

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOUSE

INTRODUCTION

Queen Elizabeth House (QEH) was founded as result of a gift of £100,000 given by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer to the University of Oxford. This money was donated for the development of colonial studies and the establishment of a colonial centre in Oxford. This donation was supplemented by a gift of £50,000 from the British Government's Colonial Development and Welfare Fund. QEH was constituted by Royal Charter in 1954 to provide a residential centre which people concerned with the study of Commonwealth affairs could visit to make contacts and exchange ideas.

On its foundation QEH was a corporate establishment administered by a governing body comprising a President (Viscount Chandos), the Vice-Chancellor (ALP Norrington) and up to 16 other members nominated by the Government or the University. It also had a warden who was essentially the manager of QEH. Although affiliated to the University, QEH was not funded by it and relied on the Government, overseas governments, industry research grants and donations from private individuals for its funding.

In 1958 QEH was extended to provide a hall and additional residential accommodation and in 1961 it was able to house the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, with which QEH was closely linked. Funds for the extension were raised by appeals to industry. During the 1960s QEH was developed as a residential and conference centre, a centre for University lectures and classes, and for social activities for advanced students and other visitors from the Commonwealth. Those residing at QEH included government service cadets, journalists, teachers and students from Commonwealth countries. QEH offered vacation courses as well as hosting the University's Overseas Service Course.

In the 1980s there was a drive to reshape QEH as a centre for international studies, a move away from being purely a centre for study concerning the Commonwealth. In 1986 it was merged with the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the Oxford University Institute of Agricultural Economics to create the International Development Centre, a department of the University within the Social Studies Faculty (*Statutes 1987*). As a result of this merger the structure, funding and governance of QEH changed. Most of the functions of the governing body were assumed by the University. In 1994 the governing body was officially dissolved following the transfer of the assets of QEH to the University and the surrender of the Royal Charter. It was replaced by an Advisory Council for the department.

From 1958 to 2005 QEH was located at 20-21 St Giles. From the late 1950s to 1977 QEH leased 7 and 9 Banbury Road which were used as residential units and living quarters for the Warden. In 2006, the department moved to the former School of Geography building in Mansfield Road and became known as the Oxford Department of International Development (Queen Elizabeth House).

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QE 1-53 were transferred to the Archives in 2003, and QE 54-60 in 2009. QE 61 was received from Professor Fitzgerald in 2011.

WARDENS / DIRECTORS

Note: From 1971 the position of Warden of QEH and Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies were held by the same person.

1954-70	LC Wilcher 1954-70
1971-8	PP Streeten (Director of Institute of Commonwealth Studies from 1969)
1978-9	KB Griffin
1979-86	AD Hazlewood
1986-93	R Cassen
1993-2002	FJ Stewart
2003-4	TR Thorp
2004-7	B Harriss-White
2007-	EVK FitzGerald

PRESIDENTS

1954-70	Viscount Chandos
1971-4	Lord Redcliffe-Maud

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- QE 3 Papers relating to a working party investigating the future of the Institute of Agricultural Economics. 1979-82
- QE 4 Correspondence and papers relating to research at the Institute of Agricultural Economics. 1980
- QE 5 Correspondence and papers relating to the sharing of accommodation by Queen Elizabeth House and the Institute of Agricultural Economics. 1985-6
- QE 6 Report on the incorporation of the Institute of Agricultural Economics into Queen Elizabeth House. 1986
- QE 7 Papers relating to the reprinting of the Queen Elizabeth House charter. 1974
- QE 8 Correspondence and papers relating to Queen Elizabeth House's coat of arms. 1977-80
- QE 9 Paper relating to Queen Elizabeth House's relationship with the University, entitled *QEH: The New Phase. Report of Seamus Rainbird and Frances Stewart to the Governing Body working party chaired by Sir John Kendrew.* 1984

