



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.

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Printed Materials

Monographs

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News 1936 066
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- Fyrth, Jim. *The signal was Spain: the Spanish Aid Movement in Britain, 1936-39*. London: Lawrence and Wishart, 1986. 344 p. 066.46 FYR
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Legarreta, Dorothy. *The Guernica generation: Basque refugee children of the Spanish Civil War*. Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1984, 396p. 066.46 LEG

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West, Dan. "Cooperation with the AFSC in Spain" in *To serve the present age: the Brethren service story*, ed. Donald F Durnbaugh p. 107-115. Elgin, Ill: Brethren Press, 1975 066 DUR

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]

Ellis, Richard: *Women and children last: An account by Dr. Richard Ellis of a recent visit to Friends and Relief Centres in Spain* . London: Friends Service Council, 1939 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/96]

Feeding Spain's children. London: Friends Service Council [1937] 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/86]

Friends Service Council. *Spain still needs our help*. London: Friends Service Council, 1939 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/98]

Friends Service Council. *Quaker service in Spain 1936-1940*. London: Friends Service Council, [1941] 033.5 [FSC Pam 4/5] and Box 477/12

Give for Spain London: Friends Service Council, 1937 033.5 [FSC Pam 3/71]

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Jacob, Norma. *Spain's agony*. London: Friends Service Council, [1937]
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Pye, Edith M. *Report on a visit to Spain* [Dec.1936-Jan.1937]. London: Friends Service Council, 1937
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Relief in Spain: what Friends are doing and might do (reprinted from *The Friend*, 4 June 1937). London: Friends Service Council, 1937
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Spain: an appeal for the work of the Society of Friends and the Save the Children International Union. London: Friends Service Council, 1937
033.5 [FSC Pam 3/63]

Spain: an appeal for the children. London: Friends Service Council and Save the Children Fund, [1937]
033.5 [FSC Pam 3/72]

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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