



HOME RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION
RENEWING THE CULTURE OF THE HOME



Call for Papers

IV International Conference

A home: a place of growth, care and wellbeing

A CPD interdisciplinary conference on the pivotal role of the home in health and social care

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1. CONFERENCE THEME

The home -a concept universally experienced, permeating every aspect of our lives- yet at the same time an entity of which the influence on health and wellbeing is poorly understood.

2. AIMS AND STRANDS

This conference has two main aims: to present and consolidate current thought and evidence on the role of the home in promoting and sustaining health -both personal health and the health of the society at large; and to promote future evidence-based discourse and policy-making.

This conference aims to bring together anyone interested in the role of the home in health and disease. International experts will review and discuss the evidence base that links the home with physical and emotional health. Delegates will find opportunities to forge future collaborations to understand and disseminate the influence of this most basic building block of our society.

This conference will be of interest to those involved in public health, social care, policy-making and healthcare professionals wishing to add context to the role of the home in preventing or causing illnesses that they help manage.

The conference will be organized into four main strands:

The home in the early years- nurturing the development of tomorrow's society

This strand will present data and discuss how the home supports intellectual development, the acquisition of good health and social habits and serves as the platform for which growth can be based.

The role of the home in society

How does the home support society at large? Does society really benefit from having homes? What is the difference between a home and a roof over one's head? Is the promotion of healthy home life essential for a healthy society- and why?

The home as a place to age

Care of older people and those with disabilities has never been more topical, yet western society is perplexed by how to deal with this problem. Ever more challenging demographic pressures continue to further stretch overburdened health and social care systems. How can the home help? Can the environment of the home - its architecture, technology and the organization and planning of its geographical location - facilitate maintaining the independence of those in need of care? What does the home mean to the elderly and disabled and can 'Care Homes' ever be true homes?

The home- supporting health through nutrition

With the health-food industry now rivalling big brands and major food manufacturers in its economic might, we take a step back and review some of the evidence backing good nutrition and health. How can food keep you healthy, how can food make you healthy? Can it? We review some evidence where direct dietary modification results in dramatically improved wellbeing, and look at how the home can help support better health through nutrition. This strand will be of particular interest to all those interested in an overview of the role of food in health and how to help put this knowledge into practice.

3. Why the Home?

While the home permeates all aspects of our lives, there is little public interest and understanding of the home and its wide-reaching influence, let alone the amount of technological, political, and social focus the home is able to generate.

It is therefore vital to increase the understanding and wide-spread acknowledgment of the pivotal role of the home in creating health and wellbeing for individuals and for society. This conference posits that the main criteria for healthy, happy individuals and societies is an abundance of stable and well-run homes.

The home is our first encounter with the world and it is critical in shaping not just our worldview, personality and character, but also the history and future of humanity. It is not only in the early years of an individual's development that the home has its major influence, as on-going fundamental needs such as food, shelter, security, love and care are met through the home; everyday work, life and aspirations also revolve around the home. Our basic humanity and dignity is played out in the home.

Units of homes make up society. Therefore, impacting homes impacts societies at its core.

The conference aims to bring the home to the forefront of public awareness, instead of the subject of the home and the work required to cultivate a home staying in the background, below the radar of social interest. It is high time that the home generates the attention it deserves from individuals and from the world at large.

4. Call for Papers

All papers and presentations will be themed around the role of the home as a catalyst to forming a healthy person and a healthy society.

The Home Renaissance Foundation welcomes papers from experts from a wide range of academic disciplines and professional fields including but not limited to: Public Health, Public Policy, Education, Urban Planning, Medicine, Nutrition, Human Ecology, Sports and other Health Sciences, Psychology, Neurology, Neuroendocrinology, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Social Work, Social Care, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Politics, Law, Ethics, Enforcement, Economics, Business, Statistics, Biology and Human Geography.

