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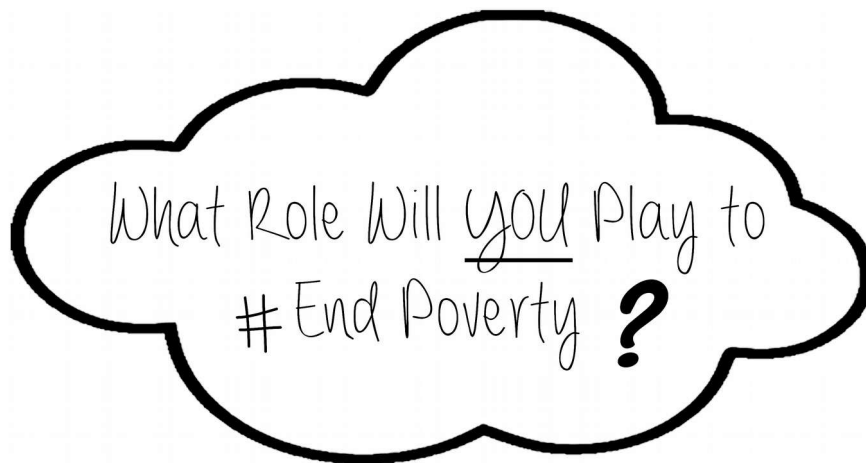
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#Leave No One Behind!



**UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN  
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND**



As we mark UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty this October 17th, we recognise the special significance of 2015 in what must be our collective effort to eradicate global poverty. This year marks a decisive moment in history, with the agreement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals “Agenda 2030” in New York in recent weeks, and what will hopefully be a successful outcome at the COP21 Climate Change Summit in Paris at the end of the year.

Delivering on the promises to end inequality contained in Agenda 2030 will require concerted political commitment and it is essential that the central role of the State as the guarantor of the human rights of citizens is retained. It is also essential that economic forces are harnessed to serve the requirements of social justice and human rights, rather than the interests of justice being seen as residual to the demands of the market. At the individual level, we must recognise that sustainability and equality will require changes in lifestyle, patterns of consumption and attitudes.

“Leave no-one behind” is a central principle of the Agenda 2030 Goals and we are, above all else, called upon to re-forge a commitment to the inherent and universal dignity of every member of the human family. As we gather on this day, the world is turning its efforts and its capacities more fully than ever before to eradicate poverty – let us all play our part in turning that dream into a reality.

**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.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.



# Ireland Marks #EndPoverty Day



## Building a sustainable future

Coming together to end poverty and discrimination

The **2015** call of the Day, “**Building a sustainable future**”, underlines that a sustainable world cannot exist when there is poverty, discrimination and abuse of human rights. A sustainable world leaves no one behind. This year, the #EndPoverty Day holds particular significance because it is following following as it does the adoption of the **17 Sustainable Development Goals** by the United Nations on 25 September 2015. Within this new development framework all countries commit to “**ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions**” (Goal 1) by 2030. The more people know about Goal 1 and the 16 other Goals for Sustainable Development, the more successful they will be. If we all play our roles, together with our leaders, we can make them happen.



### Events in Ireland and abroad

**Ballina, Co. Mayo - on-going project:** The Moy Valley Over 55 Club is organising information mornings with speakers from different organisations showcasing how poverty is affecting different people in different ways throughout the country. ([www.facebook.com/csp.moyvalley](http://www.facebook.com/csp.moyvalley))

**Tullamore, Co Offaly - on-going project:** In a spirit of solidarity with anti-poverty groups worldwide, the Offaly Traveller Movement is archiving photos, stories and tapestries relating 20 years of history, involving travellers writing their story from their own perspective. ([www.facebook.com/OffalyTravellerMovement](http://www.facebook.com/OffalyTravellerMovement))

**Battery Heights, Athlone, Co Westmeath – on-going project:** The Monsignor McCarthy Family Resource Centre will raise awareness of food poverty and will create a sculpture of Mother Earth whose arms enclose a circular of edible plants that may be foraged by the community.

([www.facebook.com/MonsignorMcCarthyFamilyResourceCentre](http://www.facebook.com/MonsignorMcCarthyFamilyResourceCentre))

**Arden View, Tullamore, Co. Offaly - on-going project:** The Community and Family Resource Centre invites members of the local community. Programme includes unveiling of commemorative art piece by Men's Group.

