruce was later invited to Kosovo by his friends and also wrote a book "Shelter from the storm" containing several refugees' biographies, and his own personal journey. In this interview Rev.	8 Apr 2015	MP3, 2	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	English	
			Bruce Thompson talks about helping to set up a refugee reception centre in Manchester during the Kosovan war and his deep friendships with the people he met there and his invitation to Kosovo.					

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GB3228.53/1/2/9	item	Oral history interview with David Acton	Interview: 47 minutes 35 seconds Cllr. David Acton lives in Urmston, Trafford, and was Labour Leader of Trafford MBC for 17 years from 1997 until 20015 representing his own community and, more recently, Gorse Hill. As Leader of Trafford Council he was heavily involved in the evacuation and resettlement programme which included meeting the medical, housing and educational needs of the refugees. David worked closely with Beverley Hughes MP under Tony Blair's leadership as Prime Minister. He successfully led the campaign for the creation of the Imperial War Museum North in Trafford. He currently chairs Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority and is Vice Chair Stretford and Urmston Constituency Labour Party. In this interview Cllr David Acton talks about being leader of Trafford Council which received Kosovar refugees in 1999, the response of his community, and his own role in ensuring the Kosovars would be received well. He talks about the political climate at the time and Tony Blair's leadership in the NATO response. He describes what motivates him, his involvement in the creation of the Imperial War Museum North, his leadership in Fire and Rescue, and his belief in his community.		1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/10	item	Oral history interview with David Vassallo	Interview: 33 minutes 32 seconds Col David Vassallo's family come from Malta. A member of the Royal Army Medical Corps he has served as a Consultant General Surgeon in theatres of war and in the NHS. A father of two girls the same ages as Saranda and Jehona Bogujevi, David was deeply affected by the plight of the wounded Bogujevci cousins when he met them during the Liberation of Kosovo in 1999. A pioneer of telemedicine, whilst in Bosnia and Kosovo he used a simple system to appeal for help: early digital camera, email, laptop and a sat phone. With the support of Commander Medical and DFID, David evacuated the girls, and Besim Kadriu, to Manchester. David became involved in Manchester Aid to Kosovo, ran the 10K Great Manchester Run with the girls, and is a patron of the charity. In this interview David Vassallo describes his role in Kosovo as a Consultant General Surgeon with the British Army, describing various cases he treated and how they were medically evacuated to Manchester, England. He talks about the friendships formed with the people he worked with in Kosovo. David also talks about returning to Kosovo for the Dedication of the Manchester Peace Park, ten years later.	22 Mar 2015	- /	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/11	item	Oral history interview with Fatime Gashi	Interview: 10 minutes 30 seconds Fatime Gashi was born in 1996 in Skopje, Macedonia. Her mother is Macedonian and her father is Kosovan. Fatime's father was forced to join the Serbian Army but he was later rescued and freed by the Croatian army. When he was released, he moved to Macedonia for safety where he met his wife, Fatime's mother. The family lived in a refugee camp in Macedonia and at two and a half years old Fatime was evacuated with her family to Manchester. Fatime lost her ability to speak Albanian when she moved to England but she regained her first language by regularly visiting Kosovo each year in the summer. Fatime is now a Salford University student and she's studying Biomedicine. She hopes that she might one day become a doctor or she may do a PhD and become a university lecturer. She says she wants to help people in the future. In this interview Fatime was born in Macedonia but her father originally came from Kosovo. She describes her mother's pregnancy in a Macedonian refugee camp and coming to live in Manchester with her ethnic Albanian parents.		