

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, are 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.

Keynote speakers include: Christine Kinealy (Quinnipiac), Mark McGowan (U of Toronto), Maureen Murphy (Hofstra)

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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Deadline for receipt of abstracts: April 1, 2017



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