



JENNIE LAZENBY ARCHIVE

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1982-2016

Name of Creator: Lazenby, Jennie (fl 1982-2016) activist, photographer and film-maker

Extent: 5 Boxes and 2 oversize photos.

Administrative/Biographical History: Jennie Lazenby is a photographer and documentary film-maker whose work is informed by her socialist, feminist and LGBT activism. A founder member of the Camden Lesbian Centre and Black Lesbian Project in 1982, from 1987 to 1988 she worked the Camden Lesbian and Gay Unit. A proud lesbian adoptive parent and grandparent, she set up LAGFAPN (Lesbian and Gay Foster and Adoptive Parents Network) in the late 1980s with other LGBTQ+ adoptive parents. This group later became part of New Family Social. Her photos have been published in Outright, Spare Rib and Trade Union publications, and have appeared on websites including that for the Unity Theatre Folk Club and London Speak Out. Exhibitions of Lazenby's work include the Loudest Whispers LGBT Art Exhibition (2017-2020). She has written for Jessica Kingsley's book 'Lesbian and Gay Adoption: Extraordinary Yet Ordinary', 'Proud Parents' (ed Nicola Hill; BAAF 2013) and 'Write Women into History' (2021). She has taken part in documentaries including 'Not Only A Bookseller' and Ashley Joiner's 'Are You Proud?' (2019).

Custodial History: Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Jennie Lazenby, January 2023

Scope and Content: Papers, posters, press cuttings, publications, banner and ephemera regarding issues and activism, including the organisation LAGFAPN (Lesbian and Gay Foster and Adoptive Parents Network); Clause 28; Pride; education; housing; employment rights and LAGER (Lesbian and Gay Employment Rights); AIDS and health; film-making and the arts; London Borough of Camden Council's Lesbian and Gay Committee (also known as the Camden Lesbian and Gay Unit); Camden Lesbian Centre Project, [1982-2016]

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Press cuttings

Press cuttings regarding protests against Clause 28 and other issues affecting lesbians, [1987-1989]

Includes:

- 'AT takes on HIV', Guardian (13 April 1988)
- 'Cool Sue keeps lesbians at bay', Daily Mail (24 May 1988)
- 'Gay clause protesters fail to swing Lords', Guardian (03 February 1988)
- 'Gays in movies', Voice (11 June 1987)
- 'Daring dykes invade the Beeb', Capital Gay (27 May 1988)
- 'Learning about lesbians with the Camden caretakers', Evening Standard (07 November 1988)
- 'Debate aims to cut hostility to gays', Ham and High (14 August 1987)
- 'BBC lesbian invaders are protest veterans', Evening Standard (24 May 1988)
- 'Lesbians invade the Lords', Daily Express (03 February 1988)

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Parenting in the press

Press cuttings regarding LGBTQ+ foster parents, [1988-1997]

Includes:

- 'Meeting raises hopes over fostering', Capital Gay (01 March 1991)
- 'Government denies foster ban', The Pink Paper (12 January 1991)
- 'MPs attack foster parents', Capital Gay (02 November 1990)
- 'Agencies press for new child care rules', Capital Gay (18 January 1991)
- 'Reality behind "pretend families"', The Pink Paper (18 August 1988)
- Positive Nation magazine, Issue 24 (November 1997)
- Childright: a bulletin of law and policy affecting children and young people in England and Wales, No 67 (June 1990)

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Lesbian London

Issue Nos 9 (September 1992), 11 (November 1992), 12 (December 1992/January 1993), 21 (December 1993/January 1994) and 25 (final: June 1994) of Lesbian London, [1992-1994]

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Films and Film-makers

Publications regarding LGBTQ+ films and film-makers, and Lazenby's own film projects, [1987-2014]

Includes:

- leaflet, 'Lesbian and Gay Films' (Contemporary Films Ltd, c.1987)
- handwritten notes regarding film project: Living Lesbian History Collective (January 1988)
- photocopy of application for financial assistance from Greater London Arts (18 January 1988)
- project synopsis for Lazenby's documentary 'Uncommon Lives'
- flyer regarding a series of screenings/talks presented by The Lesbian Archive
- programme from BFI Flare LGBT Film Festival (2014)
- programme from 25th BFI London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (2011)
- Diva magazine (June 2014)

