

# The Roles We Play, Here and There

Recognising our contribution,
Challenging the perception of poverty

An exhibition prepared by All Together in Dignity

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All Together in Dignity Ireland (ATD), in partnership with artist photographer Eva Sajovic & ATD UK (www.atd-uk.org) and, is proud to present work from their book The Roles We Play: Recognising the Contribution of People in Poverty.



This collection of photographic

portraits & self-written biographies explores the roles played by those living in poverty within their families, communities and society at large. The aim is to highlight their efforts, validate their achievements and challenge the negative attitudes often held towards vulnerable and excluded families in the UK. In Dublin, testimonies from the Global South are completing the exhibition.

"It is very easy to damage someone with a look that says stay away. What effect does that have on people? On the inside...



it makes you feel worthless, less than human. The worst thing is that very often the person giving the look does not even know they are giving it." Project participant

"For the last ten years, I've been involved in maintenance projects in and around the ATD Fourth World National Centre in London. I have learned so much and taken part in some fantastic projects such as the kitchen renovation.

I've gained skills in painting and decorating, plastering, tiling... Hopefully these skills will help me hold on to my new job and provide for myself, my child and my other half.

Being given this chance allowed me to show what 1 could do. improve my skill set and selfgain more confidence. It means I can take what I have learned back into the community.

We all bring something to our communities, be



we unemployed or someone earning multi-millions. We all have something to give.

When you're in poverty, it's important to feel you're a valued member of the community. If you feel your opinions matter and your voice is important to someone out there, you will constantly grow and evolve. "



"I think it
doesn't matter
if you're in
poverty or out
of poverty
we all should be
treated the
same. After all,
we're all
human beings,
aren't we?"

Georgina, Poet

Eric, Freedom Fighter

Alison, Truth Seeker







All Together in Dignity – ATD Fourth World, based in Dublin since 1999, is an international human rights organisation that works through grass-roots projects in partnership with people living in poverty. All around the world, it remains focused on constantly reaching out to the most vulnerable families, those who have a long

history of poverty and educational disadvantage even in the so-called developed countries. info@atdireland.ie





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Also, in a fast-changing world, the lines between the developing and developed worlds have become increasingly blurred. The development landscape has seen the traditional donor-recipient relationship give way to a world of cooperation, mutual responsibility and mutual interest.



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The more people who know about the Global Goals for sustainable development, the more successful they'll be. If we all fight for them, our leaders will make them happen. So they need to be famous.



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www.globalgoals.org

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We, 7 billion citizens, are waiting for you!

## **Enter our #RolesWePlay competition**

in The chq Building & win t-shirts!

- 1. Choose a goal
- 2. Take the matching arrow
- Write or draw what you will do to contribute to the implementation of this goal



- 4. If you are on social media, take a selfie with the arrow or take a picture of your arrow and post it on Twitter or on Facebook with hashtags: #TellEveryone #RolesWePlay
- 5. Hang up your arrow on the #RolesWePlay wall
- 6. Check your Twitter or Facebook account or your phone to see if you won one of the 2 t-shirts we will offer each day!

Each evening, we will choose the "Roles of the day" hung up on the wall or published on social media with the hashtags: #TellEveryone #RolesWePlay.

Don't hesitate to be catchy and creative, even to create your own arrow!

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## A project of All Together in Dignity Ireland

#### 1<sup>st</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> October

#### The Roles We Play Exhibition

Free Entrance - Mon-Fri: 7am to 7pm. Sat: 10am to 6pm. Sun: closed. The chq Building. IFSC, Dublin Docklands, Dublin 1

#### 16<sup>th</sup> October

An Audience with Pr. Robert Walker, The Shame of Poverty

12noon to 2pm

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The Innovation Academy. 3 Foster Place, College Green, Dublin 2.

**Candle Vigil**, marking a connection between World Food Day and UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty

7 pm - Famine Statues, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Annual Gathering** to mark the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty 11 am - Human Rights and Poverty Stone, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.

### The Roles We Play Workshop

Come and meet some of the participants from the project and join them for a workshop that seeks to open up a constructive discussion around the roles we all play in our communities.

1.30pm - The chq Building. IFSC, Dublin Docklands, Dublin 1.





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