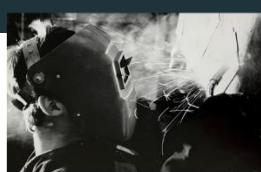




Edinburgh College 10th Anniversary: *A Decade and More of Educating Edinburgh and the Lothians*

A project to collate and catalogue the history
and archives of Edinburgh College and its
legacy institutions



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

This report covers the work undertaken as part of a 10th anniversary project to research the history of Edinburgh College and its legacy institutions, and to collate, catalogue and preserve all collected archival material.

Edinburgh College has a history which can be traced back almost 100 years. It is the latest in a long line of educational establishments to provide the people of Edinburgh and its environs with skills and training in a variety of industry sectors. It carries on a tradition of providing access to education for all, regardless of age, nationality, gender or physical abilities.

See Appendix 1 for an Edinburgh College “Family Tree” chart.

Project Outcomes:

An ISAD(g) compliant catalogue

A better understanding of the beginnings of Edinburgh College

An accessible resource for use by college staff and students

Staff:

Jenny Duffy, Research Archivist (Aug 2022 – Apr 2023)



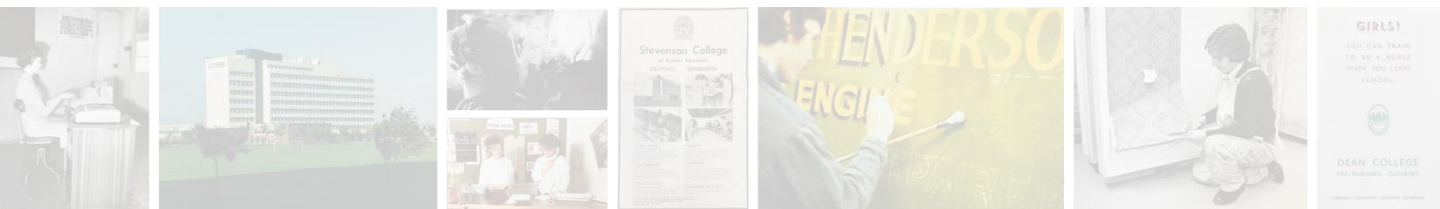
THE COLLECTIONS

Each college has its own separate and distinct collection but come under the overarching umbrella of Edinburgh College which has its own archival material created during the last 10 years. Only Edinburgh College will have newly generated material added to its archive, the other collections may be added to only previously undiscovered material comes to light within the college or is donated by staff or former students, these donations should be kept intact and added to the end of the relevant catalogue.

The collections consist mainly of prospectuses, college and student newsletters, administrative papers and audio-visual material.

An Archive Collection Policy has been drafted to assist with any additional deposits or donations. See Appendix 1.

- Edinburgh College Ref: EC
- Telford College Ref: EC/TC
 - inc. Regent Road Institute
 - inc. Edinburgh School of Building and Crafts
- Stevenson College Ref: EC/SC
 - inc. Dean College of Nursing
 - inc. Ramsay Technical Institute
- Jewel and Esk College / Jewel and Esk Valley College Ref: EC/JEC
- Esk Valley College Ref: EC/EVC
- Leith Nautical College Ref: EC/LNC

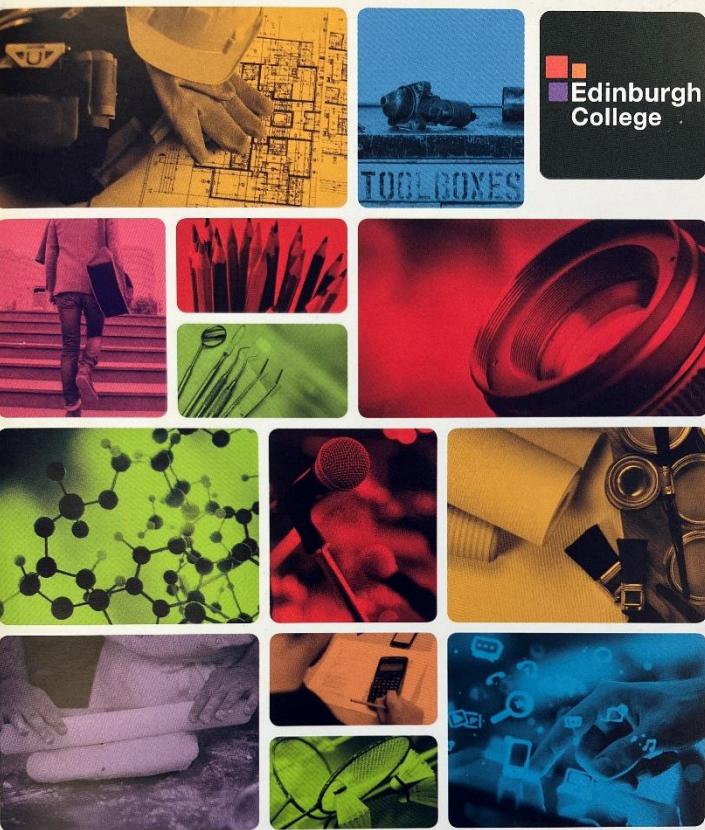


Edinburgh College



Edinburgh College was created in 2012 as a result of the merger of Edinburgh's three main further education establishments: Telford College; Stevenson College; Jewel and Esk College.

The records of Edinburgh College currently include prospectuses and course guides and administrative records of the Edinburgh College Development Trust.