MP3, 2	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/12	item	Oral history interview with Fatso Bogujevci	Interview: 1 hour 11 minutes 32 seconds Fatos Bogujevci speaks of an innocent childhood with his extended family in the bustling town of Podujeva, close to the Serb border in NE Kosovo, enjoying visits to his relatives in the countryside. As a child, he became aware of developing problems. His father and uncle lost their jobs as electricians at the power station and he witnessed the escalating presence of Serb police and the military in his town. On March 28th 1999 an armed, uniformed, Serb unit, responsible for ethnic cleansing, entered Podujeva. The unit forced Fatos and all the women and children in his family into the corner of a secluded garden. They were all shot, together with their close friends the Duriqis. Left for dead, five Bogujevci cousins, including Fatos, survived. After the Liberation of Kosovo the children were found and medically evacuated by the British Army. Fatos attended a Catholic Secondary School in Trafford and went on to college and university. Along with his young cousins, Fatos gave evidence in Belgrade against the unit responsible for the massacre of his family. He and his cousins have received the Anne Frank International Award for Moral Courage. Fatos married Aulona, also from Podujeva, and lives in South Manchester. He is an artist and employed as a graphic designer.		1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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			In this interview Fatos talks about his life before the war as a child in Kosovo and when he first noticed changes due to the war. Fatos describes the massacre of his family which he and four other children survived in Podujeva, Kosovo. He describes being taken to Prishtina Hospital for treatment. He describes the Liberation of Kosovo, meeting British medics, his medical evacuation with his cousins and recovery in both Manchester. Fatos talks about giving evidence in Belgrade against the Serbs who massacred many members of his family and the outcomes. He discusses the Bogujevci/Visual History exhibition.					
GB3228.53/1/2/13	item	Oral history interview with Fazli Blakcori	Interview: 20 minutes 45 seconds Fazli Blakcori grew up in Letanc, close to the Serb border in NE Kosovo. He comes from a family of artists going back several generations. His father, a head teacher before the war, is a pacifist who actively supported President Rugova, often willing to carry messages and documents for him. Fazli has memories of his father's vulnerability and of the increasing terror he and his siblings found themselves embroiled in as war escalated. Following massacres of civilians in their home region, the family fled to the hills. His elderly grandmother was unable to flee and was found in a mass grave several years after the Liberation. At the age of 15, Fazli became involved in the work of Manchester Aid to Kosovo (MaK) in his home town and gradually took on more and more voluntary work for the charity, ending up as MaK's representative in Kosovo. He studied fine art in Prishtina and was sponsored to study for an MA in Peace and Development in the UK where he gained a distinction. He is married to a Norwegian fellow student, lives in Manchester and has been given Home Office permission to work in the UK. Fazli is a keen supporter of Manchester United, has a passion for art, and loves the British, Kosovar and Norwegian countryside. in this interview Fazli describes life in Kosovo during the conflict and his experience of moving from Kosovo to Manchester. Fazli talks about Kosovo in recovery, receiving a Master's degree at Leeds, meeting his wife there, and life and work in Manchester.	16 Sep 2014	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/14	item	interview with Ilri Neziri	Interview: 1 hour 38 minutes 5 seconds Ilir Neziri's family comes from a small village in Kosovo. His father was an early supporter of the resistance to Serb oppression, well before the Kosova Liberation Army was formed. Known for his opposition and a wanted man, Ilir's father hid from the Serbian authorities when the family moved to the capital, Prishtina. Ilir's family were fugitives for months and somehow all survived the war in the capital, experiencing 12 weeks of bombardment by NATO. The family experienced the terror of arrests, bribing their way to safety. Ilir has vivid memories of the experience of conflict during his childhood. Ilir went on to medical school in Prishtina. He married a Kosovar girl who had been evacuated to Manchester, where they now have a home together. Ilir is a dentist and, after completing a few final papers, hopes to start work in the UK. In this interview Ilir talks about life in Kosovo before and during the war and how he came to live in Manchester with his wife who was medically evacuated during the war.	26 Jan 2016	MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/15	item	Jonida Bujupi	Interview: 11 minutes 53 seconds Jonida Bujupi was born in March 1998 in a made-up doctor's surgery as it wasn't safe for her mother to go to the local hospital. At four months old, her parents carried Jonida and her brother through woods over the border to Macedonia. They lived with local families and then moved to a refugee camp. 