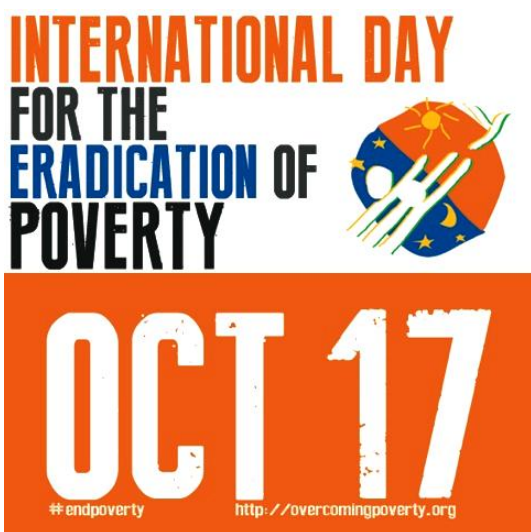


Alone you go faster
Together
we go further
Leave no
one behind



17 October 2014
IRELAND MARKS
#EndPoverty DAY



**UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND**



I would like to send by best wishes to all those taking part in the 2014 **UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**.

The theme for this year's International Day is: **Leave No One Behind: Think, Decide and Act Together Against Extreme Poverty**. It is a theme which invites us, as global citizens, to work in unison to fight one of the greatest human rights violations of the 21st century - global hunger. It is also a theme which reminds us that if we are to stand in solidarity with the world's poor and marginalized, we must never allow silent indifference or thoughtless collusion to overcome our innate humanitarian instinct.

UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a significant date on the global calendar. I thank you for ensuring it is a day when we, in Ireland, join together with citizens across the world in a spirit of shared humanity as we seek for sustainable solutions to marginalization and poverty.

Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland

Listening to unheard voices

On 17 October 1987, in the presence of 100,000 activists, Joseph Wresinski, founder of the International Movement **All Together in Dignity – ATD Fourth World** (www.atd-fourthworld.org), unveiled a Commemorative Stone on the Trocadero Human Rights Plaza in Paris.

On this marble Wresinski's call is engraved:

“Wherever men and women are condemned to live in poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights are respected is our solemn duty.”

Since then, this commemorative stone has become a rallying point for people from all walks of life. 17 October was declared **“International Day for the Eradication of Poverty”** by the United Nations in 1992.

The 17 October 2008 saw the unveiling of a commemorative stone on Custom House Quay near the Famine Memorial in Dublin.



On the 17 October every year, we come together in Ireland and around the world in friendship and solidarity with those who face chronic and severe poverty, honouring their struggles and renewing our determination to work for a world where everyone's human rights and human dignity are respected.

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Leave no one behind:

think, decide and act together against extreme poverty

The 2014 call to “**Leave no one behind**” points to the urgent need to eliminate discrimination and marginalisation based on poverty, ethnic origin, gender, age, disability or economic and social status. The call “**To think, decide and act together against extreme poverty**” highlights the need for local, national and international institutions to create genuine participatory mechanisms, with accountability mechanisms at all levels, while working as partners with communities to strengthen their own support organisations.

Friday 10 October 2014

Carrick-on-Shannon: Awareness event is organised by North West Simon Community (www.northwestsimon.ie)

Wednesday 15 October 2014

Brussels, Belgium: Irish MEP are invited to attend a workshop on "how to combine competitiveness and inclusion?" and to gather around the 17 October Human Rights & Poverty Stone at EU Parliament (www.17october.ie/?p=379)

Thursday 16 October 2014

Granard, Co. Longford – 10pm to 12pm: Lus na Gréine Family Resource Centre launches a Photographic/Artistic Exhibition depicting images of poverty from local to global. (contact: 043 666 0977)

Bruff, Co. Limerick - 7pm, Kirby-O'Sullivan Sports, Social & Business Park: Hospital and Croom Family Resource Centres launch the exhibition "Lives" which will tour in the regional FRCs in the coming months. (contacts: Mary 061 383 884 or Sinead 061 600 878)

Friday 17 October 2014

Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo – 10am to 12.30pm, Bank of Ireland: North West Simon Community invites local community to an Awareness Coffee Morning (contact: Mary Mc Keon 087 770 8865)

