This User Guide lists the more important collections connected with trade unions and related organisations. Part 1 summarises records produced by trade unions, employers and professional associations, while parts 2, 3 and 4 list those concerned with trades councils, trade union umbrella organisations and personal and other papers respectively.

Some records may have restrictions on access. In addition, it may not be possible to produce unlisted collections for consultation in the Searchroom. Please ask a member of staff for more details.

1) TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYERS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Building and Allied Trades

Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers: secretary's check book, 1924-1929; No 5 Branch Composition Floor Layers, Newcastle minutes, 1950-1955 Refs 2909 (unlisted), TU.AUB1

Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners: Newcastle Branch - correspondence, 1893-1907, inc list of men employed, c1900; rules 1912-1920; Whitburn Branch - contribution book, 1929-1951 Refs 699, 2909 (unlisted), TU.ASW2

Amalgamated Society of Millsawyers and Wood-Cutting Machinists: Newcastle Branch - correspondence, 1899 Ref 699


Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers: Society annual reports, 1942-1967; Felling Branch - minutes, 1921-1969; Northumberland and Tyne District Committee minutes, 1888-1964; Sunderland Branch - committee and shop stewards meeting minutes, 1947-1960, registration books, c1878 – c1971; Gateshead 1st Branch - records, 1874-1965, inc minutes, 1900-1965 Refs 1280, TU.ASW2, TU.ASW3

Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union: Newcastle Lodge committee minutes, 1968-75 Ref TU.ETP1
Electrical Trades Union: Gateshead Branch – membership records A-L, 1912-1965; notes by branch secretary Wilfred O’Kane on history of the Union, nd [1988] Ref TU.ET1

National Federation of Master Painters and Decorators: Newcastle, Gateshead and District Branch, list of members, nd (1950s) Ref DX826/10

National Labour Federation: second quarterly report, 1887 Ref TU.NLF

Newcastle, Gateshead and Tyne District Master Builders Association: letter, 1901 Ref 699

Newcastle Operative Society of Bricklayers: admission certificate, 1909 Ref DX7

North of England Federation of Master House Painters: working rules, 1920 Ref DX826/6

Northern Counties Federation of Building Trade Employers: letter, 1905 Ref 699

Plumbers Benefit Society, Newcastle upon Tyne: General and committee meetings minutes, 1852-83; bond book, 1851-53; contributions book, 1883-1902; contribution card, 1918 Ref TU.PBS1

Plumbing Trades Union, Newcastle upon Tyne Lodge: minutes, 1866-1920; admissions registers, 1866-1927; accounts, 1866-1910; balance sheets, 1919-28; NE Coast District Committee minutes, 1950-68 Ref TU.PTU1

Pressed Glassmakers Society of Great Britain: Executive Committee minutes, 1945-1966; reports, 1892-1965 Refs 1195, 1198 (summary at TU.PG1)

Tyne District Building Trades Association: notice, 1905 Ref 699


United Operative Plumbers Association: see Plumbing Trades Union

United Operative Plumbers and Domestic Engineers Association of Great Britain and Ireland: see Plumbing Trades Union

Engineering
See also Shipping

Amalgamated Society of Engineers and Allied Trades:  
South Shields District - Lock-Out Committee minutes 1898, accounts and contributions 1931-1944, reports 1941-1953 etc. Ref TU.ASE1  
Tyne District – committee reports, minutes etc 1912-1954 Ref TU.ASE2

Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Machinists, Millwrights, Smiths and Pattern-Makers: membership cards, 1876 and 1897 Refs 966, DX878/2


Association of Foremen and Technical Engineers: Newcastle and District - Committee and ordinary meeting minutes, 1871-1976; register of members, 1871-1969; annual reports, 1872-1959 Ref TU.AFT

Board of Conciliation for the Iron Founding Industry of the North East Coast:  
Minutes, 1894-1921 Ref JE.IF

British Institute of Radio Engineers: North Eastern Section - minutes, 1943-1964 Ref ASX3/1

Electrical Association for Women: Newcastle and District Branch (North East Coast Branch) - AGM minutes and annual reports, 1927-1939; Newcastle and District Afternoon Branch - AGM minutes and committee meeting minutes, 1977-1982; Newcastle and District Evening Branch - AGM minutes and annual reports, 1975-1983; North East Branch Delegates Meeting minutes, 1975-1982; Executive Committee minutes, 1974-1983; Extra-Ordinary General Meeting minutes and notice, 1983; Whitley Bay Branch - Monthly Meeting minutes, 1960-1972; Committee minutes, 1961-1972 Ref 2119