([www.facebook.com/ArdenViewCommunityFamilyResourceCentre](http://www.facebook.com/ArdenViewCommunityFamilyResourceCentre))

NGOs in **Belfast, Tralee** will promote the UN Day locally and in social media.

### Thursday 15 October 2015

**Hospital, Limerick – 11.30am, Hospital Family Resource Centre:** Hospital and Croom FRCs launch the exhibition "*Lives*" depicting forms of poverty and links between local, regional and global poverty issues. Participants produced also a booklet explaining the thinking behind the artwork. ([www.hospitalfrc.com](http://www.hospitalfrc.com))

**Drogheda, co Louth – 6.30-8.00pm, Connect FRC, 171 Moneymore:** The Mayor of Drogheda Paul Bell will open a photography exhibition about how to help people in the community address poverty through collective action and empowerment. ([www.connectfrc.com](http://www.connectfrc.com))

### Friday 16 October 2015

**Waterford – morning, Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre, Barrack Str.:** The Romero Institute is hosting its inaugural #EndPoverty Day seminar 'Poverty - change starts with me' aimed at Transition Year students from the county of Waterford. People - from homeless people and refugees to travellers - will tell their story ([www.romeroinstituteofpeaceandjustice.com](http://www.romeroinstituteofpeaceandjustice.com)).

**Council of Europe (CoE), Strasbourg, France:** Irish mission to the CoE is invited to attend a one-day conference on child poverty and to gather around the 17 October Human Rights and Poverty Stone in front of the CoE Building.

**United Nations, New York City – 6.15 to 7.30pm (Irish time):** Irish mission to the UN is invited to attend the observance of the Day at the United Nations.

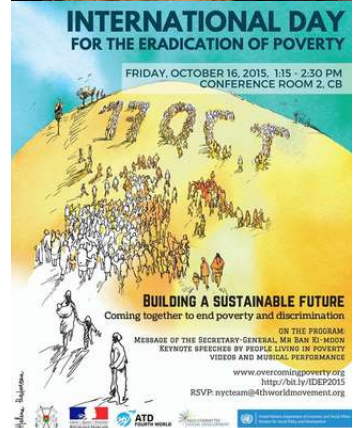
### After 17 October 2015

**Wednesday 21 October - Brussels, Belgium:** Irish MEPs are invited to attend a public meeting of the MEPs Intergroup fighting poverty in defence of human rights and to gather around the 17 October Human Rights & Poverty Stone at EUParliament. ([www.sylviegoulard.eu/events/world-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/](http://www.sylviegoulard.eu/events/world-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/))

**Thursday 22 October - Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim – 1pm, Breffni Crescent:** The Breffni FRC will launch a sculpture designed by local community people in recognition of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty. ([www.facebook.com/breffnifrc](http://www.facebook.com/breffnifrc))

**Tuesday 27 October - Granard, Co. Longford:** Lus na Gréine Family Resource Centre will present the result of an art sculpture depicting a family in a boat made of clay. The project will be intergenerational with each contribution making it a unique art piece. ([www.facebook.com/lusna.greine](http://www.facebook.com/lusna.greine))

**Inishowen, Co Donegal –** The Clonmany Youth and Community Centre runs cookery workshop before and after 17 October, promoting better health through good nutrition and better understanding of poverty. (Contact: 0749376772)







# Dublin Marks #EndPoverty Day

**Social Justice Week - from 12 to 16 October, Maynooth, NUIM:** The week will be run for the fifth year with the title "Social Justice Week 2015 – A Call to Action". A range of informative and creative activities coincide with internationally significant dates - International Day of Rural Women (15 Oct), World Food Day (16 Oct) and #EndPoverty Day. ([facebook.com/MaynoothSocialJustice](https://www.facebook.com/MaynoothSocialJustice))

**The Roles We Play Here and There - from 12 to 17 October, chq Building, Custom House Quay:** ATD Ireland with ATD UK and artist Eva Sajovic, present photographic portraits and self-written biographies exploring the roles played by people in poverty within their families and communities. The aim is to challenge negative attitudes often held towards them. ([www.atdireland.ie/wp/rwp](http://www.atdireland.ie/wp/rwp))

**The Festival of Inclusion - from 10 to 17 October, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council:** The Festival prepared by the Social Inclusion Unit of the County Council will highlight the work done to eliminate disadvantage and improve quality of life in the County. It is organised ahead of #EndPoverty Day. ([www.dlrcoco.ie/festivalofinclusion/](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/festivalofinclusion/))

**Income Poverty and Time Poverty - ongoing project:** The National Women's Council of Ireland will highlight the links between income poverty and time poverty. On #EndPoverty day, NWCI will launch a series of workshops looking at how for many women, including lone parents, family carers, those in precarious work situations, and those experiencing income poverty and deprivation, can be made more vulnerable by the pressures of time poverty. ([www.nwci.ie](http://www.nwci.ie))

**Rural Poverty and Rural Isolation - ongoing project:** Age Action will engage with older people in a focus group discussion as part of the development of a short information booklet highlighting the reality of growing older in rural parts of Ireland and in developing countries. They will also hold a workshop on the issues raised in the booklet ([www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)).

## Wednesday 14 October 2015



### Meet me on the bridge - 11am on Rosie Hackett Bridge,

**Dublin 1:** The SAOL project event is a combination of 'hands across the bridge' and a 'join me on the bridge' happenings to celebrate recovery from addiction and freedom for women from domestic violence. Later in the day, SAOL invites to the opening of the "Poverty Art" exhibition. ([www.saolproject.ie](http://www.saolproject.ie))

**Analysis and Critique of new Irish Budget 2015 - 2pm, Buswells Hotel, 27 Molesworth St., Dublin:** Social Justice Ireland will analyse the impact of the changes in the new Budget on all members of society. ([www.socialjustice.ie](http://www.socialjustice.ie))

## Friday 16 October 2015

**World Food Day Conference - 9am to 1pm, Mansion House, Dawson St, Dublin 2:** Gorta Self Help Africa and Concern Worldwide conference will highlight the role that agriculture can play in achieving the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. ([www.worldfoodday.ie](http://www.worldfoodday.ie)).

**From Shame to Dignity – an Audience with Oxford Professor Robert Walker, author of the book 'The Shame of Poverty' - 12am to 2pm, The Innovation Academy, 3 Foster Place, Dublin 2:** The Trinity International Development Initiative (TIDI), in partnership with the School of Social Work and Social Policy, TCD and All Together in Dignity will host eminent Oxford Professor of Social Policy, Robert Walker, to give a keynote address on his recently titled book 'The Shame of Poverty'. ([www.atdireland.ie](http://www.atdireland.ie))



**#Zero Hunger and #EndPoverty Candlelight Vigil – 7 to 7.30pm, Famine Statues, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1:** In a symbolic walk, everyone can join to help create a human chain of lights between the Famine Statues and the Human Rights & Poverty Stone to #LightTheWay for Goal 1 and 2 in the 2030 Universal Sustainable Development Agenda ([www.facebook.com/LightTheWayIreland](http://www.facebook.com/LightTheWayIreland))

## Saturday 17 October 2015



**#TellEveryone about the #RolesWePlay to #EndPoverty -**

**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 and drama presentation. ([www.17october.ie](http://www.17october.ie))

**i-Smile International marks the UN Day - 4pm to 8pm, Mulhuddart Community Centre, Church Road, Dublin 15:** Through speeches, drama and fashion show i-Smile aims to impart the message that poverty extends beyond money income to education, mindset, healthcare, advancement of one's culture and political participation, and that everyone has a role to play in making poverty history. ([www.facebook.com/ismileinternational](http://www.facebook.com/ismileinternational))

## In social networks...

**Join the fight to #EndPoverty! - until 6pm on 17 October:** International Movement All Together in Dignity Fourth World (ATD) invites everyone 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: [thunderclap.it/projects/32270-pledge-to-endpoverty](http://thunderclap.it/projects/32270-pledge-to-endpoverty)



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## #TellEveryone the #RolesWePlay

**In the European Year for Development (#EYD2015), #TellEveryone about the #RolesWePlay for the #GlobalGoals:** From 12 to 17 October, support the social media campaign run by ATD Ireland inviting citizens to share on Facebook or Twitter the way they will contribute to the Sustainable Development 2030 Universal Agenda Visit: [www.17october.ie/campaign](http://www.17october.ie/campaign)

**You can see at events worldwide at [www.overcomingpoverty.org](http://www.overcomingpoverty.org)**



# A Human Rights Framework and 17 Goals



## Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights



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

On 25 September 2015, after crucial work by the Irish Ambassador at the UN, world leaders have agreed to 17 Global Goals to achieve major transformations in the next 15 years: **end extreme poverty, fight inequalities and injustices, limit climate change and protect the planet**. The historic 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development can make all this possible **in all countries and for all people**.



Read more: [www.17october.ie/human-rights/](http://www.17october.ie/human-rights/) and [www.globalgoals.org](http://www.globalgoals.org)



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