



**INTERNATIONAL DAY  
FOR THE  
ERADICATION OF  
POVERTY**



**In 2015, let's make every day, an #EndPoverty day!**



## Happy New Year! Let's welcome 2015 as turning point!

In 2015, the United Nations will be hosting a number of high level summit meetings, to formulate new approaches and new goals to **#EndPoverty**, protect the planet and limit the **#ClimateChange**. These events provide all of us with an opportunity to reshape our priorities, and to re-think our place in the world.

**action/2015** will be a global movement to End Poverty, Inequalities and Climate Change.

Every day, everywhere, ordinary people are taking action to build a better world. And during 2015, the **European Year for Development**, we also want to celebrate their work - and inspire more people to become active and promote the spirit of the **UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty**.



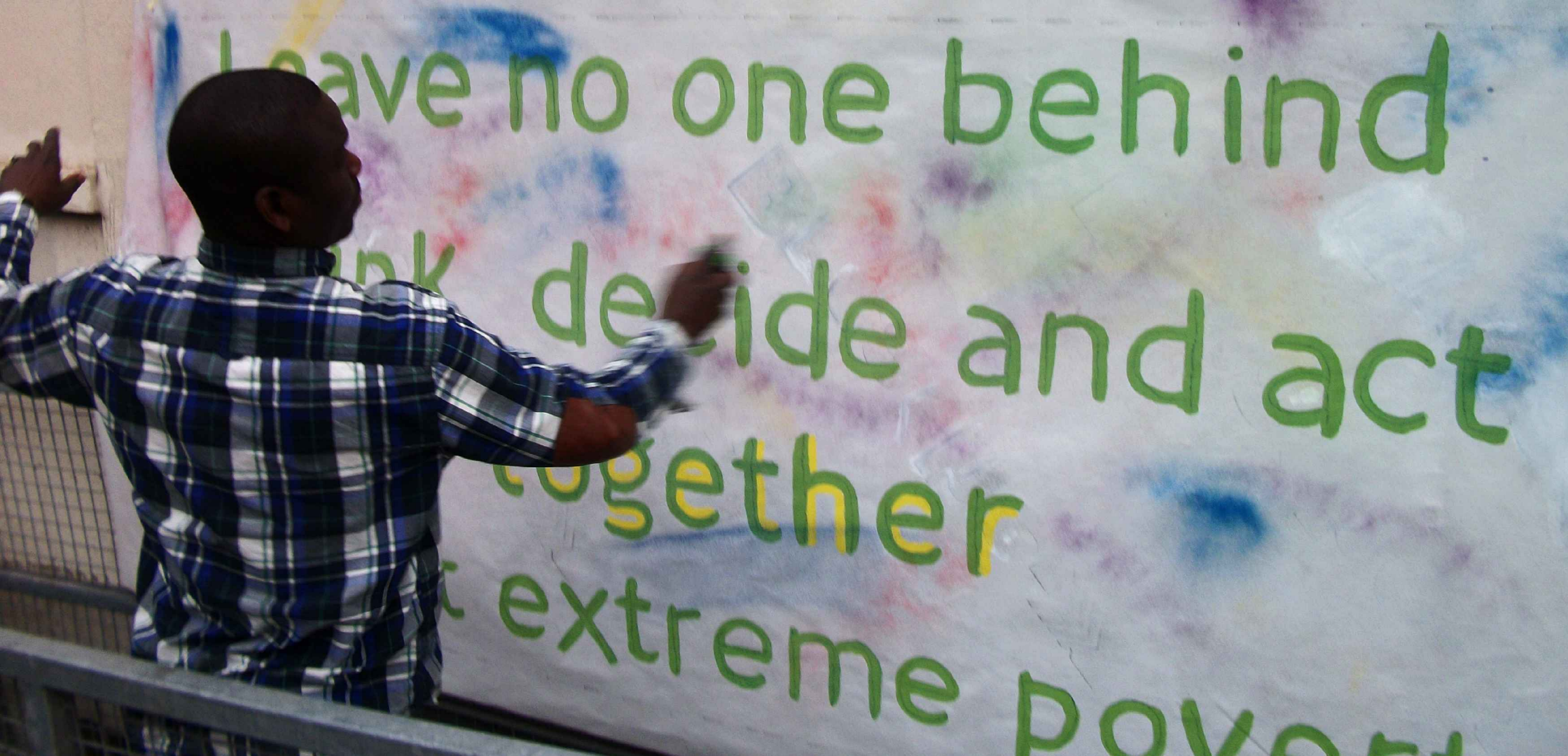
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“The stars are aligned for the world to take **historic action** to transform lives and protect the planet. I urge Governments and people everywhere to fulfil their political and moral responsibilities. This is my call to **dignity**, and we must respond with all our vision and strength.”

