

## Hall-Carpenter Archives

# The Press for Change Archive, [1970s]-2022

Reference number	HCA/PFC
Title	The Press for Change Archive
Date	[1970s]-2022
Level	Collection
Extent	37 boxes
Admin biographical history	<p>Press for Change was formed in 1992 to "seek respect and equality for all trans people in the UK, through case law, legislation, and social change".</p> <p>By 2009, PFC was providing legal advice, training, and research to trans people, their representatives, and public and private bodies.</p> <p>PFC regularly worked with government, for example on the Employment Regulations (1999), the Interdepartmental Working Group on Transsexual People (1999-2000), and the Gender Recognition Act 2004.</p>

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## Description

Papers of the trans campaign group, Press for Change (PFC).

Arranged in the following series:

A: Organisational papers, including: information about PFC; statement of aims and objectives; papers of AGMs; activists' reports; members' registration forms

B: Print for members and/or supporters: newsletters; campaign pack; pamphlet, "The hitch-hiker's guide to trans-activism" (2002)

C: Publicity: leaflets; posters; press releases; briefing papers; stickers; ephemera; press cuttings relating to trans issues generally

D: Christine Burns papers: lobbying correspondence with MPs and ministers; correspondence re Alex Carlile's Gender Identity (Registration and Civil Status) Bill (1995-96); correspondence re media coverage of trans people; papers re events she participated in

E: Campaigns, including papers on: Parliamentary Forum on Transsexualism; Gender Identity (Registration and Civil Status) Bill (1995-96); Department for Education and Employment's (DfEE) consultation paper, "Legislation regarding discrimination on grounds of transsexualism in employment" (1998); Sex Discrimination (Gender Reassignment) Regulations 1999; Interdepartmental Working Group on Transsexual People, 1999-2000; Gender Recognition Act 2004; Equality Act 2010

F: Conferences and training arranged by PFC, including papers on the International Congress on Sex and Gender (1998 and 2004)

G: Activities which PFC were involved with, such as: Council of Europe's XXIIIrd Colloquy on European Law ("Transsexualism, medicine and law"), 1993; Pride 1996 (the first time trans people were included in the Pride title); GIRES; International Transgender Film and Video Festival, 1997-99; Transgender Europe

H: Correspondence, including: some letters from Mark Rees re PFC origins (1992); letters from MPs and MEPs in response to lobbying letters; correspondence with other organisations

J: Subject files, on various topics such as: access to gender reassignment surgery on the NHS; immigration; policing; prisons; sport

L: Legal papers, including: papers comparing trans-related laws in various countries; papers on specific cases

For some papers on the formation of PFC see HCA/REES/20. The Mark Rees

collection also contains other material re PFC, including on:

- Letters to all MPs sent after the 1992 general election (HCA/REES/42)
- The letter published in The Times on 8 October 1993 (HCA/REES/21)
- Alex Carlile's Gender Identity (Registration and Civil Status) Bill, 1995-96 (HCA/REES/22)
- Several badges with PFC logos, nd (HCA/REES/41)

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**Custodial history**

Mostly papers donated by Stephen Whittle in 2022.

A few of the papers were donated by Christine Burns and Mark Rees, and have been added to this HCA/PFC collection as core items relating to that organisation (i.e. print).

In addition, PFC/D was donated by Christine Burns in 2012.

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**Related units of description**

Other trans-related papers donated by Stephen Whittle are in the WHITTLE collection, including material from the FTM Network and many printed documents/ephemera.

Papers of Mark Rees are in HCA/REES.

For snapshots of the Press for Change website since 1998 see [https://web.archive.org/web/\\*/www.pfc.org.uk](https://web.archive.org/web/*/www.pfc.org.uk)

For the version archived by the UK Web Archive (14 October 2013) see <https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/2...>

Papers of Nicky Stones (activist involved with Press for Change) are held at the Bishopsgate Institute: <https://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/collections/ston...>

Papers of GIRES (Gender Identity Research and Education Society) are held at Surrey History Centre. Their web pages have been archived by the UK Web Archive: <https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/2...>

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**Access status**

See individual descendant records for information on access.

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