



INTERNATIONAL
DAY for the
ERADICATION
of POVERTY
17 OCTOBER



Growing Together to Leave No One Behind

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PROGRAMME BOOKLET

17 October 2016 – Human Rights and Poverty Stone, Dublin

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

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** (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.

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**Commemoration of the UN Day
for the Eradication of Poverty
Monday 17 October 2016**

Programme

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Human Rights and Poverty Stone

- 10:30 – Welcoming people at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone
– Piper Anthony Kelly plays
- 10:40 – Music/songs – Nigerian Singer Nkem Igala – Waterford
High Hopes Choir - The SAOL Project presents the
exhibition "Object Poverty"
- 10:55 – Visual piece 'The World as a village' by the North West
Inner City Training and Development Project (NWICTDP)
- 11:00 – Formal Start:** Welcome by Hugh Frazer as Master of
Ceremonies – Reading of the 17 October Call engraved on
the Human Rights and Poverty Stone: in English, Spanish
and Polish (read by H.E. Mr. José María Rodríguez-Coso ,
Ambassador of Spain & H.E. Mr. Ryszard *Sarkowicz*)
- 11:05 – "We are Humanity" - Young people from NYP2 sing with
Anthony Corcoran and John Weafer (based on the song "I
am Australian")
- 11:10 – Welcome and address by the Lord Mayor of Dublin,
Brendan Carr
- 11:15 – Song - Nigerian Singer Nkem Igala i-Smile International
- 11:20 – Arrival of President Higgins – Piper Anthony Kelly plays
*Let Erin Remember***

Welcome to President by Paul, member of the Irish 17 October Committee (Including extracts of the "I Bear witness" address of 17 October 1987 by Joseph Wresinski)

- 11:20 – 3 testimonies (Debbie, Dublin 1; Short play by African women from i-Smile International; Paul, Emma and Kathleena from Focus Ireland)
- 11:40 – Music:Piper Anthony Kelly plays a lament
- 11:45 – 2 testimonies including a minute's silence (Mihaita, student from O'Connell School – Louise, Paula, Lynn and Philip from the Our Voices project of ATD, SAOL Project and NWICTDP)
- 11:55 – **Address by the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins**
- 12:10 – Common gesture & songs : "Love Rescue Me" & "Ireland's Call" with the Waterford High Hopes Choir
- 12:15 – Time to mingle for the participants (music with the Piper)
- 12:30 – The President leaves and participants are invited to gather in Sheriff Youth Club Sport's Hall to share a meal together (corner of Sheriff Street Lower and Commons Street - 10 minute walk from the Human Rights and Poverty Stone)

Hashtags for live tweeting:

**#17oct IRL #LeaveNoOneBehind
#EndPoverty #ItsPossible**

12.45pm - Light lunch in the 'Sheriff Youth Club' Hall
Presentations by the delegations from
the different DSP funded project in Ireland

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.

We are humanity – NYP2 band

Verse 1

I come from Eritrea, and we
come from Poland,
We come from Mauritius, and
we from Ireland.
We all live together, in peace
and harmony
Here in Dublin city, we are
humanity.

Chorus

**We are one , but we are many,
We come, from every
land and sea,
We share a dream, and sing
with one voice,
I will, you will, we'll end
world poverty**

Verse 2

We gather here together, on
this October day,
We want the world to listen, to
what we've got to say,
Millions live in hunger, millions
live in fear ,
The cries of children dying,
some refuse to hear.

Chorus

Verse 3
Yes, we must all stand
together, or at least
we must all try.
To help our fellow human
beings, and listen to their cry.
So let's stand beside
our refugees, and keep
an open door
Let's open up our hearts
and minds, and stand
beside the poor.

Chorus

Verse 4
Let's make the world
a better place, where
everybody shares,
Where peace and justice they
prevail, and everybody cares.
We can talk about our values,
and preach solidarity ,
But we are all just hypocrites,
unless we end world poverty.

