

The
COMMONWEAL
Collection –
Library for a Non-Violent World

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faith

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**GUIDE TO COMMONWEAL FOR
PUBLIC MEMBERS**

Commonweal Mission Statement

The Commonweal Collection is an independent specialist library devoted to issues around non-violent social change, working to promote peace and justice. Commonweal aims to provide literature, resources and other support for those who share its vision of the good society.

Commonweal is kindly housed by the University of Bradford's J B Priestley Library, and is open to everyone free of charge, including

Nearly everything in the Collection – books, pamphlets, journals, videos and archives – has been donated, and it is run mainly by volunteers.

History of Commonweal

Commonweal began in 1958 in the library of the Garthnewydd Community House in Merthyr Tydfil, an experiment in community living based on the social philosophy of Mohandas Gandhi. The Commonweal Trust was formed in 1963 with David Hoggett, April Carter, Donald Groom and Devi Prasad as Founding Trustees.

Later, the Collection operated from Cheltenham in Gloucestershire as a free-loan library, mainly postal, linking with those active in the peace movement throughout Britain and overseas.

In 1975, with the death of its librarian and founder, David Hoggett, the Trustees negotiated with the University of Bradford for the Collection to be brought to its present location. This University in particular was felt to be especially appropriate because of the development of the Peace Studies course.

Since 1975, the Collection has been widely used by students from several departments, as well as by individuals and groups from Bradford and elsewhere, including researchers from the USA and Australia. When funding allows we also carry out innovative outreach work in the Bradford District.

How you can help

If you enjoy the Collection, please consider becoming a volunteer or making a donation. Details of how to do this are on display in the Library.

Staffing

There is no regular paid worker at Commonweal. This booklet contains some of the information you will need to use Commonweal, and details of how to find out more.

Visiting Commonweal

During University term time the Commonweal Collection will be available during staffed hours only.

Hours of availability are as follows:

Monday to Friday 09.00 – 19.30, Saturday 09.00 – 17.00, Sunday 13.00 – 17.00. For more information telephone the JBP library reception on 01274 233301 or consult the “Library Counter” hours at <http://www.brad.ac.uk/library/opening/>

If you are likely to want access to the Collection regularly, you are encouraged to join. It is free of charge to do so, and means you do not have to go via reception to gain entry.

However it is possible for non-members to visit Commonweal, providing they are willing to sign in at reception.

How to join Commonweal

- First, you need to arrange a brief meeting one of the named contacts to get a registration form (this is to ensure that prospective Commonweal members, whose membership cards will enable them to enter the University library, can demonstrate a genuine interest in gaining entry to use Commonweal only).
- You can contact the named contacts by visiting reception in the J B Priestley building, or by telephoning 01274 233301.
- Take your completed registration form to reception (usually open Mon – Fri, 9 – 5 in term-time, 10 – 4 in vacations, see <http://www.brad.ac.uk/lss/opening/jbpb.php> for up to date times) with proof of address such as a recent utility bill. You can either have your photo taken on the spot or provide one to be scanned.
- You will be issued with a card for entry and borrowing, and a PIN number to enable you to use self-service facilities.

Help with using Commonweal

When you join, you will be given this book. Also, ask the named contact if there is a mutually convenient time for him/her to give you a brief tour of the Collection. If s/he is not available to do this - or if you want to know further information about Commonweal - look on the notice boards in the Collection for contact details of others who may be able to help you.

Where is it?!

At the University of Bradford's **J B Priestley Library (JBPL)**.

To reach it from Great Horton Road, enter the University campus at the point just opposite Pemberton Drive. Pass the Sports Centre, Waterstones and a bank on your left, continue down some steps, and the glass-fronted library building is directly ahead of you. Alternative access avoiding the steps is from Richmond Road.

Commonweal is based on the **second floor** of JBPL. There is a lift, and you can get a floor map from the JBPL counter (see below).

The **main stock** – books, pamphlets, journals and videos – is on display in **room 2.4**.

The **activist** collection – some up to date material useful to those interested in pursuing nonviolent social change is housed at the **Treehouse** (2 Ash Grove, Bradford, BD7) which is just across Great Horton Road from the University. They can be contacted on 01274 732354

Older journals are kept in **room 2.3**, and so are some less well-used books which form the '**annexe**' (you will see the term 'annexe' on their catalogue record if they are in here). This room is kept locked and you will have to ask to be let in if you want to use these materials.

Other useful places: Floor 0 of the JBPL is where you will find the counter and enquiry desk. There is also a term-time enquiry desk by the catalogue terminals on floor 2.