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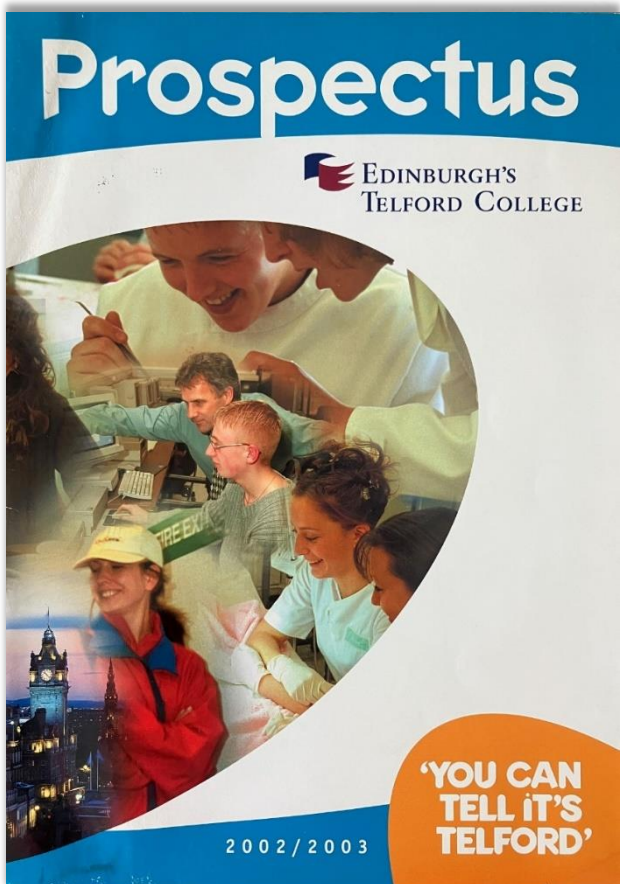
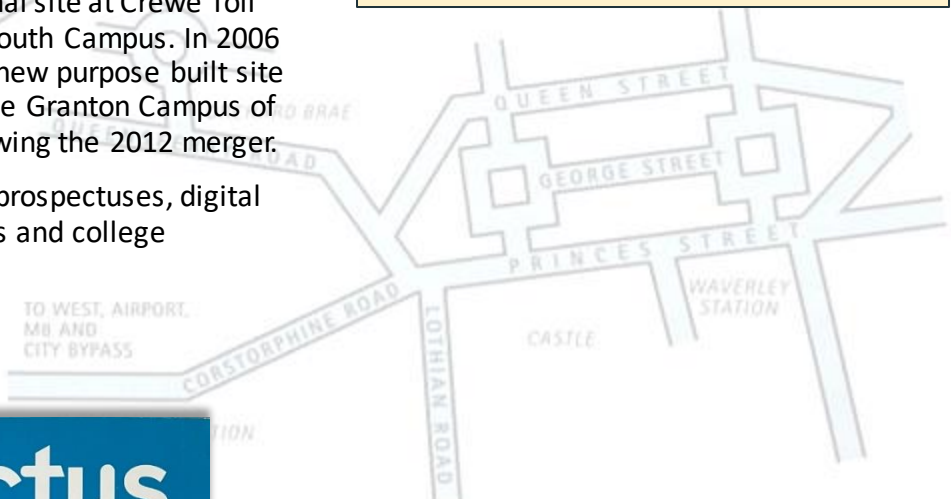
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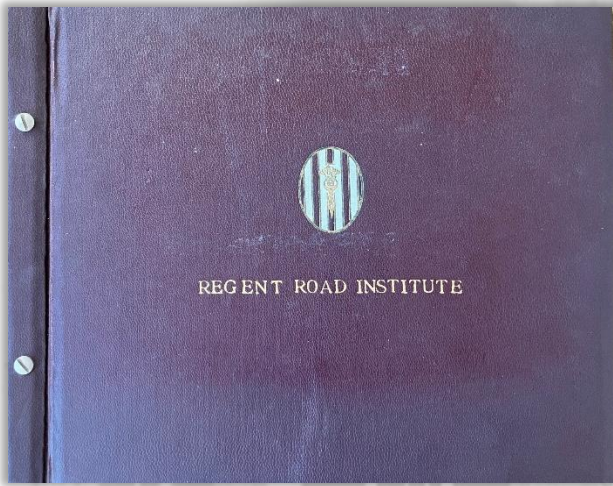
Telford College of Further Education was opened in 1966 incorporating the Regent Road School and some departments of the Ramsay Technical Institute, among other further education and evening schools operating in the city. The college moved into a purpose built campus at Edinburgh's Crewe Toll in 1968. This site quickly became insufficient and a number of annexes across the city were used in the 1980s. In 1992 the college expanded into the old Ainslie Park High School in East Pilton which became known as the North Campus while the original site at Crewe Toll was referred to as the South Campus. In 2006 the college moved to a new purpose built site which would become the Granton Campus of Edinburgh College following the 2012 merger.

The collection includes prospectuses, digital images and photographs and college newsletters



Collection Highlight: "Thoughts on Telford College" a film put together for the college's 40th anniversary





Collection Highlight: Regent Road Institute photograph album

Regent Road Institute

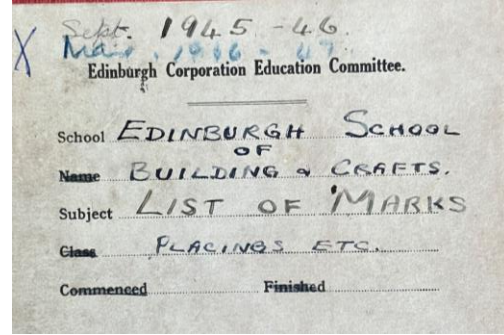
There had been an educational establishment of some form or another at Regent Road in the city's East End since the late 19th century. It was originally a school funded by the George Heriot Educational Trust before being taken over by the Edinburgh School Board in 1886.

An evening school was opened as a continuation school for girls which soon went on to cater for boys and young men. The evening classes proved popular and continued after the day school itself closed. A Junior Instruction Centre was opened during the day and in 1955 The Regent Road Institute was established to run both the day and evening classes.

In 1967 the Institute closed with all courses and staff transferred to Edinburgh's new Telford College which would open the following year. Robert G Macleod, headmaster at Regent Road would become the first Principal of Telford.

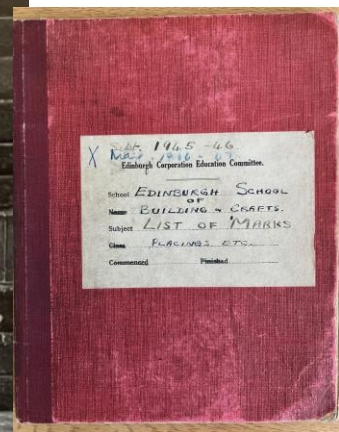


Edinburgh School of Building and Crafts



The Edinburgh School of Building and Crafts opened in 1943 in premises at New Street, a former Victorian School. It offered courses in painting and decorating, graining and marbling, plumbing, joinery and bricklaying to students from Edinburgh, the Lothians and Peeblesshire. It aimed to bridge the gap between school leaving age and employment age. The School closed in 1968 with all departments transferring to Telford College. The New Street building continued to be used as an annex.

