



VAHS New Researchers

Dear all,

I am pleased to announce the new committee of VAHS New Researchers for 2012. This sub-committee of the Voluntary Action History Society exists to support postgraduate and early career researchers working on the history of charity, campaigning and civil society.

The group was formed following the VAHS's third international research conference, hosted by the University of Liverpool in the summer of 2008. We decided to capitalise on the encouraging turnout from postgraduates and early career scholars with a series of one-day workshops on various historical themes. Following a successful first workshop on 'Medicine and Charity in History' at Oxford Brookes University in 2009, we won two grants from the Economic History Society. These grants supported workshops on themes including charity and the city, imperial benevolence, domestic space, youth and recreation, and child poverty.

A number of new researchers have worked hard to make this workshop series a real success, including the group's co-founder, Dr Georgina Brewis of the Institute of Education, and the outgoing chair, Dr Stephen Soanes of the University of Warwick.

In 2012, a new committee will be hosting another EHS-funded workshop at the University of Huddersfield in March on 'gendering the history of charity and voluntary action' and working to secure funding for further workshops on a various themes. Its members will be:

- Dr George Campbell Gosling, Oxford Brookes University (co-founder and chair)
- Anna Bocking-Welch, University of York
- Dr Eve Colpus, University of Oxford
- Anjelica Finnegan, University of Southampton
- Angela Grainger, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Dr Kevin O'Sullivan, University College Dublin/University of Birmingham
- Tosh Warwick, University of Huddersfield
- Michael Weatherburn, King's College/Imperial College London

If you would like to know more about workshops or the other ways we support new researchers – including our IHR seminars, weekly blog and conference prizes – please see our webpages at www.vahs.org.uk/newresearchers or get in touch with Dr Gosling via email at gcgosling@brookes.ac.uk.

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