There are catalogue terminals on each floor, clearly signed.

Toilets for all library users are situated on floors 1 and 2, and there is also a toilet for disabled users on floor 0.

There are photocopiers and a machine to "top up" your photocopying credit on floor 0. You will also see the relevant copyright law displayed nearby.

Borrowing

You can borrow **up to 8** Commonweal items on your member's card.

There are self service issue and return facilities on Floor 0. It is also possible to renew items online or by telephone, either ask at reception or during your tour for further details.

NB You are responsible for paying fines on overdue books and for returning what you borrow. You can find out up-to-date fine rates from the counter or from the University website.

You can borrow any of these from Commonweal (apart from a few items marked 'reference only')

- **Books in room 2.4** – these are on the main bookshelves. They are classified according to Commonweal's unique system which only uses letters, and shelved alphabetically by classification and then author surname. The classification system is reproduced later in this booklet and is displayed at several points around the bookshelves
- **Annexe books in 2.3** – these are also shelved alphabetically by classification/author
- **Pamphlets** – you will see the word pamphlets or an abbreviation of it (e.g. *pamph*) on their catalogue record. They are shelved alphabetically by classification/author in magazine boxes on top of the main shelves in 2.4

All of the above can usually be borrowed for 4 weeks

- **Videos** – Commonweal has a small selection of videos. The cases are kept in room 2.4. To borrow a cassette you must take the case to the library counter on Floor 0 during its opening hours – ask at reception or the counter for up-to-date details of these times.

Videos are issued for one week.

Journals

Recent journals are in room 2.4. They are arranged in alphabetical order of category, eg disarmament, human rights. The full list of categories is reproduced later in this booklet and is on display in the Collection.

Some journal titles are on wooden display shelves – earlier issues of each title are inside, behind the current copy which is displayed at the front. Lift the shelf by the lower edge to access them.

Other journals are in boxes on top of the shelves, with current issue and earlier issues boxed together.

Older journals, as mentioned above, are in room 2.3, next door to Commonweal's main room where recent journals are kept. Room 2.3 is locked and you need to request access to older journals.

Journals are for use on the premises only. They cannot be borrowed. They are security-tagged to prevent them being removed from the building.

However you can photocopy articles from them on the ground floor – again, be aware of the copyright legislation on display by the copiers.

Catalogue

All of Commonweal's stock is catalogued on JBPL's system*.

If a catalogue search brings up a Commonweal item, before you look for it, note whether it is available, the classification, whether it is a book/pamphlet/video, and whether it is in the annexe – or for journals, just note the subject category and date.

You can also search by keyword restricting your search to Commonweal items only.

Ask at the enquiry desks on floor 0 or floor 2 for further help with catalogue features.

*Journal holdings records are being updated from autumn 2004, and will only be fully reliable after this work is complete

Archival materials collected by Commonweal

Commonweal has acquired many important archives on peace and social change. These have recently been donated to Special Collections at the University of Bradford, to make them more accessible and to provide better care. For further information, see the Special Collections web site: <http://www.brad.ac.uk/library/special>

Activist and social information

In the main seating area in 2.4 there is a table and a notice board. These carry information on campaigns and events in the Bradford area and also further a field.

It is also worth contacting the Treehouse who have more information about activist campaigns in the Bradford region (01274) 732354

Commonweal classification scheme

A - THEORY OF NVA

- A - General
- Ae - Analysis of NVA
- Af - Nonviolent revolution
- Ak - Training for NVA
- An - Feminism and nonviolence
- Ao - Critique of NVA
- Ap - Case for civil disobedience
- Aq - Ecology and NVA
- At - Nonviolent defence
- Au - NV peacekeeping
- Ay - Spiritual basis of NVA

B – NONVIOLENCE IN ACTION

- B - General
- Bb - Irish Civil Rights
- Bd - East European/anti-Soviet NVA
- Be - Shanti Sena
- Bf - Satyagraha in Action
- Bg - Fasting
- Bh - Examples of NVA in History
- Bi - Boycotts
- Bj - Anti-Nazi NVA
- Bl - Local/Personal NVA
- Bm - Housing/Land NVA
- Bn - Women's Peace Movement
- Bo - Peace Camps
- Bp - Animal Liberation NVA
- Bq - Ecological NVA
- Br - Anti-Racist NVA
- Bs - Latin American NVA
- Bt - US Civil Rights
- Bu - Transnational NVA
- Bv - Tax Resistance
- Bw - Anti-Militarist NVA
- Bx - Anti-Nuclear NVA

