

Call for Papers

Quinnipiac University
Hamden, Connecticut, USA
June 14-17, 2017

Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University, in partnership with the Irish Heritage Trust at Strokestown Park, is hosting an international conference, "Children and the Great Hunger in Ireland."



In any sustained period of food hunger and famine, children are one of the most vulnerable groups in terms of disease and mortality. The Great Hunger that occurred in Ireland between 1845 and 1852 is no exception.

This conference will explore the impact of famine on children and young adults. While the focus will be on Ireland's Great Hunger, a comparative approach is encouraged. It is anticipated that a selection of papers will be published.

Suggested topics and themes (but not limited to):

- Children and poor relief
- Children and philanthropy
- Abandonment and societal shame
- Children's literature and children in literature
- Visual representations of children and young adults
- Childhood diseases
- Vagrancy and prostitution
- Children and crime
- Averted births and demography
- Proselytizing the young
- Children in print and material culture
- Teaching the Great Hunger
- The Earl Grey Scheme
- The churches and children
- Children in folklore
- Sport and leisure
- Famine and the family
- Children of the Big House
- Children and emigration
- Memory and survivors' accounts
- Witness accounts
- Memorializing the young

Papers are welcomed from all disciplines and from both established scholars and new researchers.

Abstracts of 250-300 words for 20-minute papers or proposals for roundtable sessions on specific themes, together with 100-word biographical statements, should be directed to:

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