The collection consists of a series of mark books from the 1940s-1960s and black and white photographs of students from the 1950s and 1960s. Consideration should be given to transferring this part of the collection to Edinburgh City Archives which already holds some material relating to this school.

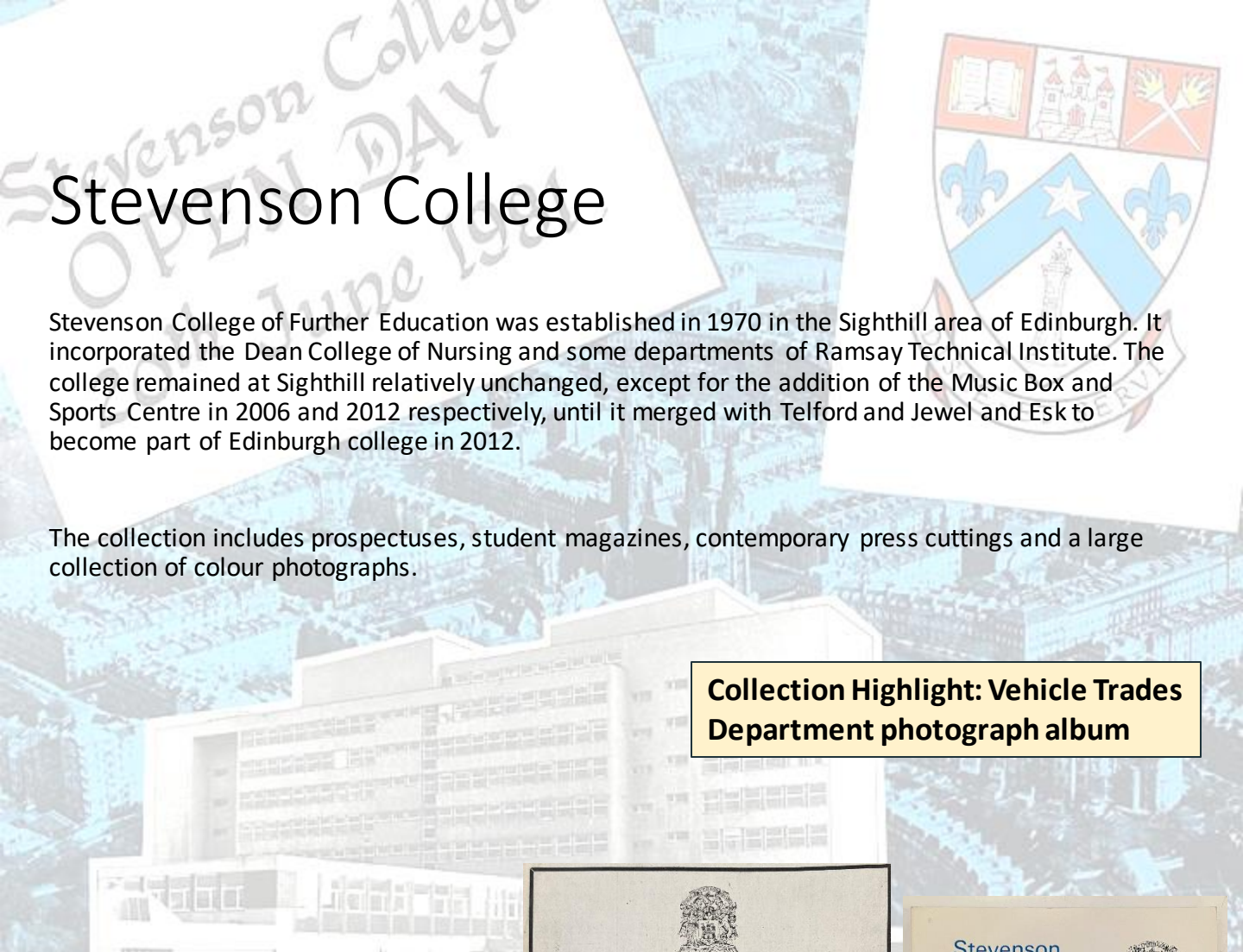
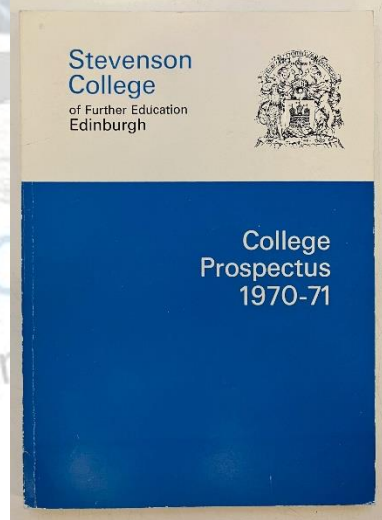


Stevenson College

Stevenson College of Further Education was established in 1970 in the Sighthill area of Edinburgh. It incorporated the Dean College of Nursing and some departments of Ramsay Technical Institute. The college remained at Sighthill relatively unchanged, except for the addition of the Music Box and Sports Centre in 2006 and 2012 respectively, until it merged with Telford and Jewel and Esk to become part of Edinburgh college in 2012.

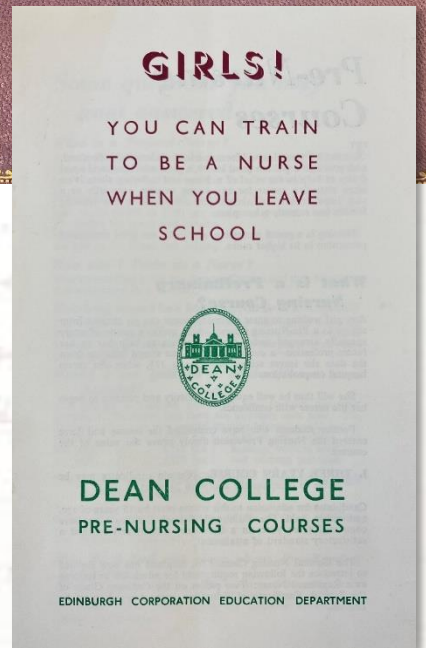
The collection includes prospectuses, student magazines, contemporary press cuttings and a large collection of colour photographs.