D - PACIFISM

- Da - Conscientious Objection

- Db - British Pacifism
- Dh - History of Pacifism
- Dj - Pacifist Writings
- Dk - Interwar Pacifist Writings
- Do - Critique of Pacifism
- Ds - Pacifists in Prison
- Du - International Pacifist Organisations
- Dx - Nuclear Pacifism
- Dy - Christian Pacifism
- Dz - Pacifist Classics

E - PEACE MOVEMENTS & ACTIONS – by region

- E - General
- Ea - European:
 - Eb - British
 - Ec - North European
 - Ed - Eastern European
 - Ee - South European
- Eg - Asia:
 - Eh - Southern Southeast
 - Ei - Northeast
 - Ej - Middle Eastern
- Ep - Oceania/Pacific
- Er - African
- Es - Latin American
- Et - US and Canadian
- Eu - International Peace Orgs
- Ew - 1918 – 39 Peace Movements

F - FREEDOM STRUGGLE

- F - General
- Fd - Soviet/East European dissent
- Fe - Revolution
- Ff - Independence movements
- Fg - Indian independence movement
- Fh - Freedom struggle in history
- Fi - Industrial action
- Fj - Asian Freedom Struggles
- Fk - Student protest
- Fm - Protest movements

- Fn - Women's liberation movement
- Fo - Critique of violent struggle
- Fp - Philosophy of violence
- Fq - Animal Liberation Freedom Struggle
- Fr - South African Freedom Struggle
- Fs - Latin America
- Fu - Transnational Social Movements
- Fw - Anti-war struggle
- Fz - Freedom classics

G - GANDHI

- G - Bibliographies
- Ga - Satyagrahas led by Gandhi
- Gb - British Raj vs Gandhi
- Gd - Satyagraha Theory
- Ge - Research in Gandhi
- Gf - Memoirs & Reflections
- Gg - Biographies
- Gh - Particular Periods
- Gi - Economic/Industrial Thought
- Gj - General Compilations
- Gk - Growth & Development
- Gl - Decentralism
- Gm - Basic Education
- Gn - Spiritual Discipline & Health
- Go - Critique of Gandhi
- Gp - Political Philosophy
- Gr - Gandhi vs Communalism & Caste
- Gt - Gandhi & Indian Politics
- Gu - Gandhi & World Problems
- Gy - Gandhi & Religion
- Gz - Collected & Selected Works

H - BIOGRAPHIES OF PACIFISTS, PEACEMAKERS AND RADICALS

- H - Collective Biography
- Ha - US Radicals & Pacifists

- Hb - British Radicals & Pacifists
- Hc - European Radicals & Pacifists
- Hg - Gandhians
- Hh - Radicals in History
- Hi - Middle Eastern Peacemakers
- Hj - Asian Peacemakers
- Hk - Educationalists
- Hi - Decentralists
- Hm - Freedom Fighters
- Hn - Feminists
- Hp - Oceanic Peacemakers
- Hq - Ecologists
- Hr - African Peacemakers
- Hs - Latin American Peacemakers
- Ht - Anarchists
- Hy - Spiritual Pioneers

I - INDIVIDUAL PEACEMAKERS

- I - Collective Biographies
- Ia - Martin Luther King
- Ib - Vera Brittain
- Ic - A. J. Muste
- Id - Danilo Dolci
- Ie - Petra Kelly
- If - Helder Camara
- Ig - Vinoba Bhave
- Ih - Henry David Thoreau
- Ii - Cesar Chavez
- Ij - Toyohiko Kagawa
- Ik - Abdul Gaffer Khan
- Im - Jayaprakash Narayan
- In - Dorothy Day
- Ir - Nelson Mandela
- It - Leo Tolstoy
- Iu - Aung San Sui Kyi
- Iy - John Woolman

J - PEACE ORGANISING: CONFLICT RESOLUTION & PEACE RESEARCH

- Jd - Peace Organising
- Je - Peace Research
- Jh - Peace Museums & Memorials
- Jn - Conflict Resolution

- Ju - International Relations Theory
- Jz - Bibliographies

K - CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & EDUCATION

- K - General
- Kb - Progressive Schools
- Kc - Peace Education Theory & Research
- Kd - Peace Education Materials for Teachers
- Ke - Peace Museum Materials for Students
- Kf - Children's Rights
- Kh - History of Education
- Kj - Parenting
- Kk - Play
- Kn - Educational Radicalism
- Ko - Reading with Children (Treehouse)
- Kp - Philosophy of Education
- Kq - Bullying and Conflict
- Kr - Cultural Identity in Education
- Ks - Social Issues
- Kt - State Education
- Ky - Child & Religion
- Kz - Educational Classics