'Doctors without Borders' recommended that Jonida was taken to the UK for medical treatment as she had problems with her hips. Seventeen members of their family were evacuated to the UK and Jonida was given medical treatment as soon as she arrived in the UK. Jonida is now studying Health and Social Care at college and she has plans to become a nurse in the future. She wants to help other people just as she was helped when she first arrived in Manchester. In this interview Jonida talks about being born during the conflict, medically evacuation to England as a child, with her family, and her life in England.	21 Mar 2015	MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/16	item	Oral history interview with Kaltrina Gjata	Interview: 8 minutes 39 seconds Kaltrina Gjata has moved back to Kosovo for work. She comes from a close knit family, based in Manchester, where her mother is a hairdresser and her father a taxi driver. The family fled Kosovo when she was five and were evacuated from Macedonia. She has only upbeat memories of her childhood in England and very positive school experiences seem to have replaced those of early trauma. She was an academic pupil and went on to Oxford to study English Literature. Kaltrina was referred to this project through a former teacher, she keeps in very close contact with her teachers: many now her friends. She has returned to Kosovo to teach at university. She has a passion to try to help the homeless in her home country. In this interview Kaltrina talks about her happy life in Manchester, from the age of five, then moving back to Kosovo as a young adult.	7 Sep 2014	MP3, 2 word docs	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/17	item	Oral history interview with Kelly Bucher	Interview: 21 minutes 53 seconds Kelly lives in Manchester and works as a music production assistant and merchandise manager on international tours. Trained as an audio typist, she is also studying for an Open University degree. Kelly has been a MaK volunteer for many years and frequently works in Kosovo on diverse projects including the children's Summer Club. She set up a skate club in Podujeva in 2015, a first for that region. Kelly was invited to help with transcription and the project has developed into a major commitment for her. She has found the work both inspiring and distressing. She hopes to continue to work on oral history recording. In this interview Kelly talks with 'Voices of Kosovo in Manchester' director Pam Dawes about her involvement in the Oral Histories project typing up the transcripts and summaries.		MP3, 2 word docs	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/18	item	interview with Lou Harris	Interview: 15 minutes 42 seconds Lou Harris lives with his wife in North Manchester. He has taught all his life and was a Head Teacher for many years, receiving many Kosovar pupils into his Catholic Secondary School in Trafford, a school recognised for its pastoral care. Lou now works as an education advisor and also travels extensively. He is very active and enjoys sport. A trustee of Manchester Aid to Kosovo, Lou has visited the country many times to work on MaK projects, including the construction of the Manchester Peace Park. In this interview Lou describes how Kosovar refugees came to be at the school he was Head Teacher in Manchester. Lou describes the decision to take the Kosovar refugees at the school. Lou describes the children being at the school and his work with Manchester Aid to Kosovo in Kosovo.	6 Sep 2014	MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/19	item	interview with Lumnije Mustafa		14 Jul 2015	MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/20	item	Oral history interview with Naomi Hamill	Interview: 24 minutes 7 seconds Naomi Hamill has worked as an English teacher and is also a special needs and inclusion specialist. She teaches in the North West. Her family comes from the south of England but she has settled in Manchester since moving up to follow an MA in Creative Writing in the city. Naomi is the Chair of Manchester Aid to Kosovo. She headed up's MaK children's programme for eight years, leading the charity's Summer Club in Kosovo from strength to strength, developing many Kosovar leaders for the hundreds of children who take part each year. She loves literature and drama. In 2016 Naomi completed her first novel, 'How to be a Kosovan Wife'. In this interview Naomi who manages the MaK oral history programme discusses the project in Manchester and then goes on to describe her work developing MaK's educational programme in Kosovo.	