

## **Stop Further Archives Destruction at Ruskin College, Oxford, England**

The Advocacy Committee of the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (ART) would like to raise awareness about the destruction of archival material at Ruskin College in Oxford, England. Ruskin College, the trade union and labour movement college, founded in Oxford in 1899, has just moved from its central location to the outskirts of the city. In the course of this move much archival material representing the history of this pioneering College has been destroyed. This includes unique records of the working-class students who attended Ruskin in its first decades.

Although the damage has been done, and archival records have been destroyed forever, over 7,000 individuals have signed the [online petition to stop further archives destruction at Ruskin College, Oxford](#), helping to raise awareness of this loss.

On November 30, 2012, the [Anticapitalist Initiative](#) arranged a picket at Ruskin College to protest the destruction of archives.

### Resources:

The Telegraph "[Row After John Prescott's Old College 'Shreds Archive.'](#)" October 5, 2012.

The Times "[Archives Under Threat At Ruskin College.](#)" October 6, 2012.

History@Work: A Public History Commons From The National Council on Public History "[The Ruskin College Records; Destroying A Radical Past.](#)" (*Includes information about a letter writing campaign*).