



*Master of Ceremony:*

*Edel McGinley*

*Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI)*

*Lord Mayor of Dublin*

*High Hopes Choir*

*Rita Ann Higgins*

*Glenn Gannon*

*Shane*

*The SAOL Sisters*

*#RolesWePlay*

*and much more!*

*Building a sustainable future:*

*Coming together to end poverty  
and discrimination*

## **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**

**17 October 2015 – Human Rights and Poverty Stone, Dublin**

**#TellEveryone**

**about the #RolesWePlay**

**to #EndPoverty**

# Commemoration of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty Saturday 17 October 2015

**Human Rights and Poverty Stone**, Custom House Quay

Songs by the **High Hopes Choir**

Welcome by the **Master of Ceremonies**: Edel McGinley, Director of the Migrant Rights Centre Ireland

The message of the **President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins** read by **Jim Walsh**, Principal Officer, Social Inclusion Division (DSP)

Address by **Lord Mayor of Dublin**

Song by **Neighbourhood Youth Project 2 (NYP2)** – based on Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen

**Proclamation of Joseph Wresinski's call engraved  
on the 17 October Human Rights and Poverty Stone:**

**Zafir - Dikhsha - Shane**

*"Wherever men, women and children are condemned to live in poverty,  
human rights and children rights are violated.*

*To come together to ensure that these rights are respected is our solemn duty."*

## **Minute of Silence**

**Testimonies** from community members

- *Ann Marie, James and Thomas - Leaders in the #RolesWePlay project, London – All Together in Dignity UK*
- *Emma involved in the High Hopes Choir and the design of the clients charter of Focus Ireland*
- *Ritah & Diane, two mothers initiating a network for others living without family support, with the Dominican Justice Office*

Music - Shane , Finbar, Dónal, Caoilte from **Coláiste Eoin - Irish School**

- *Phyllis – with other tenants they brought a Human Right*

*case to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg –*

*read by Cecilia Forestal from the Community Action Network*

- *A testimony from the traveller community (Clondalkin Travellers Development Group)*
- *Glenn Gannon (actor volunteering with Simon Community) reading of an extract of the 1916 Proclamation*

Song by **Shane Alger** - 'The Times They Are a-Changin' – Bob Dylan

**The Revolution will not be televised** - presentation by the North West Inner City Training & Development Project (NWICTDP)

**Rita Ann Higgins - Poems**

Proclamation of ***I Bear Witness to You,***

Joseph Wresinski's address from 17 October 1987  
read by **Professor Robert Walker, Oxford University**

**17 dreams, 17 Goals, 17 October and 7 billion Roles to Play**

Common gesture introduce by Johnny Sheehan

Irish coordinator of the observance  
of the European Year for Development 2015

Final song by the **SAOL Sisters** – May You Never – John Martyn

**Concluding words** by Master of Ceremonies

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**12.45pm - Light lunch in the 'Sheriff Youth Club' Hall**

Presentations by the delegations from  
the different DSP funded project in Ireland

**2pm – A “#RolesWePlay to #EndPoverty” workshop**

**in CHQ Building, Dublin**

Visit [www.therolesweplay.co.uk](http://www.therolesweplay.co.uk)

# 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.atdireland.ie](http://www.atdireland.ie)), 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

# Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen) - Neighbourhood Youth Project 2

## Verse 1.

We all gather here now every  
year,

In a world where poverty and  
fear,

Exists and we all know that's  
true now

This world where wealth and  
riches thrive

Yet millions struggle to survive,  
And refugees and migrants they  
are dying,

## Chorus –Hallelujah x 4

## Verse 2.

Is this the world we want to  
see,

Wars, famines and inequality,

And refugees abandoned can't  
you see now?

This world is not just ours  
alone,

We must share it as its all our  
home,

And we all know just how true  
that is now

## Chorus

## Verse 3.

Its really up to you and me

To show true solidarity,

We need to do whats right and  
do it now yea

No more children dead upon our  
shores

But welcomed here with open  
doors

We all know that's what we must  
do now.

## Chorus

## Verse 4.

So here today let us all swear

To help the poor everywhere

And do it as we know we must  
now

So fortress Europe we'll destroy

So we can sing the Ode to joy,  
and sing it as if its true, yea.

## Chorus

## The Times They Are A Changing (Bob Dylan) – Shane

Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone.  
If your time to you  
Is worth savin'  
Then you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come writers and critics  
Who prophesize with your pen  
And keep your eyes wide  
The chance won't come again  
And don't speak too soon  
For the wheel's still in spin  
And there's no tellin' who  
That it's namin'.  
For the loser now  
Will be later to win  
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come senators, congressmen  
Please heed the call  
Don't stand in the doorway  
Don't block up the hall  
For he that gets hurt  
Will be he who has stalled  
There's a battle outside

And it is ragin'.  
It'll soon shake your windows  
And rattle your walls  
For the times they are a-  
changin'.

Come mothers and fathers  
Throughout the land  
And don't criticize  
What you can't understand  
Your sons and your daughters  
Are beyond your command  
Your old road is  
Rapidly agin'.  
Please get out of the new one  
If you can't lend your hand  
For the times they are a-  
changin'.

The line it is drawn  
The curse it is cast  
The slow one now  
Will later be fast  
As the present now  
Will later be past  
Your old road is  
Rapidly fadin'.  
And the first one now  
Will later be last  
For the times they are a-  
changin'.