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- QE 12 Card index of names of companies and their donations to the 1968 appeals. undated
- QE 13 Correspondence and papers relating to appeals for funds, including a copy of the 1959 appeal brochure. 1965-7
- QE 14 Correspondence and papers relating to the 1967 appeal, including a copy of the 1961 Queen Elizabeth House brochure. 1967-8
- QE 15 Correspondence and papers relating to funding. 1972-3
- QE 16 Papers relating to letters to prospective donors, including a list of companies and their donations to the 1974 appeal. 1974-82
- QE 17 Correspondence and papers relating to the 1982 appeal. 1982
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- QE 20/1-2 Correspondence of the Governing Body. 1962-79
1. 1962-5
 2. 1965-79
- QE 21 Minutes, papers and related correspondence of the Governing Body. 1960-1, 1964-7
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- QE 23 Draft report of the academic and financial review of the Oxford University Foreign Service Programme and the annual report of the Warden. 1982
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- QE 26 Correspondence and papers relating to research and academic projects at Queen Elizabeth House and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, including a list of students on the Foreign Service Course and paper entitled 'Suggestions regarding the future lines of operation of the Institute'. 1968-78
- QE 27 Correspondence and papers relating to St Hugh's College, including lists of members and visiting fellows at Queen Elizabeth House and a list of Foreign Service Course students. 1972-8
- QE 28 Minutes, papers and correspondence relating to the Queen Elizabeth House Common Room Club, including the minutes of the Wine Committee. 1965-8

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- QE 30 Correspondence and papers relating to Queen Elizabeth House finances, including a report by Sir John Maud on Queen Elizabeth House and its development. 1958-69
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- QE 33/1-2 Statements of accounts and related correspondence. 1966-81
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- QE 34 LC Wilcher's file on the Anglo-Sudanese Association of which he was a member, including agenda, minutes, papers and related correspondence. 1960-5
- QE 35 Correspondence with, and relating to, the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, chiefly concerning the sharing of running costs of accommodation. 1962-9
- QE 36 Correspondence and papers relating to the Oxford Committee for Racial Integration, including papers relating to its establishment and constitution. 1965-9
- QE 37 Correspondence chiefly with the University Chest and solicitors, relating to 13 Banbury Road, with related papers. 1959-61
- QE 38 Correspondence and papers relating to 7 Banbury Road. 1961-76

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- QE 39 Correspondence chiefly with the University Chest and solicitors, relating to 9 Banbury Road, with related papers. 1970-6
- QE 40 Correspondence and papers relating to a move to alternative accommodation after the vacation of 7 and 9 Banbury Road. 1970-7
- QE 41 Correspondence and papers, chiefly with the University surveyor and solicitors, relating to 19 St Giles. 1970-82
- QE 42 Warden's reports. 1956-62, 1964-75
- QE 43 Correspondence and papers relating to annual reports, including Institute of Commonwealth Studies 21st Annual Report 1969-70. 1957-72.
- QE 44 Warden's report and papers relating to its preparation. 1971
- QE 45 Acting Warden's report 1976-7, with related papers. 1977
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- QE 47 Papers relating to the Maxwell Center for the Study of Overseas Operations, Syracuse University. 1961-6
- QE 48 Correspondence relating to H Myint, lecturer in Economics of Under-developed Territories. 1949-65

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- QE 49/1-6 Files relating to visiting fellows. 1967-83
1. A-Ba
 2. Be-F
 3. G-L
 4. M-O
 5. P-Sa
 6. Si-Z
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 2. 1962-8
 3. 1968-82
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- QE 52 Correspondence and papers relating to the visit of the director of the Institut des Hautes Etudes d'Outremer. 1962-3
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- QE 56 Signed Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Governing Body. 1955-87 and 1989-90

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- QE 57 Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Governing Body, all unsigned except June 1965. 1964-6
- QE 58 Correspondence and papers relating to the investments of the Governing Body, with Financial Statements for the years 1986-93. 1990-2000
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