

# Green Memory Archive





The Archiv Grünes Gedächtnis (which translates as 'Green Memory Archive') documents the history of Alliance 90/The Greens and the new social movements. It catalogs the material, making it accessible to the public and preserving it for future generations.

### The political archive

contains the files of the executive committees, branch offices and parliamentary groups of the party at the European, federal and state levels. Archival materials of organizations close to the party and initiatives of the new social movements are a further focus of the collection.

Personal donations and materials from the estates of politicians and active members of the party and new social movements constitute a special category of the archive's holdings. These stocks provide valuable documentation, especially with regard to the parliamentary work of the Greens.

### The archive library

collects the full range of material released by Alliance 90/The Greens, ranging from publications of the federal executive committee to circulars issued by local organizations and works of Green authors. It encompasses gray literature and an extensive collection of periodicals, traditional print publications and online media.

The collection is a reference library.

The catalog is available online: [boell.f Faust-web.de](http://boell.f Faust-web.de)

### The digital archive

complements the holdings of the federal and regional organizations and personal files. The digital collection raises questions regarding long-term archiving and requires the solution of numerous technical issues such as format control. Work is in progress to permit the use of the electronic materials in the near future. Ultimately, the digital collection will facilitate working in the archive thanks to its convenient full-text search capabilities.

### The audiovisual collections

consist of photographs, posters, audio and video material, websites, leaflets, objects and press clippings of the party and parliamentary group. The online catalog of the collection is updated regularly.

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### Reading room

The archive materials may be viewed in the reading room. Copying is subject to fees. For more information on using the archive and its scale of fees, please visit

[boell.de/archiv](http://boell.de/archiv)

### Events

The archive organizes events on the history of Alliance 90/The Greens, current research, archive-specific topics and discussions with contemporary witnesses. It also offers guided tours with presentations on Green history on request.

For more information, please contact [archiv@boell.de](mailto:archiv@boell.de)



Meeting of the federal delegates' conference in Bayreuth, 1990

The campaign office for the 1979 European elections was the seed of today's national headquarters of Alliance 90/The Greens, and the systematic documentation of the Greens in the Green Memory Archive begins there. In 1982, the Greens significantly expanded their headquarters in the run-up to the 1983 federal election. The core documents are the files of the federal executive committee, the federal delegates' conferences and the federal general committee of the party, files related to the environmental, peace and anti-nuclear movement, correspondence and press releases as well as the member administration of the years 1979 to 1982. The documents from the early days provide important insights into the founding Green generation and the party's role in the environmental, peace and anti-nuclear movements.

The files of the federal delegates' conferences, the most important party body, include proposals, minutes, resolutions and speeches. The party conferences are partly available as audio and video material. The files of the federal general committee established in 1980 – the highest decision-making body between party conferences – have also been cataloged on a meeting-by-meeting basis. They contain invitations, minutes, correspondence and proposals.

The party archive is open to the public. The cataloging of the material is in progress.

## The parliamentary archive

### The Greens in the European Parliament



The archive of the European parliamentary group chronicles the Greens' presence in the European Parliament from their first entry in 1984 to the present. It contains the files of the general secretariat, including those of meetings of the parliamentary group and group executive, as well as the files of the technical sections related to the European Parliament's committees.

In addition to paper files, the parliamentary archive also contains extensive digital resources.

Audio recordings are available of the parliamentary group meetings.

The core of the collection covers the group meetings during the weeks of the parliamentary sessions with the decisions on all agenda items.

The parliamentary party archive is supplemented by around 50 depository holdings from members of the European Parliament. These are not limited to German Greens – nearly all Green parties that have sent representatives to Brussels to date are represented by depository holdings.

The combination of documents of the general secretariat, of parliamentary group meetings, technical sections and numerous individual MPs provide a detailed insight into Green policy in the European Parliament.



## The Petra Kelly archive



The Petra Kelly archive is a unique resource on the history of the German Green Party and the worldwide movement against the nuclear threat and for disarmament, peace, human rights and emancipation. The objective of the archive is to preserve the memory of Petra Kelly as a personality and to promote work on her ideas for a new political culture by providing public access to the extensive collection of written material in her estate.

Petra Kelly's political essays, speeches and lectures make up the focus of the collection. Kelly compiled substantial collections of material on all of the political fields in which she was active. As the basis for her political work, the source material today provides valuable insights into Green and alternative approaches to solutions for the political issues of the 1970s and 1980s.

The Petra Kelly archive encompasses around 240 linear meters of material. It contains files, a library with approximately 5,000 titles, videotapes, audio cassettes and an extensive collection of photographs.