Sample studies may include:

- The Home and the early years
 - Home school for life
 - Home and intellectual development
 - Home in children with learning disabilities
 - Home as an environment for healthy growth

- Home, a primer for citizenship for children and teenagers
- Home for children with physical disabilities

- The role of the home in society
 - Home economy and responsible citizenship (looking after property, money and budgets)
 - Instruction at home and anti-social behaviour (crime, alcoholism, drug abuse, violence)
 - Responsible use of technology at home and academic and work performance

- The home, supporting health through nutrition
 - Health and home cooking
 - Cooking for Chronic illnesses (diabetes, heart disease, cancer)
 - Home and family life to promote healthy habits (exercise, sleeping well, social interaction)
 - Choice of food and meal planning to prevent common risk factors for disease (obesity, hypertension, alcohol misuse)

- The home as a place to age
 - The home for the independent elderly: maintaining health and independence
 - Homes for patients with dementia, what can be improved?
 - Access and disability
 - Safe and secure neighbourhoods
 - Returning home after illness or admission to hospital
 - Tele-medicine
 - Wearable sensors and distant health monitoring

5. SUBMISSION PROCEDURE AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

a) Important dates

- **Proposal submission deadline:**

30th May 2017, 5:00pm GMT (London Time)

For proposals selected, notification will be sent before 30th June 2017 by Home Renaissance Foundation.

- **Paper submission deadline:**

30th August 2017, 5:00pm GMT (London Time)

For selected papers, notification and feedback will be sent before 15th September 2017 by Home Renaissance Foundation to allow for any revisions before the Revised paper submission deadline below.

- **Revised paper submission deadline:**
7th October 2017, 5:00pm GMT (London Time)
- **Conference:**
16th – 17th November 2017

To ensure that your submission is received and reviewed, please read the guidelines and instructions in the pages that follow carefully and feel free to submit early! The Scientific Committee members will review all submissions before making a final decision. We regret that submissions that do not follow the guidelines will not be reviewed.

b) Submission procedures

Step 1:

Please register your proposal (between 300 and 500 words) with Home Renaissance Foundation by the Proposal submission deadline (in the previous page) to research@homerenaissancefoundation.org. Please read through the research proposal and submission guidelines before sending the proposal template (Appendix A) with your cover letter. Home Renaissance Foundation will send a confirmation e-mail and submission identification number within 7 working days of receipt.

Step 2:

If your proposal is selected, please ensure you send your final paper (between 6000 and 8000 words) by the Paper submission deadline (in the previous page) to research@homerenaissancefoundation.org.

Step 3:

Home Renaissance Foundation's Scientific Committee will review the submitted papers and nominate workshop speakers by 15th September 2017. Notification will be made to the main author by email.

Step 4:

The revised paper (maximum 8000 words) must be submitted with the Submission Cover Letter (Appendix B) and the Submissions Identification Number, by the Revised paper submission deadline (in the previous page) to research@homerenaissancefoundation.org.

c) Submission guidelines

Format: All submissions (proposal, papers, and revised papers) should be sent in pdf or docx format.

Proposals: All proposals need to be accompanied by a cover letter (guideline in Appendix A).

Papers: All papers will be used for the nomination process. Papers should not exceed 8000 words (including references, appendices and other material). It would be helpful to clearly indicate how the paper links with the overall theme of the conference.

Revised Papers: All revised papers should be accompanied by the Submission Cover Letter (Appendix B) together with the Submission identification number. Revised Papers should not exceed 8,000 words (including references, all appendices and other materials)

➤ PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

If you submit an 8000-word paper by the Paper submission deadline, **you will automatically be eligible for a 50% reduction of the conference delegate registration fee.**

If your paper is nominated by Home Renaissance Foundation's Scientific Committee, you will receive a notification by 15th September, 2017.

For nominated authors, Home Renaissance Foundation provides two opportunities:

1. **Workshop participation**: Nominated authors are encouraged to present their paper at the workshop organised by Home Renaissance Foundation during the Conference.
2. **Publication**: Nominated papers will be published by the Home Renaissance Foundation.

➤ CONTACT

For further enquiries, please e-mail: research@homerenaissancefoundation.org.

Or our conference website: www.hrfconference.org

Appendix A: Proposal Cover Letter

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Call for Papers

Name: _____

University / Organization / Company:

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Note: Please provide the above details for each of the authors of the paper.

Title of the paper:

Abstract (maximum 500 words):

Appendix B: Submission Cover Letter

Name: _____

University / Organization / Company:

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Biography (maximum 100 words):

Note: Please provide the above details for each of the authors of the paper.

Title of the paper:

SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER