

**British Federation of University Women
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Scope and content of collection

The collection includes minute books and correspondence of the British Federation of University Women (BFUW), the Refugee sub-committee, relating to new applications for assistance, progress of cases, and case files of refugees assisted by the BFUW.

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Historical note

The British Federation of University Women assisted refugee academics persecuted by the Nazis The British Federation of University Women (BFUW) was founded in 1907, to "afford a means of communication and of united action in matters affecting the interest of women". In 1992 it was renamed the British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG). The current organization "seeks to promote opportunities for women in education, and public life more generally" and provides "graduate women living in England, Scotland and Wales with information, support and friendship, at local, regional, national and international levels. Conferences, meetings, networks and social events, at all levels, are open to all members." The BFWG is affiliated to the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), of which it was a founder member, and University Women of Europe (UWE).

System of arrangement

Arranged in two series: 1. Minutes and correspondence; 2. Case files and reports.

Indexing terms

British Federation of University Women.
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees--Reports.
Refugees--Great Britain--History--20th century.
Kindertransports (Rescue operations)--England.
Correspondence.
Reports.
Minutes.
Case files.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel 1:

BFUW Refugee Sub-Committee Minutes, Inc. new applications; offers of help/hospitality from individuals and local associations; reports on progress of cases; lists of applicants by occupations, religion, and town; separate list of children, 1 vol. June 1938- Dec. 1947.

Case papers, Binder 1:

- Children: Sternberg Family (4 children): Correspondence with Reading Association; connection with Movement for the Care of Jewish Children from Germany; education of children; clothing; behavior problems; marriage of older children, 1939-1946.

Case papers, Binder 2

- Miscellaneous: Australia House, correspondence over migration of non-British nationals. Refugee Sub-Committee, correspondence with Prof. Winifred Cullis [Chairman], 1946.
- Regarding report to BFUW AGM, 1948.
- Friends' Relief Service re supply of clothing for refugees, 1947-8.
- Dr. M.L. Froelich [came to England, 1938] regarding membership of BFUW, 1949.
- Dr. Giselle Guth (Austrian Orthodox Jewess): problem case now in USA, 1949.
- Tax problems regarding covenants in favor of individual refugees, 1945-6.
- Employment of foreign doctors, 1945.
- Relief Funds and food parcels, 1941-8.
- Reading Refugee Committee, 1949.
- Correspondence re: refugees in D.P. camp in Austria, 1949.
- U.K. Search Bureau for German, Austrian and Stateless persons from Central Europe: closure, 1947.
- Refugee Fund accounts, including regular payment to Mrs. Hinrichsen, 1947-8.

Case papers, Binder 3 ("T-We")

- Agnes Teleky: Austrian, 'non Aryan', arrived Nov. 1937; inc. cv and testimonials; receipt for clothing; needs assistance with Ph.D., London School of Hygiene; correspondence with Prof. M. Greenwood of do [sic], 1943-45.
- Dr Teller: no details, 1939.
- Mrs. Anna Thurman: Protestant; industrial chemist, 1941-4?
- Ilse Ursell: German Jew; student; later worked for BBC and Institute for Protection of Science and Learning, 1941-51.
- Dr Gertrud Wachtel: Austrian; cv, testimonials; refugee, 1938; correspondence, with Hospitality Sub-Committee, Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, 1939-46.
- Frau Kaete Warnschauer: Jewish; mainly in German, 1939.
- Dr Helene Weiss: German Jew; refugee from 1937; publication of book on Aristotle, 1939-45.
- Alice Weissbruth: British (b. Russia); arrived 1931, 1947.
- Henriette Werner: Austrian; socialist from working class family; grant needed for youth club leader training; receipt for clothing, 1944-5.

Reel 2:

Case papers, Binder 4 ("Wi-Wu")

- Leo and Gerty Wiener (sister of Dr Hollitscher): accommodation problems; Newby Bridge Committee, 1940-43.
- Dr Gertrude Willner: Czech (naturalized British); request for clothing for German mining students, 1947.
- Dr Charlotte Wittelshoefer, nee Hirsch: German Jew; pediatrician; arrived Aug. 1939, 1941-?
- Dr Alma Wittlin: stateless (Austrian); grant needed for research fees, 1942-50.

- Erika Wodak: Yugoslav (Liberal Jew; training as youth leader), 1941-42.
- Dr Irene Wurmfeld: Czech Jew; inventor (with husband) of foot-loom for use by handicapped children; needs grant to replace model and/or employment, 1940-?

* *Reference to 'Old Refugees' files*