Letterkenny – 11am to 1pm, ArtCo Gallery, Pearse Rd: North West Simon Community is organising Coffee Morning with launch of an art/creative writing Exhibition from various schools throughout Co. Donegal "Homelessness through the eyes of our youth" (contact: Collette Ferguson 087 055 2478)

Drogheda – 11pm, outside St Peter's Church, West street: Unveiling of an art piece created by the members of Louth Community Drug & Alcohol Team project (contact: Louise Mahony 041 98 04957)

Athlone – 11.30pm, Play area in Battery Heights community: An art piece introducing the issue of child poverty as well as food poverty will be unveiled by the town mayor. The art piece has been designed by men in the Monsignor Mc Carthy Family Resource Centre. (contact: Sheena Lawless 086 221 1110)

Portlaoise – 12noon to 3pm, Treo Nua, Harpur's Ln: The Family Resource Centre invites members of the local community to a music concert with guest speakers and real stories of poverty. (contact: 057 868 6153)

Arden View, Tullamore, Co. Offaly - 12. 30pm: The Community & Family Resource Centre invites members of the local community. Programme includes unveiling of commemorative art piece by Men's Group. (contact: 057 932 0598)

Turin, Italy: Two Irish delegates, members of FLAC (www.flac.ie), attend a conference on the European Social Charter organised by the Italian Presidency of the EU, the Council of Europe and the City of Turin organise (www.17october.ie/?p=283)

NGOs in **Belfast, Tralee** will promote the UN #EndPoverty Day on social media.

Saturday 18 October 2014

Galway – 10.30am to 5pm, Harbour Hotel: Debt and Development Coalition & Galway One World Centre invite to a day to strengthen creative campaigns within communities against debt in Ireland and abroad. (www.debtireland.org)



North West Simon Community

COFFEE MORNING

HOMELESSNESS

THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR YOUTH!

Art/Creative Writing Exhibition

Venue: ArtCo Gallery, Pearse Rd, L'Kenny

On: Fri 17th Oct (11am - 1pm)

UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty

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Hospital and Croom Family Resource Centres are delighted to announce the launch of "Lives" an exhibition of work to mark 17th October (UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty). The exhibition brings together a wide range of pieces each depicting various forms of poverty and drawing links between local, regional and global poverty issues. Included are a variety of styles and paintings in acrylic, watercolour and oil, as well as pencil and charcoal drawings, and mixed media pieces. Maureen Barry Fitzgerald, Art Tutor with VTDS has guided the students and taught a range of different techniques and attention to detail.

The launch will take place on **Thursday 16th October at 7pm** in Kirby O'Sullivan Business Park Bruff (formerly Old Convent). **Conor O'Donoghue** from Bellew will speak on the evening as well as participants from Croom and Hospital groups who produced their art piece. (The exhibition will tour regional FRCs over the coming months). To find out more contact Mary in Hospital FRC on 061383884 or Sinead in Croom FRC on 061600878.

Invitation

to a gathering to unveil an **Art Piece** created by LCDAT's Community Employment Staff to mark the UN's day for the Eradication of Poverty

17th of October at 11 o'clock outside St Peter's Church, West Street, Drogheda

The Louth Community Drug & Alcohol Team

North, South, East, West, Dublin, Wick, Wex, Kerry, Cork, Clare, Limerick, Tipperary, Carlow, Wick, Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Tyrone

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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ERADICATION OF POVERTY

MUSIC CONCERT

17th OCTOBER

VENUE: TREO NUA

TIME: 12NOON- 3:00PM

Join Us To Eradicate Poverty in Ireland and Beyond

Make Poverty History

Poverty is Real in our community

AROUND IRELAND, THOUSANDS ARE ON THE STREET

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Social Justice Week - from 13 to 19 October, Maynooth, NUIM: The Social Justice Week will be run for the fourth year. A range of informative and creative activities are planned for the week which coincides with internationally significant dates - International Day of Rural Women (15 October), World Food Day (16 October) and International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October). ([facebook.com/maynoothsjp](https://www.facebook.com/maynoothsjp))

Discrimination and poverty through my eyes - ongoing project: Young Travellers in six centres are supported by Crosscare Tallaght Travellers Youth Service (TTYS) to design posters depicting poverty, discrimination and social exclusion as seen through their eyes to highlight the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. (contact: Sharon Kennedy 01 459 6692)