*Ban Ki-Moon – 5 December 2014*

On 17 October 2014, Alvenia presented to Ban Ki Moon a series of postcards featuring the ways people in poverty are **heroes for their communities**





**“Leave no one behind”**: we need to eliminate discrimination and marginalisation based on poverty, ethnic origin, gender, age, disability or economic and social status.

**“To think, decide and act together against extreme poverty”**: local, national and international institutions need to create genuine participatory mechanisms and work as partners with communities to strengthen their own support organisations.

*The launch of the motto for the 2014 UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty took place in Dublin in May.*

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

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**What can we do to leave no one behind?** First of all our dream is that there are more and more places where different groups can be integrated, for eg. places for children, disabled and able-bodied together. In our ATD group in Kielce, we want to build an atmosphere of trust and understanding. It is so important the way that we talk to each other!

*Delegation of All Together in Dignity Poland, 17 October 2014, Dublin*





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16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31	1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5 Easter

# MARCH



“The economic crisis and austerity measures we have experienced in Ireland had a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable of our people. **It is now much more difficult to feel part of the same society**, to feel a sense of being equal citizens together, when there are such inequalities. We said this in Brussels because we believe that we have a responsibility in building changes. We count on you to join us. **Only together we can leave no one behind.**” *Liam, 17 October 2014*



Europe  
for Citizens

In March 2014, members of the North West Inner City Training and Development Project NWICTDP, Dublin, contributed to the debates of the European Fourth World University.





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31 <b>APRIL</b>	1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5 Easter
6 Easter Monday	7	8 	9	10	11	12
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Volunteering with the Irish 17 October Committee is **an opportunity for everyone to get involved in the fight against poverty**. Volunteers help us in many ways from organising of the annual commemoration in Dublin, promoting of the UN Day in Ireland, to doing secretariat work for the Committee and fundraising.

The 5<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting of the 'International Committee for October 17' would not have been possible without the support of an extraordinary team of volunteers!

**We are very grateful to them!**





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30 <b>MAY</b>	1	2	3 
4 May Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF <i>families</i>	16	17
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Members of the **International Committee for October 17** and Irish community groups met in Sheriff Youth Club, North Wall, Dublin on 14 May 2014. This meeting recognised Ireland's past and on-going commitment to mark the UN #EndPoverty Day.

On 17 October 2014, **Belinda Nugent** was appointed as first Irish Representative on the International Committee. Belinda is a tutor with SAOL Women's Project located in the inner city of Dublin.



**17 October**  
**World Day for Overcoming**  
**Extreme Poverty**



Custom House Quay, Dublin

*Wherever men and women are confronted  
with the fact that they live in extreme poverty, human rights  
are violated. To come together to ensure that their  
dignity and respect is respected is our solemn duty.*

Joseph Wresinski, 17 October 1987

**Donald Lee, President of the International Committee for October 17,**  
former Head of the UN Social Perspective on Development Branch - Dublin, 14 May 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 June Bank Holiday	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20 World Refugee Day  20 June	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1 <b>JUNE</b>	2	3	4	5

You remember well, those who fell  
for Irish liberty  
those brave hearts are not forgot  
in Irish History  
Yet the fight goes on, it hasn't stopped  
the truth is plain to see  
good Irish men and women will never rest  
when there's Irish poverty

*Donald Lee, 14 May 2014 - closing stanzas from a poem written in honour of Irish women and men who stand in solidarity in the fight to end poverty*

When I look at you, I do believe  
I see revolutionaries  
you are the ones, right here and now  
who will make new Irish History!  
I listened and I heard you tell  
through song and poetry  
that **you will always fight to defend  
human rights and dignity**

On 13 May 2014,  
the Minister  
of Social Protection,  
Joan Burton TD, welcomed  
the International  
Committee for October 17  
at Leinster House.  
Donald Lee presented to  
the Minister the UN  
#EndPoverty Day Charter.





