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

Nottingham Trent University, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 9.30-17.00



This symposium explores 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. This Symposium will suggest that the potential for linking these two areas has not been fully realised, especially in the study of the early modern British Isles, and aim to encourage dialogue between the two fields.

**All are welcome to attend this exploration of the relationship between emotion and experiences of poverty, charity, and welfare in the early modern British Isles. Thanks to generous support from the Royal Historical Society, this event is free for all to attend.**

Programme and registration details are at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-welfare-and-emotions-in-early-modern-britain-and-ireland-tickets-60519906670> (registration is compulsory and 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 (Manchester), *‘Remember the poor: the obligation to give in the  
seventeenth century’*

**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)