Collection Highlight: Vehicle Trades Department photograph album



Dean College of Nursing

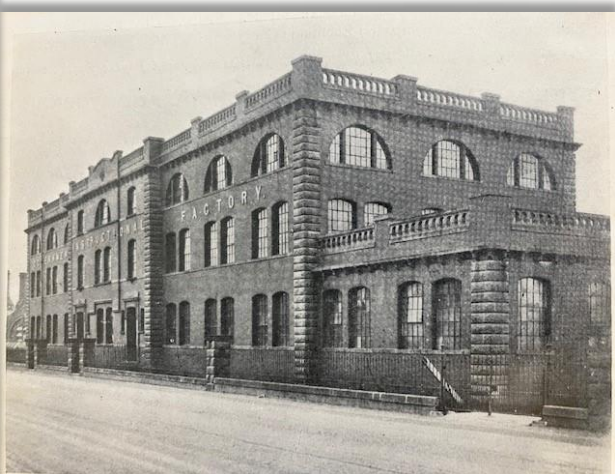
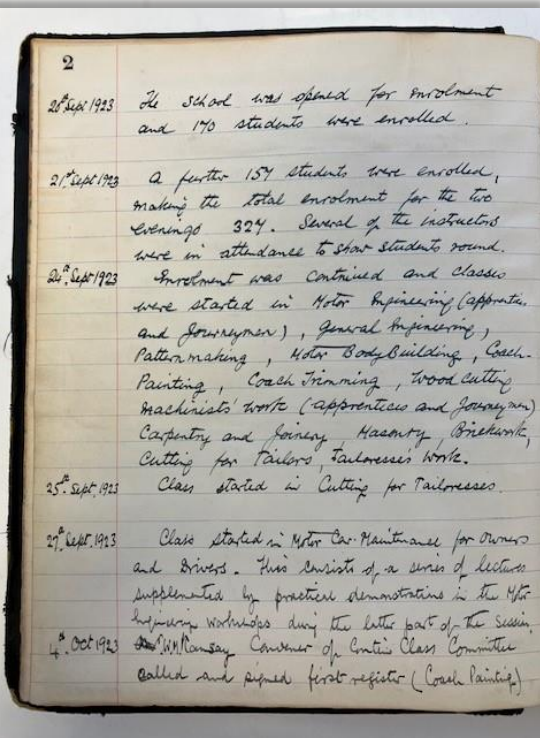
Opened in 1949, Dean College was housed in Torphichen Street Day Institute with additional space at 1 Regent Terrace, an annex to Edinburgh's old Royal High School. In 1968 the college, which provided pre-nursing and childcare courses, moved to the former premises of James Gillespie's High School for Girls. In 1970 the staff and students were transferred to the Department of Health Education at Stevenson College.



Ramsay Technical Institute

The Edinburgh School Board purchased the premises of a former chocolate factory in Portobello with a view to using it for evening class apprentice training. 170 students were enrolled when it opened its doors in 1923. It was named the WM Ramsay Technical School, later Institute, and provided classes in woodworking, patternmaking, tailoring and vehicle building. In tandem with the Tynecastle Workshops, it was the main provider of non-advanced craft training in engineering and woodworking. In 1968 the mechanical engineering classes were transferred to Telford College. In 1969 the remainder of the Institute became an annex of Stevenson College and classes were subsequently transferred to a new purpose built campus at Sighthill.

Collection Highlights: Dean College Log Book and Ramsay Institute Log Book





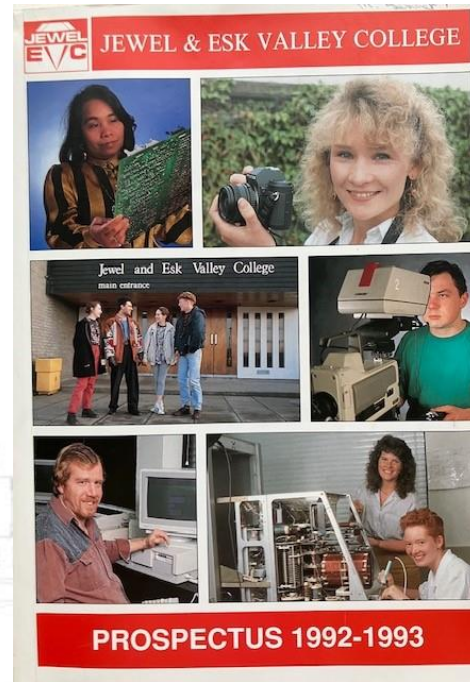
OFFICIAL OPENING

Jewel and Esk College

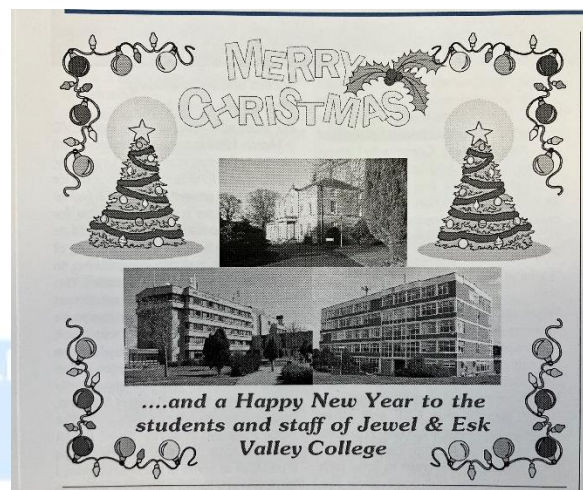
Jewel and Esk Valley College was a further education college in Edinburgh from 1987 -2012. It was created in 1987 from a merger of Leith Nautical College and Esk Valley College and was officially opened in 1988.

The College consisted of two campuses - the former Leith Nautical College campus at Milton Road and the former premises of Esk Valley College at Eskbank, Dalkeith. In 2012 Jewel and Esk College merged with Edinburgh's two other further education colleges Stevenson and Telford to create Edinburgh College.