L - SOCIAL DECENTRALISATION

- L - General Decentralisation
- Lg - Rural Life
- Lh - Decentralisation in History
- Li - Industrial Democracy
- LI - Political Decentralisation
- Lp - Decentralist Thought
- Lq - Economic Decentralisation
- Lt - Anarchism
- Lu - Appropriate Technology
- Lz - Decentralist Classics

M - INDIAN DECENTRALISATION

- M - Indian Society – General
- Mg - Sarvodaya Movement
- Mi - Gandhian Economics

N - VISIONS OF THE GOOD SOCIETY

- N - General
- Nc - Utopian Visions
- Nj - Economic Futures
- Nl - Common Land
- Np - Philosophy of NV Social Order
- Nr - Tribal Peoples
- Nu - World Language

O- ALTERNATIVE SOCIETY

- O - General Alternatives
- Oc - Intentional Communities
- Oe - Alternative Guides and Directories
- Of - Healthy Eating
- Og - Alternative Medicine & Therapies
- Oi - Technological Self-Sufficiency
- Oj - Alternative Work
- Ol - Alternative Housing
- Om - Organic Farming & Self-Sufficiency
- On - Counter-culture
- Op - Decision Making
- Oq - Alternative Economy
- Ot - Alternative Media
- Oz - Songs & Poetry

P - INDIVIDUAL AND IDENTITY

- Pa - Psychology
- PI - Personal growth
- Pm - Masculinity
- Pn - Feminism
- Po - Lesbian, gay and bisexual issues
- Pq - Human relations
- Ps - Social psychology
- Pt - Social therapy
- Pv - Biology of aggression
- Pw - Psychology of violence
- Pz - The Unconscious mind

Q - ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

- Q - General
- Qa - Eco-action
- Qb - Transport
- Qc - Conservation
- Qe - Ecological Research
- Qf - Food Crisis
- Qh - Environmental Organisations
- Qi - Environment vs Economics
- Qj - Climate change
- Qk - Environmental Education
- Ql - Personal Ecology
- Qm - Recycling
- Qn - Ecological Social Order
- Qo - Critique & Discussion
- Qp - Ecological Thought
- Qq - Soil Erosion & Deforestation
- Qr - Public Health
- Qs - Overpopulation
- Qt - Pollution
- Qu - Energy and Mineral Resources
- Qv - Eco-feminism
- Qw - Critique of Modern Farming
- Qx - Threat of Technology – including GM Technology
- Qy - Ecology & Religion
- Qz - Eco-fiction

R - RACISM

- R - Racism in General
- Ra - Racism in Europe
- Rb - Racism in Britain
- Rh - Colonialism
- Rj - Anti-Semitism
- RI - Anti-Islam
- Rm - Slavery
- Rr - Apartheid
- Rs - Tribal Disruption
- Rt - US Racism
- Ru - Racism as a World Problem
- Rv - Inter-ethnic conflict
- Rw - Riots/Uprisings

S - SOCIAL ISSUES

- S - General
- Sb - British Class Struggle
- Sc - City & Metropolis
- Sp - Community Politics
- Ss - Modern Social Crisis
- St - Prison

T - NATION-STATE

- T - General
- Ta - European Union
- Tb - British Imperialism
- Tc - Totalitarianism in Germany
- Te - Freedom of Speech
- Tf - Human Rights
- Tg - State surveillance
- Th - Growth of the state
- Ti - Capital Punishment
- Tj - Freedom of Information
- Tk - Press Freedom
- TI - Legal System
- Tm - Multinationals
- Tn - Neutralism
- To - Individual vs. state
- Tp - Marxism
- Tt - US Imperialism
- Tu - World Government
- Tv - United Nations
- Tw - Militarism
- Tx - East/West relations
- Tz - Anti-state classics

U - NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES

- U - General
- Uf - Third World Development
- Uj - Trade
- UI - Debt and Global Finance
- Um - Decentralisation
- Un - Women and development
- Uq - Environment and development
- Ur - Refugees
- Us - Famine
- Uu - International aid
- Uz - Directories

V - WARS & SPECIFIC CONFLICTS

V	-	General
Vb	-	Falklands War
Vc	-	Northern Ireland
Vd	-	Post-Communist Europe
Vg	-	South Asia
Vh	-	Southeast Asia
Vi	-	Northeast Asia
Vj	-	Middle East
Vk	-	Gulf Wars
Vp	-	Oceania
Vr	-	African conflicts
Vs	-	Latin America
Vu	-	First World War
Vv	-	Second World War

