New Acquisitions

New acquisitions to the archives

This year has proved extremely fruitful for the Archive, with over 100 new acquisitions. Although many of these comprise additional material for existing collections, a significant number are brand new acquisitions.

For the Institute’s own archives, the largest addition has been papers collected during the move of staff between Gordon Square, Bedford Way and Whittington House. The clearing of Gordon Square particularly threw up some valuable archive papers, mainly relating to the period between 1948 and the 1980s when the Institute sat at the head of an Area Training Organisation containing most of the teacher training colleges in London. A project is underway to sort and catalogue this new institutional material.

Deposited collections continued to grow, with additions to the papers of Bernarr Rainbow, George and Judith Baines, David and Mary Medd, the British Families Educational Service, the College of Preceptors, the White Family, UCET and the Jack Kitching HMI Archive.

New accessions are varied and wide-ranging. Some highlights are:

- Records of the Child Development Society, 1997-2002, comprising administrative material relating to meetings of the Society's Executive Committee and AGM; literature and publicity for seminars and lectures; correspondence; programmes for courses and seminars; and membership lists.
- Records of the Forest School Camps, 1948-2003, a charitable organisation whose purpose is the promotion of holidays and outdoor activities for children and young people. The records include administrative papers, publications and newsletters, camp reports, photographs; interview tapes and transcripts and camp diaries.
- Records of the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain, 1964-1991, including administrative papers, minutes, conference reports, correspondence, newsletters, publications and membership files.
- Papers of John Stanley Beaumont Boyce (1911-1992), mainly relating to his education work during World War Two and as a CEO in Hertfordshire, West Sussex and Lancashire. The papers include letters to his wife while stationed in Germany during World War Two and following the armistice; reports on German schools post-war and a scrapbook about his CEO work, 1950s-1970s, including cuttings, memorabilia, photographs etc.