The collection includes prospectuses, college newsletters, a large collection of digital images, colour photographs and transparencies



Collection Highlight: 1988 promotional video



...and a Happy New Year to the students and staff of Jewel & Esk Valley College



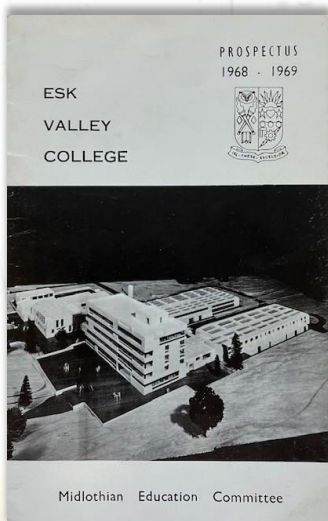
Esk Valley College

Administered by Midlothian Education Committee, and later Lothian Regional Council, Esk Valley College was opened in 1952 to provide a range of vocational and commercial courses geared to the needs of the mining industry prevalent in the area at the time. A purpose built campus at Eskbank was officially opened in January 1969; the College had previously used temporary accommodation, including the former Newtongrange Miner's Hostel at Lingerwood. In 1987 the College merged with Leith Nautical College to create Jewel & Esk Valley College. The original College building was demolished in 2007 and replaced with a modern campus now known as Edinburgh College's Midlothian Campus.

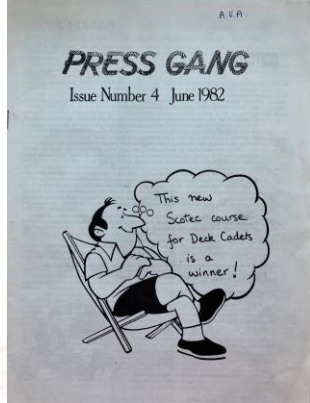
The collection includes prospectuses, black and white photographs and college newsletters.



Collection Highlight: Official opening ceremony programme



Leith Nautical College



Leith Navigation School opened in the Mariners church, Leith in 1855. After a brief period of closure 1859-1861, the school moved to a flat in Tolbooth Wynd and then into Dock Place. In 1901 the school relocated to newly built premises, in Commercial Street and was renamed Leith Nautical College.

In 1978 the Prince of Wales officially opened a purpose built campus on Milton Road, but the college closed in 1985 when nautical education was transferred to Glasgow. Lothian Regional Council acquired the building and retained some of the staff and departments which were controversially merged with Esk Valley College in 1987 to create Jewel and Esk Valley College. The building at Milton Road remains an Edinburgh College campus today.

The majority of archival material relating to LNC was transferred to Heriot Watt University when the college closed. The collection held by Edinburgh College consists of material collated and donated for a reunion organized by the Edinburgh College Development Trust and includes newsletters, prospectuses and photographic slides.



THE CATALOGUES

All collections have been catalogued to the international archival standard ISAD(G) in Microsoft Excel.

Where necessary, material has been assigned appropriate access restrictions in accordance with data protection legislation and copyright has been noted where it is known not to belong to the college.

The catalogue is organised by institution. Each legacy college has its own sub-catalogue [sub-fonds] with the exception of the earlier schools and institutes which are included within the catalogues of their subsequent institutions.

CATALOGUE DEVELOPMENT

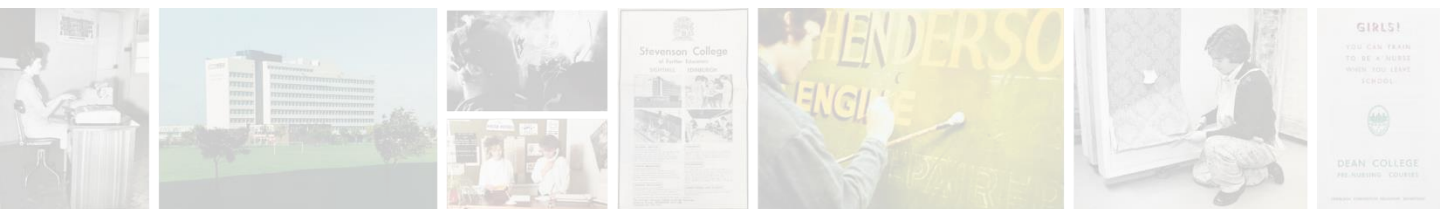
The following options may be considered at a future date to allow for better collection management and accessibility to a wider audience:

CALM cataloguing software – proprietary software with initial and ongoing support fee. Used by Stirling University, Edinburgh Council and the National Records of Scotland

ArchivesSpace – nominal startup fee based on size of institution. Web based. Used by Edinburgh University

AtOM [Access to Memory] – a freely available cataloguing tool. Would require some specialist knowledge to populate and considerable IT support/input.

Archives Hub - catalogues can be freely uploaded using the hub's excel template. Organisation must be committed to providing open access to the collection.



CONSERVATION AND RE-HOUSING

The general condition of the material in all the collections is good.

All material required re-housing in acid free folders and boxes.

Items have been surface cleaned where necessary and some specialist storage was purchased for photographic slides and outsize photographs.

DIGITAL MATERIAL

There was a large amount of material held on CDs, mainly photographs but also some audio visual material and word documents. For preservation purposes these have been transferred to digital folders located on the One Drive.

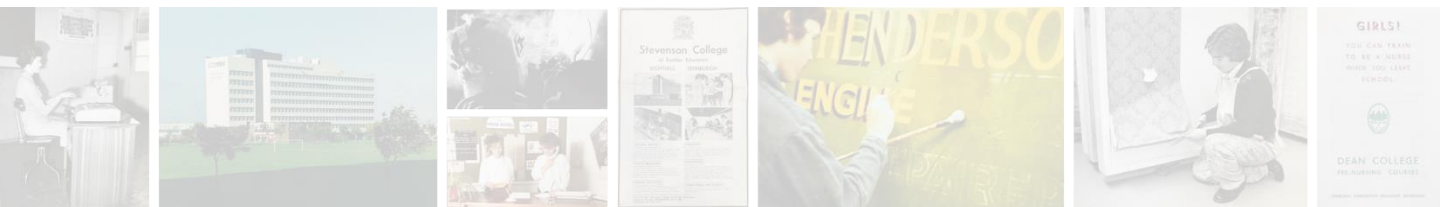
It is advisable to transfer these to an external hard drive and to maintain a back up copy.

CONSERVATION

A number of items should be considered for professional conservation. These are listed in Appendix 3.

STORAGE

All archive material should be housed in a clean, pest free and environmentally controlled space. If the College keeps the material permanently there would need to be a commitment to monitoring the current store. An alternative solution would be to contact Edinburgh City Council about storing the material with them on a temporary deposit basis.