Tuesday 14 October 2014

Made from Scratch – 7.30pm, Axis Ballymun: The Y Factor and theatre director Oonagh Murphy hosted theatre workshops with young people, with member organisations of NWCI, and with schools and youth groups in and around Dublin. A once off performance will be held will be followed by a panel discussion on the themes of girlhood and womanhood in Ireland 2014. (contact: Louise Riordan 087 648 9213)

*'A house without heating,
a wardrobe without new clothes,
a year without buying a gift.'*

*750,000 people are living in poverty in
Ireland. If we had the chance what
would we do differently?'*

Thursday 16 October 2014

World Food Day Conference - 9am to 1pm, Herbert Park Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4: Gorta Self Help Africa conference will focus on the contribution of family farming in eradicating hunger and reducing rural poverty. (contact: Alice Downey 01 677 8880).

A Human Rights analysis of new Irish Budget 2015 – 10am to 12pm, European Parliament Information Office, 43 Molesworth Street: The Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC) network is organising a post-budget seminar *Fairer Budget, Fairer Society: A human rights analysis of Budget 2015 from Irish civil society* (contact: Yvonne O'Sullivan 01 887 36 00)

The experience of poverty amongst older people – 10.30am to 12.30, Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian St: Age Action will launch a short booklet on changes to income and how this has impacted on older people's experience of energy poverty and their access to health services. (contact: Naomi Feely 01 475 6989)

What are Roma people local needs? - 10am to 1pm, Pavee Point, 46 North Great Charles Street: The Roma Rights Forum will meet to discuss on "Conducting a participatory local needs analysis: Principles and approaches" (contact: Siobhan Curran 01 878 0255)

Meet me on the bridge - 11am on Rosie Hackett Bridge: The SAOL project we will celebrate recovery and challenge violence to women, and among them the violence of poverty. Later in the day, SAOL and THEATREclub invite to the premiere of 2 films designed to reflect on poverty in Dublin in 2014. (contact: Gary Broderick 01 855 3391)

Friday 17 October 2014

Local Development Companies combating poverty – 11am to 3pm, F2 Centre, 3 Reuben Plaza: A booklet prepared by the Irish Local Development Network and containing stories of partnerships in communities from 44 Local Development Companies around Ireland will be launched on 17 October by the Tánaiste. (contact: Caoimhe Nic Allabroin 087 937 9572)



Leave no one behind - UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty Commemoration – 11am to 12.15 pm, Famine Memorial, Custom House Quay: this public gathering organised by the Irish 17 October Committee is an opportunity for people and communities to have their voices heard through personal testimonies from people who experience poverty, as well as through music, stories & presentations from school children. (contact: Pierre Klein 08944015 23)

In social networks...

Join the fight to #EndPoverty! - until 4pm on 17 October: International Movement All Together in Dignity Fourth World (ATD) invites to join a Thunderclap on the social media to share the message: "On October 17, stand with people in poverty and join the fight to #EndPoverty!"
Visit <http://t.co/uLjfa5zEWA>



What solution is needed to end poverty? - until 17 October: United Nations' Programme for the Development invites general public to share on Twitter a picture/video with a personal answer to this question using #EndPoverty and @UNDP.

Look at all events worldwide at www.overcomingpoverty.org

A New Tool for Breaking the Poverty Trap

In September 2012, the UN Human Rights Council adopted the **Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights (GPs)**.

The GPs provide for the first time global policy guidelines focusing specifically on the human rights of people living in poverty.

They are the first internationally agreed text to stress the central message of the UN Day on 17 October: **extreme poverty exists in every country in the world, and it is both a cause and a consequence of multiple human rights violations.**

The challenge is now to:

- **Raise awareness** of the existence of the GPs – for example through seminars and translations of the text in many different languages
- **Explore the implications of GPs** for current policies and programmes, whether implemented by governments, UN agencies and other international institutions, non-state actors or NGOs,
- **Encourage States and other actors** to use the GPs in developing, monitoring, and evaluating their programmes
- **Encourage national human rights institutions and experts** to use the GPs as a reference tool in their work.



Guiding Principles on
Extreme Poverty
and Human Rights



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Useful links: **United Nations:** www.un.org/en/events/povertyday/

Irish 17 October Committee: www.17october.ie

Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty: www.overcomingpoverty.org

The Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights:

www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/Pages/DGPIntroduction.aspx



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