

**Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology Special and Unique Collections**  
**Revised edition of the Finding aid Template: 13 November 2021**

**Creator:** Michael Cooley

**Title:** Professor Mike Cooley Collection

**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> Century

**Volume of collection:** 34 large plastic boxes and approximately 1400 physical books

**Language of materials:** English and German

**Collection summary:** The personal collection consists of 1039 35mm slides, 111 VHS cassettes tapes, 92 Audio Cassettes, 14 Dictaphones tapes, journals, personal correspondence, Lucas plan, physical artifacts, magazine and newspapers clippings.

**Biographical note:** Michael Joseph Edward Cooley born in Tuam Co. Galway 1934-2020. An Irish-born engineer, writer and trade union leader, best known for his work on the social effects of technology, such as "*Socially Useful Production*" and "*Human Centred Systems*". He was involved in workplace activism at the British company Lucas Aerospace in the late 1970s

**Collection description:** The Professor Mike Cooley Collection spans his life both on a personal and professional level and would have been his personal effects taken from his home office. The inventory of the collection shows a collection of Video Cassettes, 35mm slides, Dictaphone tapes, correspondence, reports, and magazine and newspapers clippings.

**Status:** The 1400 Physical books have been catalogued and are available on Waterford Institute of Technology Library Management System KOHA, the standard used is the MARC record format (**MA**chine-Readable Cataloguing record)

An inventory of Professor Mike Cooley's personal documents has been created, the collection of metadata and the digitization of the collection is a large ongoing project.

**Digitized copies:** Digital copies of collection material are not available online. For information about obtaining digital copies, please contact Special Collections, Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology.

**Access restrictions:** Materials in the collection may be subject to privacy restrictions. Requests to use the material must be made in advance of a research visit, please contact Special Collections, Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology.

**Rights note:** Materials in this collection maybe subject to copyright.

**Custodial history:** Mike Cooley

**Acquisition note:** Waterford Institute of Technology is delighted to announce that it has acquired by donation from the Cooley Family the entire archive of Professor Michael Cooley in July 2017. There was no official deposit/donation agreement signed for the archive.

**Physical Location of the collection:** Luke Wadding Library, LB.31 and LB.13.

**Link to resources on KOHA Library management System:** [https://witcat.wit.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?q=ccl%3Dse%2Cphr%3A%22Professor+Mike+Cooley+Collection.%22&sort\\_by=title\\_az](https://witcat.wit.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?q=ccl%3Dse%2Cphr%3A%22Professor+Mike+Cooley+Collection.%22&sort_by=title_az)