# POBLACHT NA hÉIREANN

## THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom, (...) we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades in arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all of the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences (...) which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

(...) In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline, and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

**Signed on behalf of the Provisional Government: THOMAS  
J. CLARKE - SEAN Mac DIARMADA - THOMAS MacDONAGH -  
PADRAIG H. PEARSE - EAMONN CEANNT - JAMES  
CONNOLLY - JOSEPH PLUNKETT**

## Joseph Wresinski's Address – 17 October 1987 - Paris

### **I bear witness to you**

You, the millions and millions  
of children, women and fathers  
who have died from misery and  
hunger and whose legacy we hold.  
It is not your death that I evoke,  
today on this Plaza of  
Human Rights and Liberties.

### **I bear witness to your lives.**

**I bear witness to you**, the mothers,  
whose children are cast  
aside in this world,  
condemned as they are  
to sheer misery.

**I bear witness to your children**,  
twisted by the pains of hunger,  
no longer able to smile,  
yet still yearning to love.

**I bear witness** to the millions of  
young people who have no reason  
to \_ believe or even to exist,  
and who vainly search for a future  
in this senseless world.

**I bear witness to you**,  
the poor of all times,  
still poor today, forever  
on the road,  
fleeing from place to place,  
despised and disgraced.

Labourers without a trade,  
ever crushed by their toil.  
Labourers whose hands, today,

are no longer useful.

Millions of men, women,  
and children  
whose hearts are still  
pounding strong  
to the beat of the struggle,  
whose minds rise in revolt  
against the unjust fate  
imposed upon them,  
whose courage demands  
the right to priceless dignity.

**I bear witness to you**,  
children, women and men,  
who do not want to condemn,  
but to love, to pray, to work,  
and to unite,  
so that a world of solidarity  
may be born.

**A world, our world,  
in which all people  
would have given the best of  
themselves before dying.**

**I bear witness to you**,  
men, women and children.  
Your renown is henceforth  
engraved by heart, hand and tool,  
in the marble of this Plaza of Human  
Rights and Liberties.

**I bear witness to you**,  
so that humanity  
may at last fulfil its true destiny,  
refusing forever that misery prevail.



# May you never (John Martyn) - SAOL Sisters

## **Chorus.**

May you never lay your head down,  
without a hand to hold.

May you never make your bed out in  
the cold.

Just like I'm greeting some brother  
of mine,

You know that I love you true.

You never talk 'n' judge me behind  
my back

and I know that there's those that  
do.

Oh please won't ya please won't ya  
bear it in mind

Love is a lesson to learn in our time.

And please won't ya, please won't  
ya bear it in mind for me?

## **Chorus.**

You're just like a very close sister to  
me

and you know that I love you true.

You hold no blame to stab me in my  
back

and I know that there's some that  
do.

Oh please won't ya please won't ya  
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Oh please won't ya please won't  
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Love is a lesson to learn in our  
time.

And please won't ya, please won't  
ya bear it in mind for me?

May you never lose your temper,  
if you get in a bar room fight.

May you never lose your woman  
overnight.

## **Chorus.**

May you never lose your temper,  
if you get in a bar room fight.

May you never lose your woman  
overnight. (x3)



# THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development

**On 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, world leaders have committed to 17 Global Goals to achieve 3 extraordinary things in the next 15 years. End extreme poverty. Fight inequality & injustice. Fix climate change. The Global Goals for sustainable development could get these things done. In all countries. For all people.**

**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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That's why we need your help to share the Goals. In conversation, on e-mail, in debate, on products, at home, at work, at school – whatever it takes to **#TellEveryone**.

**[www.globalgoals.org](http://www.globalgoals.org)**



# 2015 European Year for Development

**2015 is a special year for development.** It is the first ever European Year to deal with the European Union's external action and Europe's role in the world. The 2013 Eurobarometer gave a surprising insight into how EU citizens see development:

- More than 80 % believe that development aid is important, and 60 % actually think we should be giving more aid;
- Two-thirds believe that tackling poverty in developing countries should be one of the European Union's main priorities.
- At the same time, 50 % say they know nothing about where European Union aid goes.

our world  
our dignity  
our future



In 2015 we will do our utmost to **explain to European citizens how EU development aid works.** We will show taxpayers how their money is being put to the best possible use in empowering our fellow human beings around the world who are mired in poverty through no fault of their own to make a living for themselves, their families and their communities.

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.**



[www.dochas.ie/european-year-development-2015](http://www.dochas.ie/european-year-development-2015)

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**OCTOBER 17, 1987,**

**ON THIS DAY, DEFENDERS OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS FROM EVERY CONTINENT GATHERED HERE. THEY PAID HOMAGE TO THE VICTIMS OF HUNGER, IGNORANCE AND VIOLENCE. THEY AFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT HUMAN MISERY IS NOT INEVITABLE. THEY PLEDGED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH ALL PEOPLE WHO, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, STRIVE TO ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY.**



**"WHEREVER MEN AND WOMEN ARE CONDEMNED TO LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED. TO COME TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THESE RIGHTS BE RESPECTED IS OUR SOLEMN DUTY."**

**FATHER JOSEPH WRESINSKI**