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Charity, Welfare and Emotions in Early Modern Britain and Ireland: A Royal Historical Society Symposium

Nottingham Trent University, 5th September 2019, 9.30-17.00

This symposium will explore the relationship between the emotions and experiences of charity and welfare. One of the key developments in recent scholarship on welfare and poor relief has been a growing emphasis on a diversity of experiences beyond formal contributions and statutory entitlements, as well as an increasing understanding of the complexity of motivations for giving. And the field has also witnessed a turn to foreground the experiences of the poor and those in need of care, rather than simply focusing on the ways in which they were helped and/or controlled. At the same time, the history of emotions is an exciting and rapidly expanding field which offers not just fresh subject matter, but new ways of approaching and conceptualising historical study itself. The potential for linking these two areas has not been fully realised, especially in the study of the early modern British Isles.

Thanks to generous funding from the Royal Historical Society, this event is free for all to attend.

All attendees must register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-welfare-and-emotions-in-early-modern-britain-and-ireland-tickets-60519906670> to assist with planning and catering purposes.

Registration closes on 10 August 2019.

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9.30-9.50 Arrival and Registration

9.50-10.00 Welcome and introductory remarks (Andrew Gritt, Head of History, Nottingham Trent University)

10.00-11.00 Session I

Nathan Hood (University of Edinburgh), ‘“Man shall not live by bread alone”: Emotional Responses to Crisis, Disaster and Suffering in early modern Scottish Public Fasting’

Bethany Marsh (University of Nottingham), ‘Home and Belonging in the experiences of Irish refugees in the mid seventeenth century’

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Session II

Chris Langley (Newman University, Birmingham), Title to follow

Hannah Robb (Durham), Title to follow

13.00-13.50 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Session III

John McCallum (Nottingham Trent University), ‘Stirring up their hearts to charity: The role of Emotions in Early Modern Scottish Poor Relief’

Karen Sonnelitter (Siena College), ‘“Innocence and Want are Powerful Pleas”’: Emotions, Charity, and Soldier’s Children in Eighteenth-Century Ireland’

15.00-15.20 Coffee break

15.20-16.20 Session IV

Jonathan Healey (University of Oxford), ‘“Sad and Lamentable Poverty: Experiencing the Poor Law in Seventeenth Century England”’

16.30-17.00 Closing Roundtable Discussion (chaired by Lizbeth Powell)