- G3 magazine (March 2009)

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Activism

Publications regarding various activist groups, events, legislation and other issues, [1986-2014]

Includes:

- flyer, 'Homing in on Lesbians and Gay Men: the impact of the Housing Bill' (c.1987)
- flyer, L Fest 2014
- booklet, 'Women's Directory' (London Borough of Camden, 1986)
- Camden Council Women's Committee Fact Pack (1986)
- Hackney Council Strength and Pride 86 Fact Pack (2 copies)
- printed poem, 'Over the Rainbow and Looking at You Kid' by Jennie Lazenby
- flyer for Strictly Bona Ballroom, The Camden Centre
- flyer, 'LGBT Hate Crime' (GALOP, n.d.)
- leaflet, Lesbian Fiction Booklist (Camden Libraries, c.1986)
- flyer, 'In the Out Tray' regarding lesbian and gay employment rights
- leaflet for LGBT History Month 2010
- flyer for 'Switched On!: an evening of music and entertaining celebrating Switchboard's 25th birthday' (07 March 1999)
- leaflet, Gay & Lesbian Non Fiction Booklist (Camden Libraries, c.1987)
- leaflet for Third Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, National Film Theatre (1989)
- leaflet for 'A Different Story: two video programmes for young people' (Inner London Education Authority)
- flyer, 'Surround Harmondsworth #2' in protest at scapegoating immigrants (July 2014)
- programme for The Lesbian Summer School, Lesbian Archive and Information Centre (22-25 July 1988)
- leaflet for Black Lesbian and Gay Centre Project
- leaflet for North London Strength and Pride 88 (11-30 June 1988)
- flyer for Housing for Lesbians and Gays Conference, Leeds (01 October 1988)
- booklet, "'We Have Always Been Here": a report by Linda King, Black Worker at the Lesbian Archive and Information Centre' (June 1989)
- leaflet for North London Lesbian Strength and Gay Pride Festival (14-30 June 1990)
- flyer for Out Ballroom Live (30 March 2008)
- booklet, 'LGBT Equality at Work', TUC (3rd edn; 2013)

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Pride

Publicity for Pride celebrations, [1990-1993]

Includes:

- leaflet/day programme for Pride 1991
- press cutting, full-page advertisement from the Lesbian & Gay Pride Organising Committee, The Pink Paper issue 165 (09 March 1991)
- programme for Pride parade (8pp) (19 June 1993)
- official souvenir programme for Pride (62pp) (19 June 1993)
- A4 flyer regarding a Pride March in South Africa, Hackney Lesbians, International Lesbian & Gay Association and the Lesbian Information Service (1990)
- Lesbian and Gay Pride Magazine 1990

- Official magazine of Pride 1991

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Camden Lesbian and Gay Committee

Meeting minutes, memoranda, reports, press cuttings, correspondence regarding the London Borough of Camden Council's Lesbian and Gay Committee (also known as the Camden Lesbian and Gay Unit) [1987-1989]

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Reports, meeting minutes, constitution and of the Lesbian and Gay Employment Rights, [1984-1985]

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Camden Lesbian Centre Project

Constitution, grant documents, press cuttings, memoranda, flyers, handwritten notes, correspondence, reports of the Camden Lesbian Centre Project, [1983-1985]
[3 folders]

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Lesbians with Disabilities Self-defence

London Borough of Camden memos regarding self-defence classes for lesbians with disabilities, [1988]

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Haringey

Publications regarding lesbian and gay rights produced by Haringey Council, [1986]

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Lambeth

Correspondence, handwritten notes, Executive Committee meeting minutes, publications produced by Lambeth Council and the London Borough of Lambeth Lesbian and Gay Working Party, regarding subjects including disability rights and LGBTQ+ health (including HIV/AIDS), [1986-1987]
[3 folders]

