

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 D521

Title: Groundwork Bridgend & Neath Port Talbot Records

Dates : 1990s-2000s

Level of description: Fonds

Extent and medium: 0.44 cubic metres (22 boxes)

Name of creator(s): Ogwr Groundwork Trust
Groundwork Bridgend & Neath Port Talbot

Administrative/biographical history

Groundwork Bridgend & Neath Port Talbot was formed in 1989 as Ogwr Groundwork Trust. It is an environmental regeneration charity working towards sustainable development in communities in need of investment and support.

Based in Bridgend at Parc Tondu, a refurbished Victorian ironworks, the Trust has three core business aims: Community Regeneration, Environmental Regeneration and Sustainable Regeneration. Working in partnership with local communities and the public, private and voluntary sectors, the Trust's projects have helped regenerate some of the most deprived areas of the South Wales valleys through innovative and relevant projects that effectively address the needs of the communities its works with.

Groundwork Bridgend & Neath Port Talbot is one of four Groundwork Trusts in Wales, the others being: Groundwork Caerphilly; Groundwork Merthyr & Rhondda Cynon Taff; Groundwork Wrexham and Flintshire. Groundwork Wales was established in 1998 to lead and support the collective operation of the Welsh Trusts; it is one of the regional branches of Groundwork UK.

Groundwork grew from a Government-backed experiment initiated by the Countryside Commission to find new ways of improving the environment on the edge of industrial towns and cities. The first Groundwork Trust was established on Merseyside in 1981 to run the first practical projects, working in conjunction with the local councils, local businesses and other voluntary bodies to realise the full potential of under-used land, to convert waste ground to productive use and to improve access to the countryside. By 1983, Groundwork Trusts were operating across England, and the first Trust was established in Wales - in Merthyr Tydfil. In 1990, Groundwork expanded its work to include inner cities and town centres and began concentrating on supporting people and businesses in deprived neighbourhoods. As the scale and scope of its projects increased, the Groundwork Foundation (now Groundwork UK) was established to co-ordinate the work of the regional Trusts. Groundwork now operates in Northern Ireland, and is also involved in projects and partnerships across Europe.

Archival history

The records remained with the Trust until deposit.

Immediate source of acquisition

The collection was donated in February 2008 after being rescued by a landscape architect working at the Trust as it was about to be destroyed.

Scope and content

Includes files relating to the planning and execution of environmental and community projects undertaken by the Trust, as well as the records of one of its environmental artists, Dilys Jackson. There are numerous photographs of community and school projects and of the local environment.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

Duplicates and ephemera destroyed.

Accruals

Accruals are not expected.

System of arrangement

Order at time of deposit retained.

Conditions governing access

Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy.

Conditions governing reproduction

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language/scripts of material

English; some Welsh

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Good condition

Finding aids

Detailed list pending.

Existence and location of originals

Not applicable

Existence and location of copies

Not applicable

Related units of description

SC/X - South Glamorgan County Council Records: Groundwork Wales agenda and reports re Taff Trail.

Publication note

Not applicable

Note

This collection is held in an outstore and at least one week's notice is required to view items.

Archivist's note

Compiled by Geoff Edwards for the Glamorgan Record Office, with reference to www.groundwork.org.uk

Rules or conventions

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

Date of description

March 2008