“**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 it is like to be on the street... I wouldn't leave any of my family behind . My home is important to me, but my family is more important.” *Jackie R.I.P.*

“We have to understand each other. To take time to walk in each others shoes. We also have to avoid stigma for being in special places. If we're living in the community, and not outside, then we have not been left behind.” *Jimmy*

“We need to have a sense of humour that we share with others. But we never should put anyone down.” *Michael*

“It's important to be patient and to take the time needed; to consider people before time, 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.” *Patrick*



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## The UN #EndPoverty Day with Jackie and All Those Like Her

“Jackie’s horizon was other people, those whose lives poverty eats away at. She stuck by them faithfully, forcefully rejecting the idea that some people be left behind. Although she possessed next to nothing, she contributed everything she had—as do all those who face extreme poverty—to promoting peace and human rights. On 17 October 2008, at the inauguration in Dublin of the Human Rights and Poverty Stone, Jackie told us: **“We want to be part of this Stone for all those whose lives are even harder than our own.”** Jackie passed away in July 2014, she left us too soon, like Christopher, Teresa, Debbie, Juliani, Thierry, and so many others we could name. Their struggle continues, however. Rest in peace, Jackie.”

*Isabelle Pypaert-Perrin*, Director General of ATD International, 17 October 2014



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Alone you go faster

**Together**

we go further

**Leave no  
one behind**

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**All Together in Dignity**

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**Poverty is not natural, it is man-made,  
and it can be overcome and eradicated.**  
*Nelson Mandela*

**Poverty is the worst form  
of violence.** *Mahatma Gandhi*

**We have to listen to the people who are  
suffering on the margins to allow them  
to change our lives.** *Sr Stanislaus Kennedy*

**The great fight of ours is a fight for human  
dignity. For liberty of action, liberty to live  
as human beings should live.** *Jim Larkin*

In 2014, six relevant quotes were printed on banners with the financial support of the Department of Social Protection under the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty 17th October 2014 Public Awareness Initiative.



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14	<b>International Day of Democracy</b>	16	17	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>action/2015</b>	29 UN Summit for the Adoption of Post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals – New York	30	1	2	3	4

# SEPTEMBER

## Poem for the International Committee – extracts

And my nerves are all shattered and my hair needs ‘a do’  
 And my clothes are in tatters, I can’t afford anything new  
 Cos my son needs new trainers and tracksuit for school  
 And a new football jersey, he loves Liverpool

Ah, don’t be listening to me, me ma always said I was a bit too deep  
 I take a few of them tablets to help get me to sleep  
 I won’t get addicted though, I haven’t the time  
 Someone in the family has to stay fine.

If it’s rough for us, isn’t it worse for others  
 When I see the state of some kids around about,  
 me whole body shudders  
 And then the ones on the telly with no food  
 and no hope and no roof but a tent,  
 Sure you’d almost be glad to be paying your rent.

But the politicians will fix it, aren’t there elections coming  
 So many doorstep promises, sure we won’t want for nothing  
 A lie for a vote, always forgotten when elected  
 We’re the poor of 2014, and the poor are never respected.



The Poverty “Washing” Line and the Poem have been prepared by the SAOL Sisters.



