



CALL FOR PAPERS

Charity Begins at Home: Approaches to the History of Domestic Space and Voluntary Action

A Workshop for Postgraduates and Early Career Researchers

27 March 2010, University of Warwick



This one-day workshop offers postgraduates and early career researchers an opportunity to reflect on how historians might research and write effective histories of the relationship between charity and the home.

We welcome papers that reflect upon the speaker's experiences addressing issues in their own research on charity and the home. The emphasis of the contributions should be on the methodological, thematic or evidential challenges speakers have addressed in their research. Submissions are invited from all periods and locations. Papers might address the relationship between voluntary action and domestic spaces as:

- **Charity emanating from the home**, e.g., the home as a location for fundraising events, a place for giving or coordinating charity, collective action by families and neighbours
- **Charity targeting the home**, e.g., social work, religious outreach, benevolent funds, or those **rejected from the home**, e.g., unmarried mothers, foundlings
- **Charity as the home**, e.g., almshouses, nursing homes, hospices, refuge and boarding

Papers presented in the first part of the workshop will provide the basis for a roundtable discussion led by Dr Pat Starkey and Dr Alysa Levene in the second part of the day.

Proposals of up to 300 words (and any informal queries) should be e-mailed to Stephen Soanes at workshop@vahs.org.uk by 10 February 2010.