Chorus

Love Rescue Me – High Hopes Choir

Love rescue me

Come forth and speak to me
Raise me up and don't let me fall
No man is my enemy
My own hands imprison me
Love rescue me

Many strangers have I met
On the road to my regret
Many lost who seek to find
themselves in me
They ask me to reveal
The very thoughts
they would conceal

Love rescue me

And the sun in the sky
Makes a shadow of you and I
Stretching out as
the sun sinks in the sea
I'm here without a name
In the palace of my shame
Said, love rescue me

In the cold mirror of a glass
I see my reflection pass
See the dark shades
of what I used to be
See the purple of her eyes
The scarlet of my lies
Love rescue me

Yea, though I walk

In the valley of shadow
Yea, I will fear no evil
I have cursed thy rod and staff
They no longer comfort me

Love rescue me

Sha la la, sha la la la
Sha la la la, ha la la
Sha la la la, sha la la la
Sha la la la, sha la la
Sha la la la, sha la la la
Sha la la

I said love, love rescue me

I said love
Climb up the mountains,
said love I said love, oh my love
On the hill of the son
I'm on the eve of a storm
And my word you must believe in
I said love, rescue me
Oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah

Yeah I'm here without a name
In the palace of my shame
I said love rescue me

I've conquered my past
The future is here at last
I stand at the entrance
To a new world I can see
The ruins to the right of me
Will soon have lost sight of me
Love rescue me

Ireland's Call – High Hopes Choir

Side by side,

we stand like brothers
One for all and all together
We will stay united
through darker days
And we'll be unbeatable
forever

Ireland, Ireland,

Together standing tall
Shoulder to shoulder
We'll answer
Ireland's call

Come the day
and come the hour
Some will live in song
and story
We were born to follow
our guiding star
And to meet our destiny
with glory

Ireland, Ireland,

Together standing tall
Shoulder to shoulder
We'll answer
Ireland's call

Hearts of steel
and heads unbowing
Vowing never
to be broken
We will fight until
we can fight no more
Till our final requiem
is spoken

Ireland, Ireland,

Together standing tall
Shoulder to shoulder
We'll answer
Ireland's call

Ireland, Ireland,

Together standing tall
Shoulder to shoulder
We'll answer Ireland's call
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THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development

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On 25th 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.** 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.**

"It is my hope that by 2030, we will look back on the 25th September 2015 as a decisive moment in global history; a moment when the nations of the world united to secure peace, to deliver freedom, equality and human rights for all and to eradicate poverty and hunger, to achieve a human flourishing in a sustainable and peaceful planet in all its diversity."

The President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, 24 Sept 2015

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The central theme of this 2016 End Poverty Day gathering is

Growing Together to Leave No One Behind

To Leave No One Behind is the central challenge of the 2016-2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development.

“Growing Together to Leave No One Behind” means having:

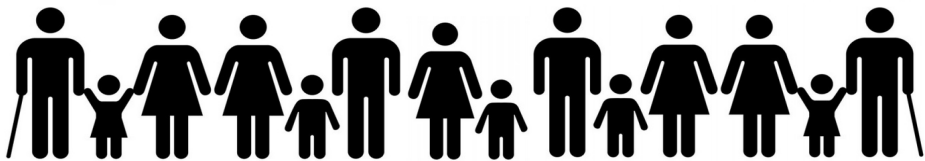
Inclusive economic growth: In a time of recovery and economic growth, our collective responsibility is to make sure that no one is excluded from its benefits.

Inclusive democratic growth: As Ireland starts to implement the 2030 Agenda it should create opportunities for growth and empowerment for marginalised and excluded groups, and citizens thereby creating new possibilities for their participation, sharing of expertise and leadership.

Inclusive personal and collaborative growth: Growing together challenges our existing prejudices and established silos. The 2030 Agenda, in its call for partnership (Goal 17), holds transformative potential. It invites us to create relationships and collaborations which challenge our usual ways of thinking, working and networking.

In his message for the UN Day, **Ban Ki-moon UN Secretary General** said: *"We are approaching the end of the first year of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. **To fulfil the promise of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind**, we must address the humiliation and exclusion of people living in poverty. The duty of all Governments and societies is to address systemic socio-economic inequalities and facilitate the engagement of all people living in extreme poverty so they can help themselves, their families and their communities to build a more equitable, sustainable and prosperous future for all."*

Goal 1



End poverty
in all its forms
everywhere
by the year 2030

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