“We are 20 men and women from Dublin who worked together to write this message. Most of us know very well what it means living on a very low income, and some of us have slept in the street. We know what it is to be put down. (...) **Today we want to remember all those who have died** in misery, especially those who died during the past year. Their lives were too hard. Sometimes our lives are the same. Whether our problems take us to hell and back, we do still have feelings and we have the right to live with respect. **Our humanity can never be taken away from us.**”

*A group of adults, friends of All Together in Dignity Ireland*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 	29	30	1 <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS</b>	2 <b>INTERNATIONAL NON-VIOLENCE DAY</b>	3	4 
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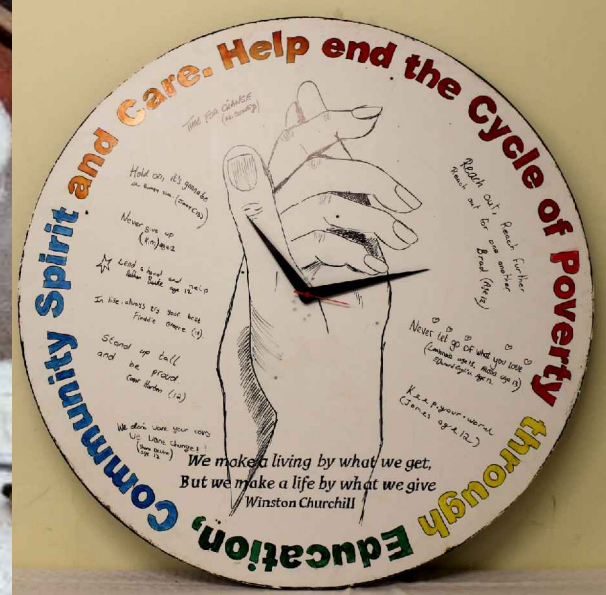
**There'll be new dreams maybe better dreams and plenty,  
Before the last revolving year is through.**

And the seasons, they go round and round, and the painted ponies go up and down,  
We're captive on the carousel of time.

We can't return, we can only look behind from where we came,  
And go round and round and round, in the circle game.

*The Circle Game* by Joni Mitchell was sung by the **SAOL Sisters** to conclude the 2014 UN Day gathering





An interactive art piece created by the Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre was unveiled 17 October 2014 at Battery Heights playground, Athlone. Art exhibits presented for the UN Day at the Lus na Greine Family Resource Centre, Granard, Co. Longford.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
26 <small>October Bank Holiday</small>	27	28	29	30	31	1 <b>INTERNATIONAL DRUG USERS' DAY</b>
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16 <b>International Day for Tolerance</b>	17	18	19	20 <b>Universal Children's Day</b>	21	22
23	24	25 <b>WORLD DAY AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE</b>	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

# NOVEMBER

More than 20 events took place in Ireland to mark the Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Art works, videos, a theatre production were created with strong involvement of local community members. Most of these events were supported by the **2014 UN Day awareness initiative** of the Irish Department of Social Protection.

Discover more at: [www.17october.ie/ireland-marked-endpoverty-day-2014](http://www.17october.ie/ireland-marked-endpoverty-day-2014)






Emily Logan with the delegation from ATD Poland at the Human Rights & Poverty Stone, 17 October 2014





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	1  World AIDS Day DECEMBER 1	2	3 	4	5	6
7	8	9	10  WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	11 	12	13
14	15	16	17	18   INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY	19	20  INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26 St. Stephen's Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2 	3

# DECEMBER

“To ensure that **nobody is ever left behind**, it’s more important than ever that people in poverty themselves are seen as **the first defenders of human rights**. We need to hear their voices, and we need to hear their experiences. But how can we expect people to exercise their human rights if they don’t know about them. This will be part of our job at the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission: to inform and educate the public about human rights.”

Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner,  
*Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission*





**On 17 October 2014, the members of the Louth Community Drug and Alcohol Team Project presented 'Ireland hit by poverty' in Drogheda city centre.**

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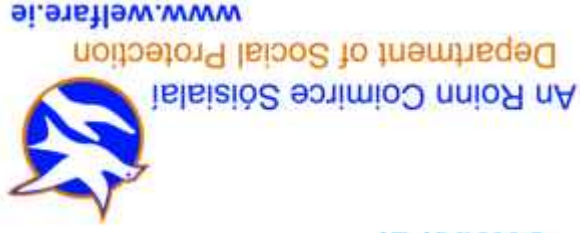
## Happy New Year! Ireland 2016 will mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising

'...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 all of its parts, cherishing all of the children of the nation equally...'

