



Peace Development Fund Records

1981-2010

53 boxes (79.5 linear ft.)

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Collection overview

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Background on Peace Development Fund

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During the past thirty years, the Peace Development Fund has provided over \$26.7 million in program services, including \$19.8 million in direct grants, to more than 3,300 peace and social justice organizations in the United States and internationally.

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Traprock Peace Center and PDF arms race flip chart

Inventory

Art work, advertisements, peace memorabilia	undated		2001-052
Exchange project files, groups trained A-L	1985-1993		2001-052
Exchange project files, groups trained L-Z	1985-1993		2001-052
Exchange project files, newsletters	undated		2001-052
<i>Contents:</i> Includes print out of databases of groups and other miscellaneous files.			
Exchange project files, PDF training materials	undated		2001-052
Exchange project files, workshops	1984-1988		2001-052
Exchange project files, workshops	1990-1992		2001-052
Exchange project files, workshops	1995-1996		2001-052
Grant-making files	1982-1986	9 boxes	2001-052
Grant-making files	1984-1996		Box 9
Grant-making files	1987	2 boxes	2001-052
Grant-making files	1988-1989	5 boxes	2001-052
Grant-making files	1988-1990		2001-052
Grant-making files	1990	4 boxes	2001-052
Grant-making files	1991		2001-052
Grant-making files	1991-1997	6 boxes	Box 1-6
Grant-making files	1992		2001-052
Grant-making files	1993-2004		Box 10
Grant-making files	1994-1995		2001-052
Grant-making files	1998	2 boxes	Box 7-8
Grant-making files	1999-2000	3 boxes	Box 13-15
Newsletters, annual reports, publications	1981-2001		2001-052
Organizational files	1991-1997		Box 12
Program files	undated	4 boxes	Box 16-19
Publications	2000-2010		Box 11

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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Processing Information

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Search terms

Subjects

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