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Conference

Delegate's pack for conference, 'Tackling Homophobia, Creating Safer Spaces', hosted by the organisation Chrysalis. Includes factsheets on gender identity, using language effectively, the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry and heterosexism, [c.2000]

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Education

Meeting minutes, reports [1984-2007]

Includes:

- Gay Teachers Group London newsletter (Autumn 1984)
- The School Report: The experiences of young gay people in Britain's schools (Stonewall, 2007)

- information pack, Sexuality and Sex Education: a balanced perspective (Hackney Lesbians against the Clause Education Group, c.1987)
- Teachers Survey 2008-2013 (Schools Out UK, the LGBT Education Charity)
- meeting minutes of the Lesbians in Education Group (1984)

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LGBTQ+ and the Arts

T-shirt, carrier bag, flyers, leaflets and stickers regarding film, theatre and activism events, [1987-2015]

Includes:

- cotton carrier bag, with black and red lettering, 'You Shall Not Pass Anti-Gay Laws!/GayStarNews'
- green cotton t-shirt (size S) and postcard/flyer (3 copies) for LFEST 2014
- programme, flyers, leaflets for the Drill Hall (1999)
- ticket for Out to Win at NFT1 (2015)
- ticket for Lesbian and Gay Rights Are Human Rights (1988)
- programmes for productions by No Boundaries theatre company productions 'A Fine Undertaking', 'Slipstreaming'
- flyer for Theatre of Black Women
- leaflet for Sire Theatre Company
- programme for performance of 'Grand Hotel – an Agatha Ogden Mystery'
- First Out caffeine card
- flyer for INTERarts exhibition (2010)
- red star-shaped sticker (6 copies), 'equality 2000 Stonewall'
- souvenir programme for Strictly Glamorous (Stonewall and Switchboard) (c.1990)
- National Assembly Against Racism newsletter (Winter 1998/9)
- flyer for Video 28
- flyer for the First National Women's Video Festival (05 October 1987)
- flyer for Lesbian and Gay Switchboard
- photocopied A5 newsletter for the London Lesbian and Gay Centre (1992)

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AIDS Planning Local Services

Papers regarding the London Strategic Policy Unit's AIDS Planning strategies, [1987]

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Clause 28

Flyers, leaflets, stickers, press cuttings and other papers regarding protest against anti-gay legislation Clause 27, Section (later Clause) 28, [1987-1992]

Includes:

- backstage security pass for Stop The Clause
- sheet of 20x printed Stop The Clause stickers
- briefing paper Outlawing the Lesbian Community (Rights of Women Policy Group and Lesbian Custody Group) (15pp)
- Section 28 Seminar Report (6pp)
- 'A Model for a New Constitution' (regarding forming a national campaign to end legal discrimination against lesbians and gays)
- flyer, 'Immigration Law: it's racist – it's sexist – but how else does it affect lesbians and gay men?'

- typescript list of 'Sympathetic Lesbians & Gay Agencies'
- Declaration on Clause 28 (London Voluntary Service Council)
- press release, 'The Outlook – two weeks of visual art against Section 28', Red Wedge
- press cutting, '1992: How new laws could improve your rights'
- flyer describing Clause 28
- flyer, Stop Clause 27
- flyer, Brent Lesbians Against Clause 28
- (blank) questionnaire on Clause/Section 28 of the Local Government Bill
- Stop the Clause Education Group newsletter 5 (October 1988)
- pamphlet, 'Stunts, Distortion and Downright Lies: An account of the council's first steps to end discrimination against lesbians and gays' (1988)
- typescript 'Changing the World' (41pp) (1987)

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Employment and Equal Opportunities

Memoranda, reports, handwritten notes and publications regarding employees' rights, [1984-2010]

Includes:

- report detailing 'the need for work around Equal Opportunities policies and practices in general and in relation to Lesbians and Gay men particularly' for London Borough of Camden (07 June 1988)
- typescript guidelines regarding local government, housing, lesbian health, disability, young people in care and other subjects (13pp)
- Code of Practice, 'Effectively Challenging Sexism at Work' (9pp) (2 copies)
- job description for Lesbian and Gay Project Workers (part of a Camden Council packet that includes budget, briefing notes and photocopied press cuttings regarding, among other issues, 'two members of Camden's Lesbian and Gay unit' [including Jennie Lazeby] being 'carpeted for using the council mail to distribute rebel leaflets calling for a campaign against cuts' (1987)
- copy of memo to Councillor Phil Turner calling on Camden Council 'to support the campaign of the Camden Black Workers Group for Solidarity with Black workers'
- leaflet, 'Your rights to equal treatment under the Race Relations Act 1976'
- pamphlet, 'Without Prejudice: a guide to Camden Council's Equal Opportunities Policy' (2 copies) (1984)
- pamphlet, 'Equal Opportunities Training' (London Borough of Camden)
- pamphlet, 'Lesbian and Gay Issues: Policy Development and Legislation 1967-1987' (Lesbian and Gay Working Party/London Strategic Planning Unit)
- booklet, 'Gays into the Future: A Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Intergeneration project to communicate the support needs to service providers' (Age UK, Age Concern, The Base, Pfizer, c.2010)
- resource pack including 'Challenging Heterosexism in the Work Place' (GLC Equal Opportunities Group, 1986), handwritten notes and flyers regarding the Terrence Higgins Trust and other organisations
- pamphlet, 'Putting the Record Straight' (31pp) (June 1988)
- handbook, 'Tackling Heterosexism: a handbook of Lesbian Rights' (GLC Women's Committee, 1986)
- photocopied press cutting, 'Confidentiality and AIDS', NALGO News (04 August 1988)
- information pack, 'AIDS: A Trade Union Issue!'

- booklet, 'Danger! Heterosexism at Work! A handbook on equal opportunities in the workplace for lesbians and gay men' (GLC, c.1985)
[2 folders]

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LGBTQ+ Publications

Publications regarding activism, [1983-c.2016]

Includes:

- flyer, 'We need a new law against discrimination' (TUC)
- leaflet, 'Homing in on Lesbians and Gay Men'
- invitation 'to celebrate the publication of Gay Liberation in the Eighties by Jamie Gough and Mike MacNair'
- photocopied press cuttings, [1983]
- Q12 Quarterly: ODL[Open Doors London]'s magazine by and for the older LGBTQ+ community
- flyer, 'Your Right to Read Under Attack!' (2 copies)
- DVD cover for the 2014 film 'Pride', autographed by Mike Jackson, Gethin Roberts, Jonathan Blake, Colin Clews (c.2016)
- newssheet regarding National Demonstration Against Clause 28' (30 April 1988)
- flyer, 'The Lesbian Archive presents a series of screenings/talks on "Lesbians in Film/Videos"' (1992)
- Shebang magazine Issue 2 (February 1993)
- typescript lesbian literature and politics
- flyer for London Lesbian Line
- questionnaire sent out by Hackney Council Lesbian & Gay Research Project
- typescript 'A Lesbian Reader', with handwritten notes on the reverse of each page (4pp)
- programme for workshop, 'Celebrating Lesbian Sexuality'
- course materials for the 'Celebrating Lesbian Sexuality' course
- photocopied script (published in The Reach, 1984) of 'Ebbs and Flows' by Gillian E Hanscombe (6pp)

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Adoption and Parenting

Publications regarding [2005-2013]

Includes:

- We Are Family: The UK's first alternative families magazine, Issue 1 (Feb-Apr 2013)
- booklet, 'Recruiting, assessing and supporting lesbian and gay carers and adopters' (British Association for Adoption and Fostering, 2005)
- information pack from National Foster Care Association, with photocopied articles and publications regarding same-sex couples (1992-c.2005)
- book, 'Out for Our Children: Foundation Stage Pack' (2010)

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LAGFAPN

Publications, posters, press cuttings, banners and ephemera regarding lesbian parents, donor insemination and the Lesbian and Gay Foster and Adoptive Parents Network, [1982-2001]

Includes:

- factsheet, 'Lesbian Custody Charter'
- flyer, Why NALGO should support the Lesbian Custody Charter
- printed 'The Background to the Lesbian Custody Campaign and Charter' (1p)
- photocopied article, 'Children in Lesbian and Single-Parent Households: Psychosexual and Psychiatric Appraisal' (21pp) (1982)
- typescript document by ILEA (Inner London Education Authority) regarding Local Government Act 1988 Section 28
- leaflet, 'Lesbian Mothers on Trial!'
- postcard for the book, 'The Don't Touch Garden' by Kate Foley, described as an exploration of 'what it is to be adopted'
- comic leaflet, 'Wimmen's Comix'
- flyer regarding donor insemination
- flyer, Women's Reproductive Rights Campaign
- photocopied article, 'Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin (and Rachel and Tracey and Kingsley and Isaac and Anwar ...)' regarding the first and only hostel for lesbians and gay men doubling in size (Roof magazine, November-December 1988)
- flyer for workshop, 'To Be or Not to Be – lesbian parenting' (May 1991)
- photocopied order form for posters, 'Educate without Fear' and 'Real Families'
- LAGFAPN information sheet (Spring 1997)
- Groups newsheets for LAGFAPN (2000-2001)
- press cutting, 'I was brought up by lesbian mothers', Marie Claire (May 1998)
- LAGFAPN notice regarding open meeting (July 1999)
- Stonewall Parenting Group newsletter (February 1999, June 1999, February 2000)
- sample book cover for 'Lesbian and Gay Fostering and Adoption: Extraordinary Yet Ordinary' edited by Stephen Hicks and Janet McDermott, and a typescript copy of the Acknowledgements page on which Jennie Lazenby is included
- correspondence with the BBC about a documentary regarding gay and lesbian parenting
- press cutting, 'Gay fostering helps all aspects of a child's life', Community Care (18-24 April 1996)
- typescript Proposal for book on the subject of Fostering and Adoption by Lesbians and Gay Men
- press cuttings regarding a lesbian couple and artificial insemination (The Sun, 29 April 1997; Thud Magazine 16 May 1997)
- leaflet, 'Manchester City Council welcomes lesbian and gay carers'
- minutes of LAGFAPN meeting (26 January 1999)
- typescript book proposal, working title 'Making Families Not Babies: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Fostering and Adoption' (12pp). Includes sample testimony, 'No Regrets' about Shula, a 34-year-old Black lesbian
- factsheets, 'AIDS & Donor Insemination'; 'Women and AIDS'; 'Donor Insemination'
- typescript reading list – 'Issues concerning lesbian and gay fostering/adoption and lesbian and gay parenting'
- A3 poster, 'Read Families Rock!' (Out for Our Children) (2 copies)
- A2 poster, 'Real Families' (Stop the Clause Education Group)
- fabric sash, FAMILY/Ask me about adoption or fostering!
- purple fabric banner (75x140cm), LAGFAPN Lesbian-Gay Foster Adoptive Parents

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Photograph

Framed black-and-white photograph (and unframed copy of same), 50x40cm, depicting a protest march – three people in wheelchairs in the foreground, with others marching and carrying banners behind them. Inset in the upper left-hand corner of the framed copy is a smaller black-and-white photograph (18x12cm) of people carrying a banner that reads 'Fight for Lesbian and Gay Rights/Equal Rights for All'

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Stop the Clause demonstration photographs

Seventy-two black-and-white photographs (15.5x10.5cm) from the Stop the Clause march and demonstration, including images of speakers Bernie Grant MP and marchers Peter Tatchell, Michael Cashman, Chris Smith MP, [30 April 1988]

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Digital Photographs

Digital photographs taken by Jenny Lazenby, depicting patrons (including Sir Ian McKellan, Boy George, Amy Lamé, The Naz Project, Chris Smith MP, Michael Cashman, Rhona Cameron,) of various Pride in London marches, Brighton Women's Theatre, Gay's the Word and the 30th anniversary of Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (LGSM), Sue Sanders and Peter Tatchell at a conference, BFI Flare Film Festival, 'Save the Black Cap' campaign, and at an Anti-Clause 27 demonstration. (1986-2016)