Electrical Trades Union: Gateshead Branch - membership records, 1912-1965; notes by branch secretary Wilfred O'Kane on history of the Union, nd [1988] Ref TU.ET1

Institute of Civil Engineers: Newcastle and District Association - Chairman's addresses, 1946-1948; Northern Counties Association - Chairman's addresses, 1951-1967 etc Ref 2291

National Union of Foundry Workers: contribution cards, 1941-1942 Ref 907

The North East Coast Engineering Trades Employers Association: minutes, 1915-1917, 1935-1970; circular letters, 1890-1970; sub-section minutes, 1893-1932; printed material, 1872-1946 Ref EM.EN1

Northern Counties Joint Standing Committee: minutes, 1918-1959 Ref EM.EN3

Steam Engine Makers Society: membership certificate, 1850 Ref GU.HMT

United Pattern Makers Association: Newcastle minutes, 1909-1966; Jarrow minutes, 1892-1973; admissions, 1917-1925; membership record books, 1933-1956 Refs TU.UPM1, TU.UPM2, TU.UPM3

Food and Drink

Jarrow and District Licensed Victuallers Association: minutes, 1875-1976; subscription book, 1917-1967; accounts, 1875-1955 Ref AS.LV1

Licensed Trade Employers Association: minutes, 1921-1957, 1959; accounts, 1921-1986 Ref EM.LT

National Federation of Grocers Associations: annual conference concert programme, 1920 Ref 1304

National Trade Defence Association: minutes, 1891-1960; annual reports, 1909-1974; Women's League minutes, 1924-1932 Ref EM.TDA

National Union of Licensed Victuallers - North and North-East District: minutes, 1952-1985 Ref AS.LV2

Newcastle and Gateshead Licensed Victuallers Association: committee and annual meeting minutes, 1907-1912 Ref AS.LV3

Newcastle, Gateshead and District Butchers' Association: minutes, 1891-1997, rules and papers, 1915-1936 Ref TU.BA


North East Brewers Association: minutes, 1887-1985; annual reports, 1909-1989 Ref AS.BA


Tyneside and Wearside Pork Butchers Association: minutes, 1926-1992; draft rules, c1926 Ref AS.PB

Health

British Medical Association: North of England Branch - council and committees minutes, 1910-1960; correspondence, 1924-1945; Newcastle Division - committees and general meetings minutes, 1903-1968; correspondence, 1921-1943; Newcastle Panel Committee - minutes, 1914-1948; cash journal, 1918-1976; prescribing reports, 1920-1928; local medical committee minutes, 1912-1961; Northern Region - annual reports, 1925-1939;
correspondence, 1924-1947; Newcastle City Council BMA Special committee minutes, 1891-1902 Refs AS.BMA1, AS.BMA2, MD.NC/94/6

Hospital and Welfare Services Union: papers, 1943 Ref 376/18

Royal College of Midwives: Newcastle Branch – minutes and correspondence, membership lists, 1950-1970’s Ref 2284 (unlisted)

Institute of Medical Socialworkers (formerly known as Institute of Hospital Almoners): Newcastle Region: general meetings and committee minutes, 1946-1970; training committee minutes, 1930-1954 etc Ref T364

Insurance

British Employers Mutual Accident Indemnity Association: minutes, 1898-1953; Wear District Committee minutes, 1898-1904; Bristol Channel Ports Committee minutes, 1898-1904 Ref 1811/74-76

Mining

Boldon Colliery Mineworkers Lodge: minutes, reports, etc 1874-1981 Refs 1590 (unlisted), 3389 (unlisted)

British Association of Colliery Management: minutes and files, 1948-mid 1980’s Ref 2315 (unlisted)

Durham Coal Owners Association: John Kirsopp's notes, 1870-92 Ref 3015 (unlisted)

Durham Colliery Mechanics Association: correspondence, 1897-1898 Cockfield Lodge accounts, 1920-33; Greenside Lodge accounts, 1934-59 Refs 699, TU.DCM1