W - WAR

W	-	General
Wb	-	Western Defence Policy
Wc	-	Cold War
Wd	-	General Disarmament
We	-	Psychology of War
Wf	-	Guerrilla War
Wg	-	Defence Conversion
Wh	-	History of Warfare
Wj	-	Anti-personnel War
Wk	-	Children & War
Wl	-	Law & War
Wm	-	Morality of War
Wq	-	Chemical & Biological War
Wr	-	Weapons
Ws	-	Problems of Peace
Wt	-	Arms Trade
Wu	-	International Peacekeeping
Wy	-	Church & War
Wz	-	Anti-war Fiction

X - NUCLEAR ISSUES

X	-	General
Xa	-	Nuclear Arms Race
Xb	-	Unilateralism
Xd	-	Nuclear Disarmament
Xe	-	Arms Control
Xf	-	Non-nuclear Defence
Xg	-	Non-proliferation

Xh	-	History of the Bomb
Xj	-	Hiroshima & Nagasaki
Xl	-	Legality of Nuclear Weapons
Xm	-	Morality of Nuclear Weapons
Xn	-	Civil Defence
Xo	-	Anti-nuclear Writing
Xp	-	Nuclear Testing
Xq	-	Radiation
Xr	-	Nuclear Accidents
Xs	-	Nuclear Power
Xt	-	Nuclear Waste
Xw	-	Nuclear War Planning
Xx	-	Nuclear weapons
Xu	-	Nuclear Transportation
Xz	-	Anti-nuclear Fiction

Y - RELIGIONS & PHILOSOPHIES

Y	-	General
Yc	-	Ancient Religions
Yg	-	Hinduism
Yh	-	Buddhism
Yi	-	Sikhism
Yj	-	Judaism
Yk	-	Christianity
Yl	-	Islam
Ym	-	Other Religions
Yn	-	Quakerism
Yo	-	Atheism & Humanism
Yp	-	Moral Philosophers
Yr	-	Confucianism
Ys	-	Taoism
Yt	-	Theosophy
Yu	-	Anthroposophy
Yv	-	Krishnamurti
Yw	-	Gurdjieff
Yx	-	Ouspensky
Yy	-	New Age
Yz	-	Other philosophies

Z - RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Z	-	General
Ze	-	Psychology of Religion
Zf	-	Interfaith Dialogue
Zh	-	History and Practice of Religions
Zi	-	Science and Religion

Zj - Paranormal
Zn - Comparative Religion
Zp - Feminism and Religion
Zs - Political Theology

Zu - Mysticism
Zx - Yoga
Zy - Meditation & Prayer
Zz - Spiritual Poetry

Journal Categories

- **Alternative Economics**
e.g. Grassroots Economic Organising, Radical Economics, New Sector
- **Animal Rights**
e.g. Outrage, Vegan, Howl
- **Anti-Racism**
e.g. Campaign Against Racism and Fascism, Land Rights News, Race and Class
- **Development**
e.g. Refugees, Central America Report, Conflict Trends
- **Disarmament**
e.g. Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases, Campaign against Depleted Uranium, Civilian-based Defence
- **Ecology**
e.g. The Ecologist, Alternatives, Green Revolution
- **Gender Issues**
e.g. Media and Gender Monitor
- **Human Rights**
e.g. Liberty, Torture, Anti-Slavery Reporter
- **Libertarian Politics**
e.g. Direct Action, SchNews, New Politics
- **Peace Activism & Non-violence**
e.g. Peace News, Voices in the Wilderness, Non-violent News
- **Peace Education and Children's Rights**
e.g. Circles of Peace, Circles of Justice, Education Now
- **Peace Research**
e.g. New Routes, The Gandhi Way, Peace Matters
- **Social Alternatives**
e.g. Positive News, Resurgence, Yes!
- **Spirituality**
e.g. The Catholic Worker, The Humanist, Pagan Dawn

If you have any in-depth queries about
Commonweal, please look in the
Collection for up-to-date contact details of
Trustees and others connected with
Commonweal who may be able to help
you – or see our website

www.brad.ac.uk/library/services/commonweal

We hope you enjoy using Commonweal.

Commonweal - n. the
common good, welfare of
the community:
commonwealth (arch.) - n.
the public or whole body
of the people; a form of
government in which the
power rests with the
people