

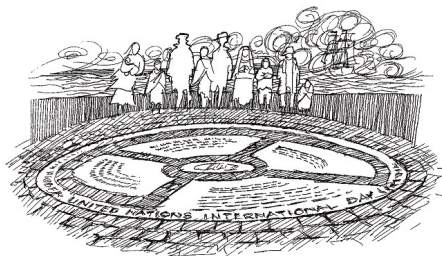
Build

one of our 17 Global Goals Boats
to be launched on the river Liffey
on Tuesday, 17th of October,
the International End Poverty Day



**Schools & Children
have a Role to Play!**

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Monday, 11th September 2017

Dear Teacher,

You and your pupils are invited to build a boat to be launched by some children and adults from your school on the River Liffey on 17 October to mark the International End Poverty Day.

Boats must be made out of recyclable material, easy to make and transport and of course, able to float! Other than that there are no guidelines so be as creative as you can!

17 boats, symbolising the hopes inspired by the new 17 Global Goals, built by schools and groups from around Ireland, will be launched during a live streamed event at 11.17am on Tuesday 17th October from beside the Famine Statues.

At the event it-self, a child representative from each school will introduce, in 30 seconds, their boat and the school's short message of hope. Your school can be a part of this important and historic event.

The following information includes details about the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty as well as suggestions for you and your pupils to carry out this activity. On the day in Dublin, the Poolbeg Yacht Club and the Irish 17 October Committee will oversee all safety issues involved including the launch and retrieval of the boats.

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The Irish 17 October Committee is an open coalition of activists and groups in local communities, teachers, home school liaison officers and members of anti-poverty NGOs. Global Citizenship School is a INTO support for teachers and schools with ready-to-go on-line lessons about Global Citizenship and Human Rights Education & Responsibilities.

The 17 Global Goals and the UN End Poverty Day

In September 2015, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a “Leave No One Behind” promise which includes 17 goals set aiming to end poverty, fight inequality and poverty, and tackle climate change by 2030.

THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development



The 17th of October is the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. All around the world, people from different backgrounds come together to participate in the movement towards ending poverty, the first goal of the UN sustainability Goals.

In Dublin, we members of the Irish 17 October Committee, with the support of the Global Citizenship Schools Network are organising an event to celebrate the day. Discover us at www.17october.ie!

In Dublin, the Human Rights and Poverty Stone, next to the Famine Statues on Custom House Quay, is the focal point for the 17th of October celebrations (see map). A national event will be held there on Tuesday the 17th from 10am to 12pm (with a formal celebration from 11am to 12.15pm)

As in other parts of the world, the focus of the day will be on listening to the stories of courage of those who are living in poverty, and to acknowledge the struggles they face as well as their role as leaders of social justice.





The Human Rights and Poverty Stone, next to the Famine Statues on Custom House Quay

Joseph Wresinski, the initiator of the UN Day, was convinced that children have an important role in the movement to end poverty. By giving them an understanding of what poverty is, and empowering and inspiring them to take action against it, we are nurturing the future advocates of social change. As such, we have created an age appropriate, positive and nationally inclusive activity to establish children's presence at the heart of this historic occasion.

What should pupils know about the 17th October?

The 17th October is a special day all over the world. It is called:

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

This is the day we take action and say that poverty in the world should end. By poverty, we mean a severe lack of the basic things we need as human beings, such as food, clean water, shelter, security, education, good care and friendships!

Joseph Wresinski who wanted to have this International Day where people join together to get rid of poverty was convinced children can bring smiles, joy and friendship to those they meet, their family, the other children at their school. This is important because when we are joyful this gives courage to others and brings people together. As Joseph said: **“You the children are the sunshine the laughter and the cheer-up to those who are sad!”**

17 Boats of Hope

"Something Inside So Strong"



Nothing fancy, but your boat must be made out of recyclable materials and can be as colourful and as creative as you like! Boats come in all shapes, but they must be less than one meter in length and easy to transport! As long as they can float then they are boats! So make sure you test your boat before the launch in Dublin!

Each boat needs a 'ring' on the front to facilitate a narrow rope which will link all the boats for the launch.

Each boat may carry messages of hope from your school community!

And don't forget, a pupil from your school will introduce, in 30 seconds, your boat and the school's short message of hope.

Optional but important:

On the day in Dublin, the song "Something Inside So Strong" by Labi Siffre will be sung and live-streamed around the country at **11.17am sharp**. You may wish to learn the song in advance. Schools from all over the country will be able to follow it live and add their voices to this nationwide united choir. Further information will be provided closer to the time and available on www.17october.ie.

Verse 1

The higher you build your barriers
The taller I become
The further you take my rights away
The faster I will run
You can deny me, you can decide
To turn your face away
No matter 'cause there's

Chorus

Something inside so strong
I know that I can make it
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong

You thought that my pride was gone, oh no
There's something inside so strong
Oh, something inside so strong

Verse 2

The more you refuse to hear my voice
The louder I will sing
You hide behind walls of Jericho
Your lies will come tumbling
Deny my place in time, you squander wealth
that's mine
My light will shine so brightly it will blind you
Because there's