We Are Everywhere, International Collection, 1975-1981 Coll2011.100*

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**creator:** We Are Everywhere International.

**Historical Note**

We Are Everywhere, International (WAEI) was founded in Los Angeles in 1978 by gay and lesbian rights activists reacting to news reports of police brutality against the gay community in Sydney, Australia. WAEI sought to establish cooperative links between gay rights organizations worldwide by applying Article II of the United Nations' 1946 Convention on Genocide (which specified victims as "multi-national communities universally distributed which clearly suffer from genocide") as a legal basis for organized international opposition to the oppression of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people.

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**Scope and Content**

Flyers, correspondence, annual reports, press releases, position statements, articles, meeting notes, meeting minutes, and bylaws documenting activities of the Los Angeles-based gay human rights organization We Are Everywhere, International (WAEI), 1975-1981. WAEI's founders identified homophobia "an international problem" that might be addressed "by joining with others to offset the horrors of oppression/repression/exploitation of us [as] an international community." WAEI invoked Article II of the United Nations' 1946 Convention on Genocide (which specified victims as "multi-national communities universally distributed which clearly suffer from genocide") as a legal basis for organized international opposition to the oppression of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people. The collection documents both international and domestic (immigration policy and prisoner advocacy) efforts of WAEI.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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