1 Oct 2015	MP3, 2 word docs, 1	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/21	item	Oral history interview with Pam Dawes	Interview: 57 minutes 20 seconds Pam Dawes was born in south London but has lived in Greater Manchester for most of her life. She worked in rehabilitation before having a family and went on to be involved in children's and youth work whilst also returning to university to study theology. She became involved in Manchester Aid to Kosovo during the second week of its formation in 1999 and is a long term trustee and treasurer of the charity. Pam has always been heavily involved in MaK's arts, music and education projects and gave witness support to the Bogujevci children. She visits Kosovo regularly and is particularly involved in the development of the Manchester Peace Park, requested by the Bogujevci children in 2000, and the children's Summer Club. In this interview Pam talks about her involvement with charity Manchester Aid to Kosovo, music projects, visiting Kosovo and the Bogujevci family in particular. Pam talks about the legalities of the Kosovar refugees being in the UK.		MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/22	item	Oral history interview with Paresh Patel	Interview: 1 hour 7 minutes 31 seconds Paresh Patel is an investigative journalist and presenter who, for many years, has worked for the BBC, both NW and National. He lives close to his family near Manchester. He loves football and music but his overriding passion is the pursuit of justice and truth. Paresh became heavily involved in the aftermath of the massacre by an armed Serbian unit of 16 women and children - in a domestic garden - in Podujevë in 1999. This involved him working in the UK, Serbia, Kosovo and Canada and a sixteen year personal commitment to the fight for justice for the Bogujevci family. In this interview Paresh talks about his work as a BBC investigative journalist and documentary maker. This led to him working closely with the Bogujevci family and a key member of the team working with them when they gave evidence against the men responsible for killing their family in the Podujevë massacre, in Kosovo, in 1999. He talks about the value of oral history and about how this experience of investigative journalism changed his life.	29 Nov 2015	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/23	item	Oral history interview with Paul Guest	Interview: 46 minutes 1 second Paul Guest lives with his family in Urmston and was central to the early response to help Kosovo which developed in his community over Easter in April 1999. A paramedic, he and his brother, were on the convoy which left Manchester for the camps in Albania just 3 weeks after an aid appeal was launched. Paul decided to continue his involvement after the convoy returned and, over the next 16 years, has led many projects including the development of the Manchester Peace Park, the installation of IT suites in schools and leading teams of volunteer builders. At one point 7 members of his family were actively involved in MaK's projects. Paul is a compassionate and emotional man. He works for a food bank. In this interview Paul, a paramedic, talks about the humanitarian aid convoy to Albania and being involved in Manchester Aid to Kosovo for 16 years.		1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/24	item	Oral history interview with Qendrim Mustafa	Interview: 36 minutes 35 seconds Qendrim Mustafa is 23 years old and he was born in a village in Kosovo called Lupjan. He was seven years old when he came to Manchester. Qendrim describes long and hot summers in Kosovo as a child and remembers being an adventurous and mischievous boy on the farms in his village. The conflict in Kosovo meant that Qendrim and his family had to leave their home as they feared that Serbian paramilitaries would kill them. They moved to an uncle's house, then to other houses in Kosovo and then to the refugee camps in Macedonia. The family were evacuated to Manchester where they were housed in a block of flats. The children started at a local school and Qendrim remembers that he struggled with this transition. Qendrim gained a first in Business Management at Manchester Metropolitan University. He now works as an underwriter for an insurance company. He loves Manchester and wants to settle here for the rest of his life, although he says that part of his heart belongs in Kosovo. In this interview Qendrim shares his childhood memories of Kosovo and talks about his evacuation to the UK as a result of war in Kosovo, when he was seven years old, and then growing up in Manchester.	23 Jan 2016	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/25	item	Oral history interview with Rina Ahmetaj	Interview: 32 minutes 37 seconds Mother of two young children, Rina Ahmetaj is a Media Studies graduate. She was evacuated to Manchester from Kosovo in 1999. Rina was born in Pristina, the capital city of Kosovo. She was brought up in a small town in Kosovo and remembers a very happy and playful childhood. Rina's family had to leave their home during the conflict in Kosovo: she describes the interruption to her education, a restriction of movement and a time when the family had to live in the mountains. They had to move from house to house for nearly a year and then were packed into a train and left the country for the Macedonian refugee camps. Rina remembers books being a great comfort to her as a child in the conflict. The family were evacuated to Manchester and Rina was pleased and grateful for a warm welcome in the UK. The family spent a year living in a school which had been turned into a refugee centre. Rina how looks after her young family and has recently set up a coffee shop in Manchester. She loves to read and write. In this interview Rina talks about being a child during the Kosovar war and later being medically evacuated to UK. She describes her experiences on arrival in England.		