Re-housing



ENGAGEMENT and RESOURCES

A dedicated Twitter account - **@EdinCollegeHist** – was created for the project in December 2022. This has been used to highlight key dates in the history of the college and to tweet images from the collections. The Twitter account will serve as a resource for images and key historical information after the end of the project.

“Edinburgh College: Where It All Began” a brief history of the college and its legacy institutions has been created using Microsoft Sway and widely circulated among staff members.

A poster presentation, **“A Decade and More of Educating Edinburgh and the Lothians”**, has been created for display purposes. See Appendix 5.

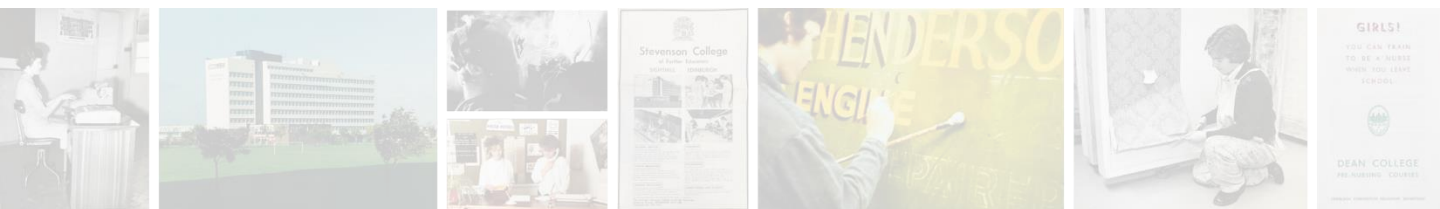
Thematic lists have been created to group together material and key events relating to specific groups of students including students with disabilities, LGBT students, female students, international students and student activism. See Appendix 6.

Potential options for online presence

There are a number of online portals through which the college could share digital images:

Scran: The Scottish Cultural Resource Access Network is a service provided by Historic Environment Scotland containing over 400,000 images and media from museums, galleries and archives. Images can be uploaded and hosted free of charge. Newbattle Abbey College have a collection of digital images hosted by Scran. www.scran.ac.uk

eHive: A web-based collection management system hosting digital images for a fee. www.ehive.com



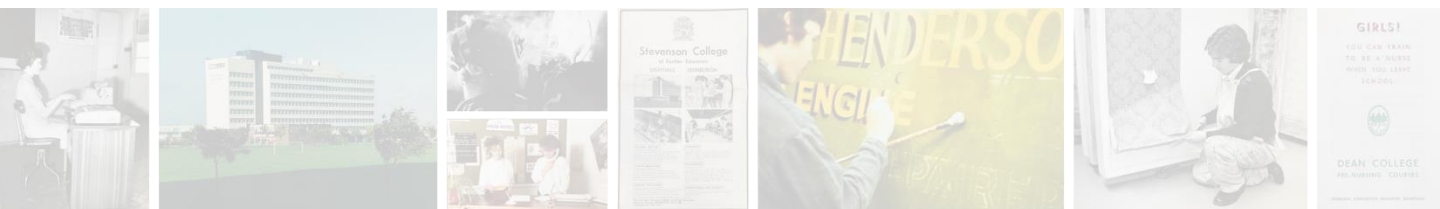
NEXT STEPS

The following additional activities are suggested:

- **Oral History interviews with staff:** Many staff members have shown an interest in the project, and many have worked at some of the legacy colleges.
- **Oral history interviews with former students and lifelong learners** who have supplemented their education at college.
- **Showcase event** to display some of the highlight of the collections to take place at each campus and potentially at local community venues.
- **Digitisation of newspaper cuttings.** Stevenson College in particular has a large collection of press cuttings relating to the college and further education in general, digitising these would make them more accessible.

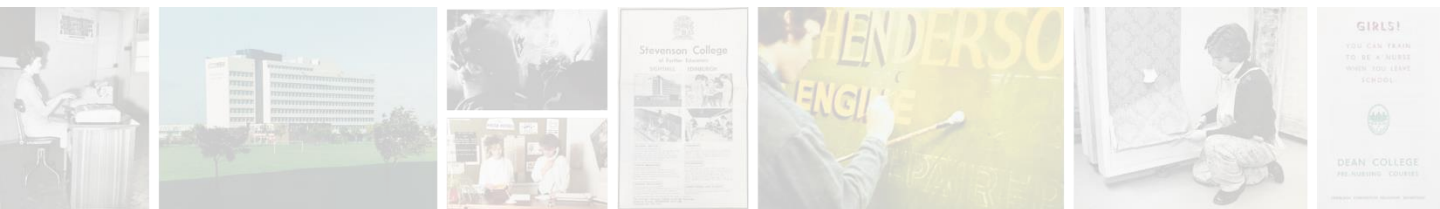
Research potential of the collections:

- **Community education in the Edinburgh area:** The college has grown from several institutions which were created to provide education and training for those already in employment or young people still at school, a service that continues to this day. Newspaper cuttings, photographs and course booklets all support this theme.
- **History of vocational education:** Course booklets, prospectuses and photographs can all illustrate a long history in the provision of training in particular fields
- **Development of educational environments:** Edinburgh College and legacy institutions have all been involved in the design and creation of new and improved learning facilities which can be illustrated by the large photographic collections for each college.