### Petra Kelly Prize

Every year, the Heinrich Böll Foundation awards the Petra Kelly Prize to honor people and civil society organizations that are particularly committed to the respect of human rights, the nonviolent resolution of problems and the protection of our environment. With its prize, the foundation also commemorates Petra Kelly, co-founder and spokesperson of the German Green Party and an outstanding personality of the worldwide ecological and pacifist movements.

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## Archives of the environmental and anti-nuclear movements

The need to collect and keep information about nuclear power plants and the dangers they pose has led to the creation of anti-nuclear archives in various locations. Three such collections, which complement each other well – the anti-nuclear archives of Umweltzentrum Bielefeld, of the Green group in the Frankfurt am Main regional association, and of the Green parliamentary group from 1983 to 1990 – can be used at the Green Memory Archive.

The documents of the Hanover-based Gruppe Ökologie provide information about the nationwide networking of eco-institutes in the early phase of the anti-nuclear movement, a time in which numerous such initiatives existed. The documents of the anti-nuclear archives not only contain information on the dangers of the nuclear industry, but above all provide insights into the organization of the anti-nuclear movement.

The Green Memory Archive is also home to the archive of the Gen-ethisches Netzwerk – a network of scientists, journalists and policy-makers critical of genetic engineering – and the Grüne Liga, a network of ecological movements in post-socialist East Germany. The archives of the Gen-ethisches Netzwerk date back to its beginnings in the 1980s. With regard to the Grüne Liga, the federal and Berlin state organizations are particularly well-documented.

A major focus of the reference library is on periodicals and gray literature related to the new social movements.



### A request

The archive is interested in expanding its collections of historical brochures, newspapers, photos, posters, programs, flyers and work documents, particularly those related to the anti-nuclear and peace movements and the early days of the party. Please contact us if you have material you would like to contribute.

## Photographs

Photographs have a special significance as historical sources. And not just professional images – personal snapshots can also capture the atmosphere of a situation, document political events as they unfold and illustrate the personalities of those taking part.

The Green Memory Archive's photography collection is a pictorial record of the history of the German Greens and social movements and a source of visual material for exhibitions and publications.

The majority of the photos were a part of the press and public-relations work of the Green Party at the federal level and the Green parliamentary groups of the German Bundestag. Collections of private photographs document focal points of the conflict over the building sites of nuclear facilities in Wyhl and Gorleben in the seventies, for example, or protests of the peace movement in the eighties.

The collection can be accessed via a database in the archive. It contains around 8,000 paper prints accessible via a database with text and images, as well as an increasing stock of digital photography, especially pertaining to the activities of Alliance 90/The Greens in Berlin and at federal party conferences.

Please note that the archive often does not hold the copyright to the images.



Press conference of the parliamentary group against the nuclear re-processing plant in Wackersdorf in 1985

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## The archive of the parliamentary group



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The first Green parliamentary group presents its official bicycle at a press conference in April 1983.

At the first all-German election in December 1990, the West German Greens did not reach the threshold needed to re-enter parliament. In the wake of the election, the Green Memory Archive was set up following lengthy deliberations in 1990-91, thus providing a lasting archive solution for the files documenting the work of Germany's first Green parliamentary groups. These files became the foundation of the archive. Since then, physical and digital documents of parliamentary group chairpersons, executives, working groups and departments have steadily been transferred to the archive. The work of the parliamentary groups – from the preparation of parliamentary initiatives, to events, consultations with experts, cooperation with extra-parliamentary groups, networks and personalities – is thus preserved in the archive and is available to the public once the cataloging of the documents is complete.

Audio recordings of hearings and events of the parliamentary group, films, photos, posters, flyers, websites and publications round out the physical and digital record of the parliamentary groups.



## Information

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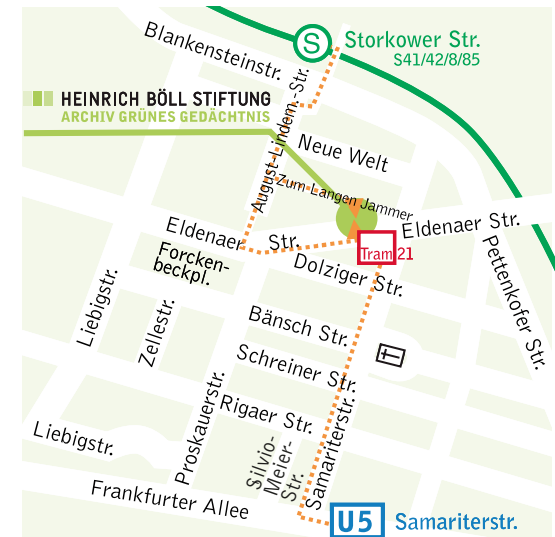
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