

What can we do 'to think and act together', and 'leave no one behind' in this process ?

Theme of 17 October 2014 will be

Leave no one behind:

Think, decide and act together against extreme poverty

How can we achieve this in our lives, groups,
communities, schools, in society...?

Jackie: Leaving no one behind means bringing back a homeless person to my home. I could lose my flat for taking this risk but I know what its like... I wouldn't leave any of my family behind . My home is important to me but my family is more important.

Jimmy: to leave no-one behind we have to understand each other. To take time to walk in each others shoes. We have also to avoid stigma for being in special places (remote area, special schools...).If we're living in the community, and not outside, then we're not left behind everyone else.

Marie: it is important to have people who set examples; who show the way for others.

Martin: we need to give more time and attention to people. For example in school, more time for children who have more difficulty learning, that means probably to have smaller classes.

Brendan: hardship creates division, being/coming together requires some basic securities accessed by all.

Michael: we need “to have a sense of humour” that we share with others. But we never should put anyone down. When you've come through it yourself you must not be a hypocrite and put down those living in a difficult situation.

Maureen: “Keeping contact with those who face hardship and are in risk of isolation, talking to them”

Patrick: it's important to be patient and to take the time needed; to consider people before time, and it encourages others. Sometimes when we want to work with others we need to stretch time a bit, and not be too hard with exact times. Priority is to adapt to people, not the project in our heads or on papers.