

## COLLECTION LEVEL

<b>Ref no</b>	GB3228.15
<b>Name of collection</b>	<b>Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop</b>
<b>Date of donation</b>	2015
<b>Donor name</b>	Hilary Jones
<b>Type of collection</b>	Donated Collection: Open-ended
<b>Dates of creation</b>	1978-1999
<b>Extent</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Name of creator</b>	Hilary Jones
<b>Archival history</b>	Donated to the Centre
<b>Administrative history</b>	<p>The Parents Centre and Education Shop opened in a shop unit in the Moss Side Centre on 13th November 1981. With a small team including social workers, it was a progressive, innovative, exciting project which aimed to bring Education into the Community. As part of the Education Welfare Service the Parents Centre responded to parents needs, and concerns of the parents would be fed back to the Education Department, through day-to-day contact with parents and wider-community.</p> <p>The Parents Centre offered parents an open door to education. The organisation was far reaching and offered advice on welfare benefits, established groups for parents, held events, and aimed to diminish the 'us' and 'them' feeling that was apparent between parents and schools. They provided a neutral meeting place for teachers and parents to work together. The Centre was a success with the local community and catered to people's diverse needs. The Centre reported that enquires had risen from 30 a month at the beginning to an average of 900 enquires a month. However the location was not ideal as a city-wide resource and it was felt that it was inaccessible to people in the North and South of Manchester.</p> <p>In 1993, the location of The Parents Centre moved to the community room of the Princess Infant School due to the City Challenge re-development and the demolition of the Shopping Centre. The location was deemed as no longer "neutral" base. And the loss of two full-time staff members also created difficulties in terms of service-delivery. Lack of adequate publicity also contributed to a drop in visitors, and changes of funding and management also affected the organisation. The Parents Centre closed its doors in the late 1990's.</p>
<b>Scope and content</b>	The collection covers material relating to The Parents Centre and Education Shop throughout the period it was active. It includes papers, reports, photographs, newspaper articles and correspondence relating to the organisation. It also included project material relating to the Kosovo project that provided essential play activities for Kosova-Albanian refugee families that arrived at Manchester Airport in 1999.
<b>System of arrangement</b>	<p>Arranged into the following series:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Newspaper Articles and Cuttings</li> <li>2. Flyers, invites, and Newsletters</li> <li>3. Educational material/Handouts</li> <li>4. Templates</li> <li>5. Correspondence/Administration documents (1990's-)</li> <li>6. Correspondence/Administration documents (1980's)</li> <li>7. Correspondence/Administration documents (1970's)</li> <li>8. Correspondence/Administration documents (no dates)</li> <li>9. Reports</li> <li>10. Thank you cards and notes</li> <li>11. Photographs</li> <li>12. Kosovar Childcare Project</li> </ol> <p>No descriptions at Item level</p>
<b>Related material</b>	n/a
<b>Conditions of use and access</b>	Open access with one folder closed
<b>Language/s</b>	English
<b>Finding aids</b>	n/a
<b>Key words</b>	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop, Kosovan

SERIES LEVEL

Ref no	Name of series	Box number/s	Dates of creation	Extent	Name of creator	Background	Scope and content	Detail o	Related n	Conditions of use and access	Language/s	Finding aids	Key words
GB3228.15/1	Newspaper Articles and Cuttings	Box 1	n.d.	1 folder		n/a	Various cuttings about the Parents centre	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/2	Flyers, invites, and Newsletters	Box 1	1981-	1 folder		n/a	Selection of flyers, invites, and a newsletter for the general public	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/3	Educational material/Handouts	Box 1	n.d.	1 folder		n/a	Selection of educational material and handouts	n/a	n/a	Open	English, other languages	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/4	Templates	Box 1	n.d.	1 folder		n/a	Material templates and project material	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/5	Correspondence/Administration documents (1990's-)	Box 1	1990's-	1 folder		n/a	Mixed Correspondence and administration papers	n/a	n/a	Closed	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/6	Correspondence/Administration documents (1980's)	Box 1	1980's	1 folder		n/a	Mixed Correspondence and administration papers	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/7	Correspondence/Administration documents (1970's)	Box 1	1970's	1 folder		n/a	Mixed Correspondence and administration papers	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/8	Correspondence/Administration documents (no dates)	Box 1	n.d.	1 folder		n/a	Mixed Correspondence and administration papers	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/9	Reports	Box 1	1978-1995	1 folder		n/a	Various Reports	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/10	Thank you cards and notes	Box 1	n.d.	1 folder		n/a	Selection of cards and notes received in the lifetime of the organisation. Correspondance from educational institutions and community leaders in support of the Parents Centre	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/11	Photographs	Box 2	1980s-	1 box		n/a	Photos include the Parents Centre Shop interiors and exteriors, various trips and events, Moss Side Project Education Day. Includes two ticket stubbs.	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop
GB3228.15/12	Kosovar Childcare Project	Box 1	1999	2 folders		n/a	Papers and photographs for the project that provided essential play activities for Kosova-Albanian refugees at Manchester Airport	n/a	n/a	Open	English	n/a	Education, Moss Side, Manchester, Moss Side Parents Centre and Education Shop