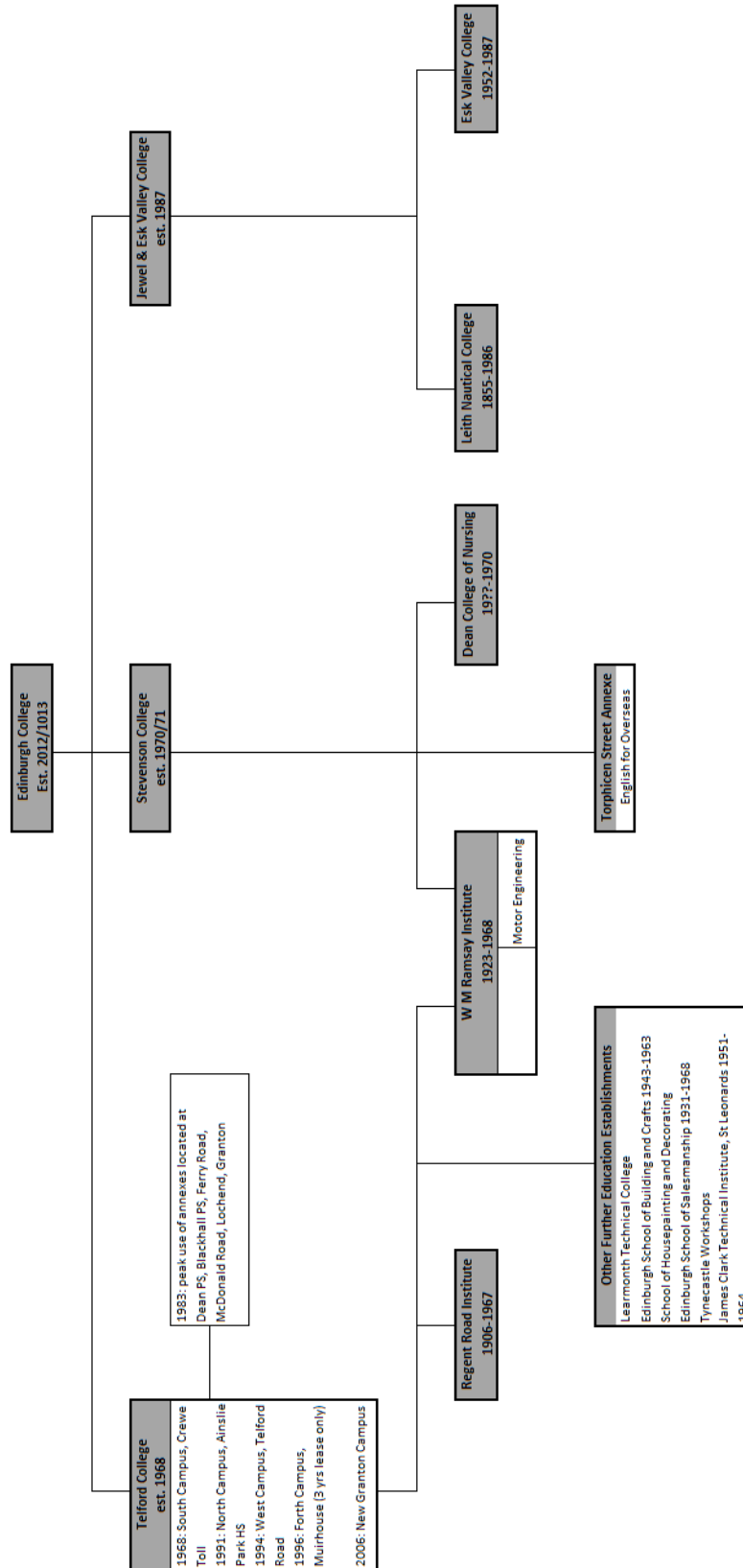


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Appendix 1: Edinburgh College Family Tree



Appendix 2: Archive Collection Policy

Edinburgh College Archive Collection Policy

Introduction

This policy sets out the purpose, scope and methods of activities to establish, maintain and develop the archive of Edinburgh College and predecessors.

The policy will be reviewed regularly.

Statement of Purpose

Edinburgh College seeks to collect archival records and other primary sources so as to record and preserve the history of the College and legacy institutions. These records will provide evidence of college functions, buildings, staff and students over time.

Efforts will be made to avoid duplication of collecting activities, or conflict over acquisition of particular collections with other public services or educational archives.

Core Collecting Areas

1. *Edinburgh College records*

Records created by the college since its inauguration in 2012 and those created by the College's three main predecessors: Jewel and Esk College, established 1987; Stevenson College, established 1970; Telford College, established 1968. Records will be deemed worthy of preservation based on their ability to provide evidence of the College's administration and functions.

2. *College related records*

In order to place the life of the college and predecessors in a broader social context, the archive will actively seek to acquire material which supports and complements its official records, such as records created by individual members of staff, students, groups or societies.

3. *Records of additional previous institutions*

The College may also collect material relating to the many former institutions which were incorporated by Jewel and Esk, Stevenson and Telford Colleges unless established collections exist elsewhere or where it is more appropriate that they are held by the relevant local authority archive.

Methods of acquisition

Edinburgh College will acquire material through gift, bequest, purchase and internal transfer from College departments. Long-term deposits will not be accepted.

Edinburgh College Archive Collection Policy – Version 1, August 2022

Condition of material

Edinburgh College reserves the right to reject material where the quantity is judged to outweigh the evidential value, where the poor physical condition would render the material inaccessible or where it would not be possible to guarantee its long-term preservation.

Collection Development

It may be considered to expand the archive to include material relating to the historical provision of further vocational education in the Edinburgh and Lothians in order to create a special collection devoted to this important area of educational history.

It may also be considered to collect personal papers of former students where they are actively seeking a repository for their archive.

Edinburgh College Archive Collection Policy – Version 1, August 2022

Appendix 3: Items to be considered for conservation

1. Stevenson College Press Cuttings Album
[Ref: EC/SC/7/1]
2. Stevenson College Photograph Albums
[Refs: EC/SC/3/6 & 7]
3. Stevenson College water damaged photographs [BOX S4]
4. Regent Road School Photograph Album
[Ref: EC/TC/8/1]
5. VHS tapes and film reel to be digitised [Refs: EC/SC/2/1 & 2; EC/EVC/4]

Appendix 4: Collection Highlights

1. Ramsay Technical Institute Log Book, 1923 - oldest item [Ref: EC/SC/13/1]
2. Dean College of Nursing Log Book, 1949-1970 – the last entry records than the college has now been transferred to Department of Health at Stevenson College [Ref: EC/SC/12/1]
3. Architectural site plan of Nissan huts housing Esk Valley College, c.1952 [Ref: EC/EVC/5]
4. Regent Road School photograph album, 1961-1977 [Ref: EC/TC/8/1]
5. Programme for official opening of Esk Valley College, 1969 [Ref: EC/EVC/2]
6. Programme for official opening of Jewel and Esk Valley College [Ref: EC/JEC/14]
7. Film Footage of official opening ceremony of Jewel and Esk Valley College featuring speech by Mick McGahey, 1987 [Ref: EC/JEC/2/2/1]
8. Collection of Student newsletters created by Stevenson College students, 1980s [Ref: EC/SC/6]
9. First promotional video for Jewel and Esk Valley College, 1988 [Ref: EC/JEC/2/3/1]
10. Stevenson College Vehicle Body Trades Department photograph album, 1989 [Ref: EC/SC/3/6]

