

The Archival Solidarity project of the ICA Section of Records Management and Archival Professional Associations (SPA/AS) encourages sharing of information about archival assistance, cooperation and international outreach projects – archivists supporting archivists to promote archival development.

Here is one story of a project involving the African National Congress, the University of Fort Hare, South Africa and the Dodd Center of the University of Connecticut.

From 1999 to 2005, the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center of the University of Connecticut worked actively with the African National Congress (ANC) and the University of Fort Hare on a joint oral history and archives project. The project involved processing ANC records created during the apartheid era and gathering oral histories of more than 200 ANC leaders and members. The Dodd Center provided archival training: planning a training workshop for project staff in South Africa, supporting a three month internship for one staff member at the Dodd Center, hosting short term visits of staff from both the ANC and the University of Fort Hare and providing on-site library consulting and training at the University of Fort Hare. Funding for the project came from grants from the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the Tertiary Education Linkages Program (TELP), and from the University of Connecticut.

We invite individuals, organizations and institutions to share their stories. Write to:

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