Friends relief work in Spain 1936-1939

From 1936 to 1939 the Friends Service Council, a central committee of London Yearly Meeting, carried out relief work in Spain alongside the American Friends Service Committee. This included assisting the relocation of Basque children to the UK at the end of the Spanish Civil War and work with Spanish refugees in southern France in 1939.

This is a selective guide to archive and printed material collections in the Library. It is not exhaustive, additional printed materials can be searched for using the on-line catalogue www.quaker.org.uk/cat, but for some you will need to use card catalogues and other finding aids in the Library reading room.

Printed Materials

Monographs

Alexander, H.G.: Needs of Spanish children; Birmingham Post, 29 December 1936


Du roux, Rose and Raquel Thiercelin. Los niños del exilio: asignatura pendiente. Offprint from: Españoles en Francia 1936-1946: coloquio internacional, Salamanca, 2, 3 y 4 de mayo 1991 [Note: this item is in English]


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Ricart, Domingo. The Society of Friends and Spain; an address given to Monthly Meeting, Birmingham, November 9th, 1940 Box L 18/01a

'Relief work in Spain' In Manchester Guardian, 19 April 1937 News 1937 066


Wilson, Francesca. In the margins of chaos: recollections of relief work in and between three wars. London: John Murray, 1944 p.170-235 066 WIL

Friends Service Council Pamphlets

The following are a selection of pamphlets published by the Friends Service Council about their work in Spain usually for the purposes of publicity and appeals.

Distress in Spain: will you help us to bring help to Spanish children?. London: Friends Service Council, 1937 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/65]


Give for Spain London: Friends Service Council, 1937 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/71]
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Littleboy, W. et al. *Children in Spain* [being a reprint of a letter to *The Times*, 18 Nov. 1936, signed by Wilfrid E. Littleboy, clerk of London YM, and Lord Noel-Buxton, President of the Save the Children Fund] 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/47]


*Spain's children are hungry: help us feed them!* London: Friends Service Council, [1937] 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/88]

*Winter is coming!* *Friends Service in Spain, Autumn 1938* (London: Friends Service Council, 1938) 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/82]

Archives

The Library holds the records of the Friends Service Council work in Spain.

The minutes of the Friends Service Council Spain Committee 1936-1940 are available as FSC/R/SP/M1.

There are also five boxes of records:

FSC/R/SP/1
/1-2 Barcelona: letters and reports 1936-1937 (2 files)
/3-4 Barcelona letters and reports from 1937-38 (2 files)
/5-6 Letters to Barcelona from FSC London, and 1936-39 (2 files)

FSC/R/SP/2
/1 AFSC letters to FSC London
/2 AFSC reports 1936-1940
/3 International Commission reports and correspondence. 1938
/4 Conferences and further reports 1937-38
/5 Nationalist Spain correspondence (see also box FSC/R/SP/3 below)

FSC/R/SP/3
Nationalist Spain: 3 files, 1937-1939 cont.
/1 Murcia
/2 Valencia: letters to
/3 Valencia: letters from
/4 [France] Perpignan office correspondence 1939-1940

FSC/R/SP/4
Relief work: field reports, various, unsorted "vols II, IV, V" 1936-40, including Domingo Ricart reports and emigration correspondence
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Archives cont.

FSC/R/SP/5
"Publicity Matters" including printed Spain leaflets, Spain Newsletters nos. 1-37
News cuttings 1936-40
American Friends Service Committee reports
Spain: enquiries to FSC 1946-1948. 1 file

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