1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/2/26	item	Oral history interview with Saranda Bogujevci	Interview: 16 minutes 35 seconds Saranda Bogujevci comes for a close knit family which was living in the bustling town of Podujeva, close to the Serb border. When she was 13 years old eight members of her own family, and a second desperate family her uncle had just offered refuge to, were murdered in a massacre carried out by Serb military. Saranda and her 4 cousins were left for dead. 3 months later during the Liberation of Kosovo the injured children were found by the British army and medically evacuated to Manchester. Saranda and her cousins have recovered well, but it has been a slow process involving many years of healing. The children decided to give evidence against the men who killed their family and many were subsequently convicted in historic trials. Saranda is very creative and after studying in Manchester and working on many arts and peace projects she returned to Kosovo in 2014 and is now Director of Culture, Youth and Sport for the Municipality of Prishtina - the capital. In this interview Saranda describes her childhood in Kosovo. Her recovery, in Manchester, from the massacre of her family, and her subsequent return to Kosovo to work.	1 Sep 2014	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/27	item	Oral history interview with Selatin Bogujevci	Interview: 1 hour 6 minutes 23 seconds Selatin Bogujevci, an electrician by trade, lived with his extended family in several connecting houses in the busy town of Podujeva in North East Kosovo. His wife Shefkate was a nurse employed at the local hospital. By 1999 they had five young children, the eldest being Nora aged 14, the youngest Genc, aged 6. On March 28th 1999, whilst the local men were hiding, a Serb unit forming an ethnic cleansing front line entered the town, herded his family and friends into a domestic garden, and shot them all. Selatin's wife, mother and daughter were killed alongside five other members of his extended family. After the Liberation of Kosovo the wounded children were found and supported by the British Army. Selatin was evacuated to Manchester with the five children - cousins - who survived the massacre. The children began the slow road to recovery and, with Selatin's support, gave evidence against the unit in Belgrade. Selatin has become highly involved in Manchester Aid to Kosovo and is one of its leaders. He is very proud of his four surviving children, who are now all thriving in Manchester. It has been a slow and difficult journey for them all. Selatin is extremely grateful for the support his family has received in Manchester. In this interview Selatin talks about his family's experience of the war and recovery in Manchester.	16 Nov 2014	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	Albanian translated simultaneou sly to English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/28	item	Oral history interview with Tony Redmond	Interview: 34 minutes 55 seconds Born and brought up in Manchester, Tony Redmond OBE is Professor of International Emergency Medicine at The University of Manchester and a Consultant in Trauma and Emergency Medicine. He is Lead for Global Health at the Manchester Academic Health Sciences Centre (MAHSC) and Manchester Medical School and Deputy Director of the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at The University of Manchester. In addition, he is the Director of the UK International Emergency Trauma Register, which coordinates the national surgical response to overseas disasters funded by the Department for International Development of the UK government. Having trained in emergency medicine in the UK and the US and as a registered specialist in emergency medicine with a special interest in the management of severe injury, Professor Redmond has provided emergency humanitarian medical assistance for over 20 years, responding to natural disasters, major incidents, conflicts and complex emergencies throughout the world including, the UK Ebola response. He was invited by DFID to re-establish health services in Kosovo with KFOR and, with DFID and the British Army, evacuated the Bogujevcis and Besim Kadriu to Manchester. In this interview Tony talks about his experience in medicine following the 1999 Liberation of Kosovo as a leader in the humanitarian response.	16 Oct 2015	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs	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	English	