Appendix 5: Poster presentation

Edinburgh College 10th Anniversary

A Decade and More of Educating Edinburgh and the Lothians

Creative Industries



- Edinburgh College was created in 2012 with the merger of the city's Telford, Stevenson and Jewel & Esk colleges
- These three colleges had themselves been formed from educational establishments which had been serving Edinburgh and Lothian since the first half of the 20th century
- The oldest item in the college archive is the log book of Ramsay Technical Institute dated 1920
- More images from the collection can be found on Twitter: @EdinCollegeHist

Construction and Engineering



Health, Wellbeing and Social Science



Tourism, Hospitality and Business

Appendix 6: Student Groups Represented in the Archives

Students with disabilities

Photographs of disabled students [see Stevenson photographs and JEC digital photographs (Kings event)]

1975: 1971: Sylvia Williamson, receptionist at Stevenson College competes in National Swimming Gala [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

Raymond Bullion receives SQA award [See JEVIC digital photos]

1978: Students refurbish a dustcart to resemble Stevenson's rocket and present to Graysmill School for the Handicapped [see Stevenson photograph album and press cuttings]

1979: Education course for physically handicapped launched at Stevenson College's Ramsay Annexe, Portobello. Courses taught included Maths, Geometry, Biology, Science, English, Typing and Sociology [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1980: Stevenson pioneers a new course to teach deaf people working skills [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1975: Stevenson evening classes to adolescents with special needs [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1982: Staff and students involved in renovation of a cottage in the Pentlands to provide outdoor activities for disabled students [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1973: Stevenson college students present the Edinburgh and District Spastic Association with a refurbished mini [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1980s: Esk Valley College newsletters with information on courses for mentally handicapped pupils

1988: College launches SPATS [Specialist Assessment and Training Service] aimed at people with serious physical handicaps who want to work [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1994: College participates in Edstart, offering places for students with disabilities to study business administration [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1981: Paul Beeby, Stevenson student, handicapped since birth receives gold Duke of Edinburgh award [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

International Students

Rokpa Overseas Programme [see JEC digital photographs]

1973: Ugandan Asians offered language laboratory classes at Stevenson College run by Edinburgh Corporation [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1980s: Photographs of ESOL teaching at Stevenson College [see Stevenson Photographs]

1996: Accountant Briseida Kota first student from Albania to study at Stevenson [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1973: Alchitar Din, Ugandan Asian employed at Stevenson college as a technician [see Stevenson press cuttings file]
1974: Teaching of English to overseas students transferred from Torphichen Street School Annexe to Sighthill

1973: Mexican and Japanese students receive English Speaking Certificates

1974: Albert Addo from Ghana came to Edinburgh on an Ghanaian government grant following an accident to his hand. A print shop employee he received an artificial arm from the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital and enrolled on the TOPS reprographic course at Ramsay [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

1974: Chilean refugees offered free English course organised by The Chilean Committee for Human Rights [see Stevenson press cuttings file]

Kazakhstan engineering students [see JEC photographs]

2006: Stevenson college decides to work towards a LGBT Youth Charter Mark [see college newsletter SCeNe] Charter Mark awarded in Dec 2007, establishing the college as a centre for excellence in LGBT inclusion, and launched a buddy scheme for LGBT students the same month.



1973: Principal bans talk on homosexuality "Homosexuals and the Revolution", planned by the College's Socialist Society. Described as "autocratic" by society chairman Chris Walls. After discussions with Principal Dick, the talk went ahead as planned in the smokers' common room [see Stevenson press cuttings]

1988: Article in JEVC student magazine "After Ours" on Clause 28

1973: College outlaws a "Gay Society" set up with the help of the Students' Union

1974: Edinburgh candidates face a question session at Telford College [see newspaper cutting in Regent Road album, Alex Fletcher winning candidate]

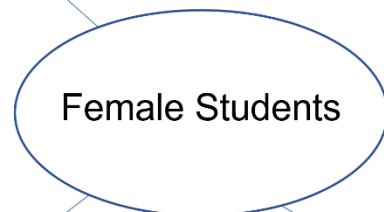


Brian Allan, president of the students' association expelled for not attending classes despite him being a sabbatical president - Stevenson [see Stevenson press cuttings]

1976: Stevenson College students take part in a NUS rally at the Caley Cinema, Lothian Road, Edinburgh to protest against education cuts [see Stevenson press cuttings]

1979: Students boycott the canteen [see Stevenson press cuttings]

1984: College introduces courses in electronics industry posts specifically for women. Creche made available. For women over 25yrs only due to European Social Fund [See Stevenson press cuttings]



1984: Wider Opportunities for Women [WOW]. The college along with Edinburgh University began recruiting for courses to bring married women up to date with the modern working scene. Funded by Manpower Services Commission [See Stevenson press cuttings]

1975: College offers short course for tenants and community groups to learn about local government. Run by dept. of languages and social studies. Mainly attended by "housewives" [See Stevenson press cuttings]

Appendix 7: Key Dates

Month	Day	Year	Event
January	6	1971	Stevenson College Sighthill campus officially opened (although had been accepting students since the beginning of the academic year 1970)
	10	1969	Official opening ceremony of the new purpose built campus for Esk Valley College at Newbattle Road [programme in archives]
April	28	1988	Jewel and Esk Valley College officially opened with keynote speaker Mike McGahey [film footage in archives]
June	19	1981	Stevenson College holds an electric vehicle conference [programme in archives]
July	11	1978	Official opening of Leith Nautical College's new premises at Milton Road by Prince of Wales [transparencies in archive]
August	1	1966	Robert Macleod appointed first principal of Telford College despite there being no campus building
	26	1968	Telford College moves into purpose built campus at Crewe Toll
September	1	1952	Esk Valley College opens with a staff of five in the recently vacated Newtongrange Miners Hostel, Lingerwood [site plan of huts in archive]
	20	1923	W M Ramsay Technical Institute opens with 170 students enrolled [log book in archives]
December	1	2008	Opening of EH15 Restaurant at Milton Road campus [digital images in archives]