Durham Miners Association: "Pioneers Diploma", c1925; Sheriff Hill Colliery, Fanny Pit Lodge members contributions registers, 1917-1936 Refs DX390, TU.DMA1

Hylton Colliery: union/management agreements, 1899-1950; pit meetings minutes, 1949-50; papers re disputes, 1884-1976; workmen's files, 1926-59 Ref DX902

National Union of Mineworkers: Burradon Colliery Branch - minutes, 1927-1949; hewers' average (wage) books, 1888-1908; Harton Lodge - membership register, nd [c1950’s]; Montague Colliery Branch - minutes, 1955-1960 Refs TU.NUM1, TU.NUM2, TU.NUM3

Northumberland Colliery Mechanics Association: committee minutes, 1897 – 1932; colliery photographs, 19th – 20th cent Ref DX1394

North of England Trimmers and Teemers Association: rules, nd Ref 673/108
North Tyneside Miners Support Group: correspondence, appeal notices, pamphlets, information sheets, forms of accounts and photographs, 1984-1986 Ref TU.TC2

Pitmen's Union: cartoon on the Union's formation, 1832 Ref 1074/305

COSA, Wallsend Rising Sun: Papers of George Jones of Wallsend, colliery overman and secretary of COSA, 1958-1970 Ref 1959 (unlisted)

Printing

Advertising Club: Newcastle and District - minutes, 1923-1934 Ref SX1

National Society of Electrotype and Stereotypes: Newcastle Branch – minutes, 1934-1959 Ref TU.ES1

National Society of Operative Printers Graphical and Media Personnel (NATSOPA), Richardson Printing Ink Company Limited Chapel: minutes 1945-72 Ref DS.RP/8

National Union of Journalists: programme of annual delegate meeting, 1921; Sunderland and Hartlepool Branch minutes, 1912-1971; List of members, 1962, 1969; Contribution records, 1956-1971 Refs 1304, TU.NUJ1

Typographical Association: Newcastle Branch – minutes, 1867-1959; letter books, 1890-1925; registers of members, 1911-1972 Ref TU.TA1

Shipping

See also Engineering

Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths And Structural Workers 1880s-1973 Ref TU.BSB1

Associated Shipwright's Society: minutes 1885, financial report, 1885 Ref DX32

Association of Employers of Shipbuilding and Engineering Labour on the River Tyne: minutes, 1873-1891 Ref EM.EN4

Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions: reports, 1960-1969 Ref 673

Engineering and Shipbuilding Employers Federation: minutes, 1903-1914; reports, 1897-1901; conference decision register, 1911-1914 Refs 895

National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators: Tyne and Wear District Committee - annual reports, 1914-1966; Blaydon Branch - residence book, c1940; Newcastle Branch - registration books, c1940-c1950; Sunderland Branch - working rules, 1894 Ref 2839 (unlisted), 2909 (unlisted)

Newcastle Shipwrights Union Society: articles, 1838 Ref 373

North East Coast Shiprepairers Association: Meetings and Special Committee minutes, 1903-1977; Shipwrights, Joiners and Employers Standing Committee minutes, 1893-1968; circular letters, 1839-1976 Ref 978

North East Shipbuilders Employers Association: minutes, 1900-1918 Ref 895

North of England Shipowners Association: minutes, 1871-1965; annual reports, 1893-1962; newspaper cuttings, 1882-1944 etc Ref 1070


The Shipbuilders Employers Federation: minute book, 1899-1903 Ref EM.SH1


Tyne and Wear Shipbuilders Association: Boilermakers Wages Standing Committee minutes, 1895-1919 etc Ref 895

Tyne Watermen’s Association: List of charges for lighterage 1923 Ref DX1628

Tyne, Wear, Tees and Hartlepool Shipbuilders Association: Joint Meeting minutes, 1885-1922 Ref 895, EM.WS


Transport


National Sailors’ and Firemen’s Union: contributions book, 1913-1917 Ref DX20/6
National Union of Railwaymen: papers re loan to Jarrow Corporation, 1923-1925 Ref T113

Transport and General Workers Union: Area Committee minutes, 1921-1943; General Workers Trade Group National Committee minutes, 1933-1970; Dock and Waterways Committee minutes, 1921-1969; correspondence, 1923-1968; annual record, 1928-1969, agreements, 1932-1933; wages and working conditions agreement, 1962; Newcastle Branch - circulars, 1923-1976 Refs 673, 1276, 1661 (unlisted), 1973 (unlisted), 1994, T192