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GB3228.53/1/2/29	item	Oral history interview with Valbona Peci Kadriu	Interview: 14 minutes Valbona Peci Kadriu grew up in a village near Mitrovica in Northern Kosovo, close to the Serb border. She married Besim, an engineering student, when aged sixteen. She was newly pregnant when Besim was shot by Serb military, receiving a severe facial injury. The day of the attack her home was burnt to the ground, one brother was killed, another injured and four other brothers, later identified in a mass grave, were kidnapped. Valbona fled to the hills and survived there until the Liberation. To her surprise, Valbona was invited to accompany her husband to the UK in 1999 when Besim was medically evacuated by the British Army. This was the beginning of a new life in Manchester with Besim, whose face has gradually been re-constructed. Valbona and Besim live in Manchester with their four young daughters. She has fond memories of her beautiful home in the village. In the interview Valbona talks about how the war affected her family in rural Kosovo, and how she came to Manchester in 1999, pregnant aged 16 years, with her injured husband, Besim, who was medically evacuated from Kosovo by the British Army.	2 Dec 2015	1 WAV, 1 MP3, 2 word docs, 1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/3	Item	Exhibition Outputs	Includes copies of text panels, timeline and map etc.	Feb-Apr 2016	4 Pdf, 1 word doc	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/4	Series	Project images		Mar 2016- Apr 2017	2 word docs, 7 Jpegs, 1PNG file			

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GB3228.53/1/4/1	Item	A collection of captioned photographs taken during the Voices of Kosovo in Manchester project	Images include: Volunteers in Manchester Central Library and Sheffield Ariel view of the multi media exhibition at the People's History Museum Screen shot of the People's History Museum website promoting the Voices of Kosovo in Manchester exhibition The Kosovar community at the launch of the exhibition Images relating to the installation of the second exhibition at St. John's Old Trafford Col. David Vassallo reflecting on the exhibition	Mar 2016	1 word doc	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	English	Images are in a word document with captions
GB3228.53/1/4/2	Item	Photograph of [Pam Dawes], Voices of Kosovo in Manchester Project Director and Jackie Ould, Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust	Pam is handing the bound copy of interview transcripts to Jackie for inclusion in the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relation Resource Centre Library	Mar 2017	1 Jpeg	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/4/3	Item	Blog written by the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre regarding the donation of the project material to the Centre		31 Mar 2017	1 word doc	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	English	
GB3228.53/1/4/4	Item	Invitation and photographs of the Voices of Kosovo in Manchester exhibition at the National Library of Kosova	Photographs include images of the hand over of project outputs to the library for addition to their collection	19 Apr 2017		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	English	

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GB3228.53/2		Voices of Kosovo in Manchester Project 2019		Sep 2019	5 items, 10.3MB			
GB3228.53/2/1	Item	Kosovo/20 exhibition in Manchester Cathedral	A collection of photographs of the exhibition in the Cathedral and exhibition brochure featuring the timeline from the exhibition. The exhibition ran from Aug-Sept 2019 and featured an installation of handembroidered birds, hand-embroidered panels with testimonies from participants, factual exhibition boards including a timeline, a digital screen of images and text and a reproduction of a peace banner made by children in Kosovo. Photographs taken by Jennifer Vickers when attending the Kosovo/20 exhibition in Manchester Cathedral.	9 Sep 2019	items	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	English	
GB3228.53/2/2	Item	Programme for the Kosovo/20 Concert for Kosovo	Held at Manchester Cathedral, 21 Sep 2019	Sep 2019	2 items	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	English	
GB3228.53/2/3	ltem	Photographs and video of the Kosovo/20 Concert for Kosovo	Held at Manchester Cathedral, 21 Sep 2019	21 Sep 2019		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	English	

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GB3228.53/2/4		created for the	The display of birds at Manchester Cathedral can be seen in GB3228.53/2/1. At the end of the concert on the 21 Sep 2019 the birds were sold off to the audience.	2019	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	Albanian	Textile item