

Feminist Archive North

Trustees' Report for AGM 12th October 2013

Activities

During the year we had 18 volunteers working in FAN. Our main work continues to be preserving and cataloguing donations. Many were individual donations but the major one was from Bradford College Women's Studies (Carol Moss) and completing Change, an international collection.

Archive Use

This year saw an increase in the use of material in the archive. Individual volunteers used their expert knowledge to assist researchers. 18 researchers used the archive studying such topics as: Comparison of French and UK women's movements' attitudes to sexuality; comparison of WLM north and south; study of "little magazines" produced by WLM; Women's Studies; and men's contribution to the WLM.

We assisted a small group of researchers from Northumberland University (Gender Studies and English) in researching material for a bid to research 2nd wave feminism.

Donations

The major donations this year were from WISE- the UK resource centre for women in science and technology, and from the former Rape Crisis Federation of England and Wales.

Exhibitions and Talks

Our International Women's Day exhibition was on Women in Science and Technology:100 years of activism. The women who curated it also gave very informative guided tours situating the exhibits. It was very successful and may go next year to Leeds City College of Technology.

With gender studies at Leeds University we ran a seminar for post graduate students and staff to demonstrate some of our material and how it could be used.

We spoke at another post graduate seminar for IWD and also at Ladyfest – and showed slides of our poster collection.

We spoke at Bradford Women's Aid AGM

10 slides of posters with relevant information formed part of an on line exhibition by Special Collections.

FAN Material mainly from Leeds Women Against Apartheid was loaned to an exhibition for Black History Month.