*Extract from the 1916 Easter Proclamation of the Republic*



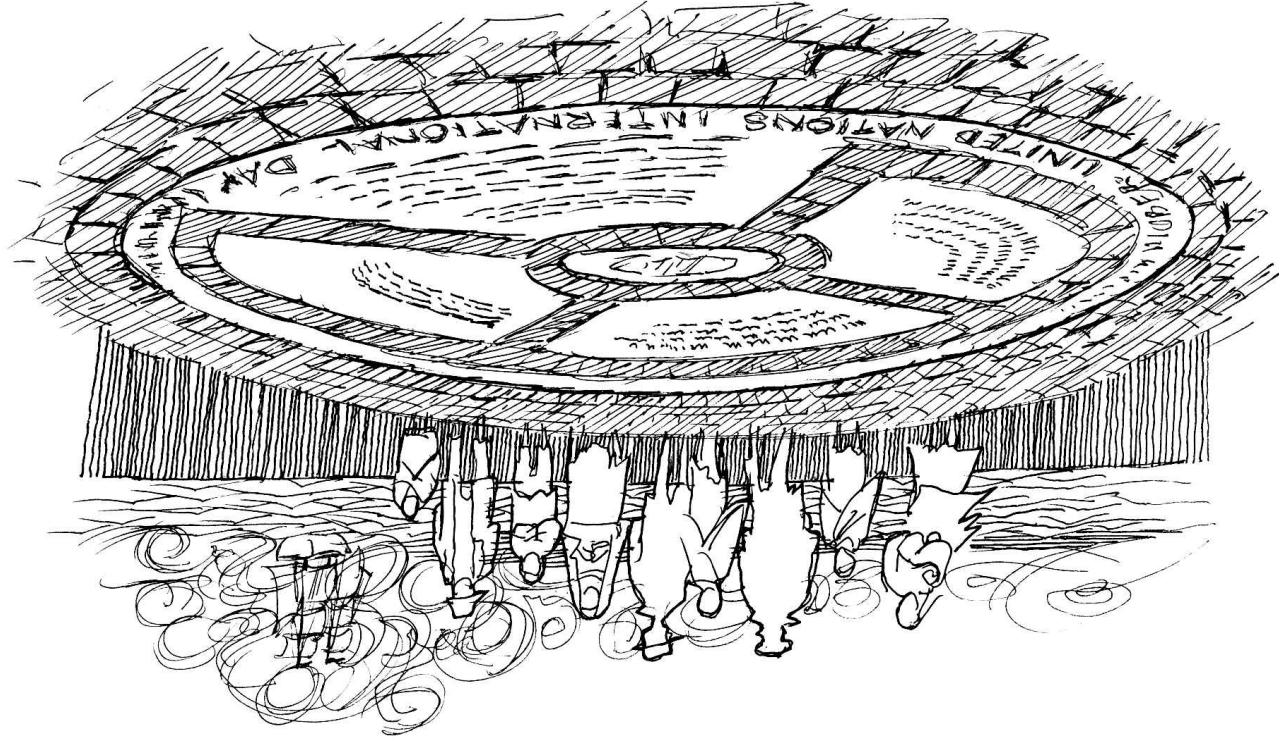
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More information on the work of the International Committee for October 17 are available at [www.overcomingpoverty.org](http://www.overcomingpoverty.org).

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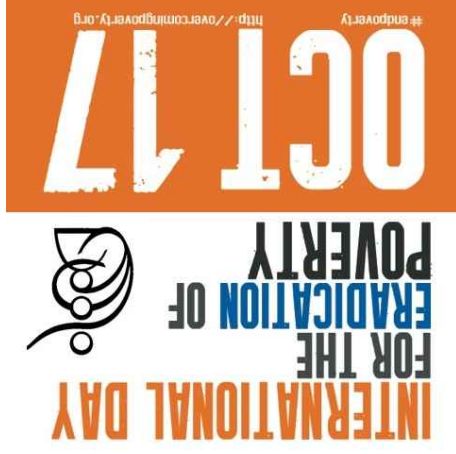


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