Vocational Education Committee of County Cork (Prev. County of Cork Joint Committee of Technical Instruction)
Ref. IE CCCA/COVEC
Descriptive List
Cork City and County Archives

IDENTITY STATEMENT
Reference: COVEC
Title: Vocational Education Committee of County Cork (Prev. County of Cork Joint Committee of Technical Instruction)
Level of description: fonds
Date: 5 Oct 1903 - 24 Jan 1974
Extent: 24 items

CONTEXT
Creator
County of Cork Joint Committee of Technical Instruction
Vocational Education Committee of County Cork

Biographical/Administrative History
Joint Committee
1900 - 16 Oct 1930. Acts of 1889 and 1891 provided for the levying of a local rate of 1d. in the pound for the purposes of technical instruction and agriculture. The Committee was established by the County Council under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899, which provided that the Council of each County borough would establish a local statutory committee, which in the case of County Cork took place under a joint scheme that included each urban county district. The local committees prepared annual schemes of technical instruction which were subject to approval by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and involved both local rates and departmental funding. Superseded by the Vocational Education Committee of County Cork in Oct/Nov 1930.

VEC
5 Nov 1930 - 2013. Established by the Vocational Education Act 1930, as successor to the Technical
Instruction Committee. The original purpose of the committee was to administer continuation and technical education for 14 to 16-year-olds. Continuation education was defined as "general and practical training in preparation for employment in trades", while technical education was described as "pertaining to trades, manufacturers, commerce and other industrial pursuits". VECs set up and maintained vocational schools and community colleges. Later responsible for adult education and third level student maintenance grants. Responsible for Cork Regional Technical College (Cork Institute of Technology) until 1992. Each Vocational Education Committee was elected by the county, borough or urban district council and consisted partly of councillors and partly of persons with an "interest and experience in education", such as clergy, and those who could be recommended by bodies "interested in manufacture or trades". The Vocational Education (Amendment) Act 2001 changed the composition of the committees, and parents of students under 18 and members of the staff were also entitled to elect committee members. Members could also be appointed to represent the interests of students, voluntary organisations, community organisations, Irish language interests and business. Superseded by the Cork Education and Training Board (2013) which is an amalgamation of the Cork County, and Cork City, VECs.

Archival History
First 5 volumes of minutes from 1903 - 1929 donated in 1970s/1980s. Minutes from 1929 -1974 donated 2014. Collection was formerly referenced as 'U189'.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content
Minutes of meetings, County of Cork Joint Committee of Technical Instruction and later, the Vocational Education Committee of County Cork, 1903- 1974, also, financial expenditure, 1925-1928. (Formerly collection ref. U189).

Accruals
Accrual of financial records and other material expected.

System of Arrangement

COVEC/A Minute books arranged chronologically, 1903 – 1974 (23 items)

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions Governing Access
Open for research by appointment to those holding a current readers ticket. Data protection undertaking to be signed.

Conditions Governing Reproduction
Restriction on sensitive personal data from minute books.
Finding Aids
Fonds and Series level description

ALLIED MATERIALS

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ARCHIVIST’S NOTE
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Date: 29 Aug 2014
List of Items and Descriptions:

**COVEC/A Minute Books 1903 – 1974 (23 Items)**

Ref. COVEC/A   Date:  5 Oct 1903 - 24 Jan 1974
Title: Minutes of County Cork Vocational Education Committee, and its precursor, the County of Cork Technical Instruction Committee
Level: series
Extent: 23 vols.
Scope and Content:
Minutes of meetings and decisions made. (Volume 13. dating from 1948-1949, is missing).

1. 5 Oct 1903 - 18 Jan 1912 Technical Instruction Committee. With Index.

Includes:
5 Oct 1903, Sir George Colthurst in the chair, other members Rev. P.Hurley, Rev. P. Hill and Mr. Rich. Final approval for scheme of technical instruction received from the Department (409pp)

2. 15 Feb 1912 - 20 Sep 1917  As above (254pp)

3. 20 Sep 1917 - 26 Jul 1923  As above (250pp)

4. 18 Sep 1923 - 15 Jun 1926  As above (249pp)

5. 15 Jun 1926 - 20 Jun 1929  As above (252pp)

6. 20 Jun 1929 - 16 Oct 1930 Technical Instruction Committee ; 5 Nov 1930 - 15 Mar 1932 Vocational Education Committee;

Includes
First meeting of VEC held at County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Cork, convened by Secretary, Cork County Council. List of members appointed from County Council, Town Councils etc. Establishment of Finance Sub Committee. John M. Buckley, Secretary to former County Technical Committee, appointed as Chief Executive Officer. (254pp)

7. 15 Mar 1932 - 19 Jun 1934  Vocational Education Committee  (250pp)
8. 19 Jun 1934 - 26 Nov 1936  As above  (257pp)
9. 20 Nov 1936 - 18 Apr 1939  As above  (250pp)
10. 18 Apr 1939 - 30 Jul 1942  As above  (253pp)
11. 30 Jul 1942 - 26 Jul 1945  As above (242pp)
12. 26 Jul 1945 - 15 Jan 1948  As above (237pp)
13. MISSING
14. 23 May 1930 - 24 Jul 1952  As above (255pp)
15. 24 Jul 1952 - 13 Dec 1956  As above (529pp)
16. 13 Dec 1956 - 26 Jul 1960  As above (459pp)
17. 26 Jul 1960 - 20 Sep 1962  As above (395pp)
18. 20 Sep 1962 - 18 Mar 1965  As above (520pp)
19. 18 Mar 1965 - 14 Mar 1967  As above (526pp)
20. 20 Apr 1967 - 16 Dec 1968  As above (508pp)
22. 18 Jun 1970 - 17 Feb 1972  As above (507pp)
23. 12 Feb 1972 - 20 Sep 1973  As above (412pp)
24. 19 Sep 1973 - 24 Jan 1974  As above (58pp)

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