Other

Amalgamated Society of Leatherworkers: Newcastle Branch Benevolent Fund contributions books, 1927-1930 and 1941-1942; annual balance sheets, 1936-1937 Ref TU.ASL1

National Association of Head Teachers: Blaydon Branch (TU-HT2) minutes 1960-1973; Gateshead Branch (2568 unlisted) records 1945-1989


National Union of Bank Employees (formerly Bank Officers’ Guild): North Shields and District Branch - committee and general meeting minutes, 1932-1955 Ref TU.NUB1

National Union of Teachers: Newcastle, South Shields, Sunderland and Vale of Derwent Branches - printed reports, newsletters, 1970s-1980s; Newcastle Branch (formerly Newcastle Teachers Association) - records, 1888-1980's; Blaydon Branch - minutes and report, 1965; Gateshead Association - minutes, 1893-1968; Durham County Association, County Boroughs Section - minutes, 1920-73 Refs 2697 (unlisted), TU.NUT1, TU.NUT2, TU.NUT3, TU.NUT4, TU.NUT5, TU.NUT6, TU.NUT7

Newcastle upon Tyne Incorporated Law Society (formerly Newcastle and Gateshead Law Society): proceedings, 1826-1834, 1871-1912; committee minutes and AGM reports, 1851-1938; out correspondence, 1852-1923 (incomplete); roll of members, 1871-1929 etc Ref 2193
United Kingdom Commercial Travellers Association: Newcastle Branch - committee minutes, 1889-1961; members registers, 1889-1916; ladies committee minutes, 1919-1955; photographs, 1921-1949; North of England and Scottish Federation minutes, 1906-1909 Refs AS.CT1, AS.CT2

Union of Communication Workers: Newcastle Counters District Committee minutes, April 1992 Ref TU.UCW1

Post Office Engineering Union: Newcastle Branch, minutes, Accounts, correspondence, posters and photographs, 1930-1982 Ref TU.POE1

Engineering Officers (Telecommunications) Association: Newcastle Branch, 1947-1954 Ref TU.EOT1

Workers Educational Trade Union Committee: North Eastern Divisional Committee minutes, 1920-1946 Ref E.WEA1

Workers Educational Trade Union Advisory Committee: minutes, 1946-1964 Ref E.WEA1

2) TRADES COUNCILS

Newcastle and District Trades Council: General Meetings, Full Council and Executive Committee minutes, 1956-1969; AGM minutes and reports, 1950-1967 etc Ref TU.TC1

Newcastle Trades Council Conference: Report, 1975 Ref 948/234

Tynemouth District and Whitley Bay Trades Council: minutes, 1951-1974; Delegates register, 1957-1968 Ref TU.TC2

3) TRADE UNION UMBRELLA ORGANISATIONS

General Federation of Trade Unions: annual reports, 1901, 1909, 1912 Ref 1637

North East Trade Unions Exhibition and Arts Festival: papers and programme, 1964-1965 Refs 673/49, 50, 120; 2770 (unlisted)

North Tyneside Miners Support Group: correspondence, appeal notices, pamphlets etc, 1984-1986 Ref TU.TC2

Trades Union Congress: Annual reports, 1918-1969; World Congress report, 1945; National Joint Council for the Building Industry minutes, 1969 etc Ref 673
4) OTHER PAPERS


Correspondence from Wm Doxford & Sons to Association of Engineering and Shipbuilding Draughtsmen re: wage cut, 1935 Ref 2698 (unlisted)

Reminiscences of the Miners’ Strike of 1926: papers, nd [c 1980] Ref DX201

North East Trade Unions Exhibitions and Arts Festivals: papers and programme, 1964-1965 Refs 673/49, 50, 120; 2770 (unlisted)

North Tyneside Community Development Project Industry and Employment Group: minutes, 1975-1977 Ref 948/39

Trade Union Studies Information Unit: monthly bulletins, 1975-1976 etc Ref 948/39, 238

Tyneside Joint May Day Committee: minutes, correspondence and programme of events, 1981-1990 Ref 3056 (unlisted)

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