

**For a world that leaves
no one behind!**

10 - 23 October 2017

Ireland marks #EndPoverty Day

30 years of 1987 call to action – 20 years of the first Irish anti-poverty strategy

INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR THE
ERADICATION OF
POVERTY



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30 years after the 1987 Call to Action, 20 years after “Sharing Progress”, the first National Anti-Poverty Strategy let's continue to listen 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)**, unveiled the first Human Rights and Poverty Stone on the Trocadero Human Rights Plaza in Paris. On this marble Wresinski's call to action is engraved:

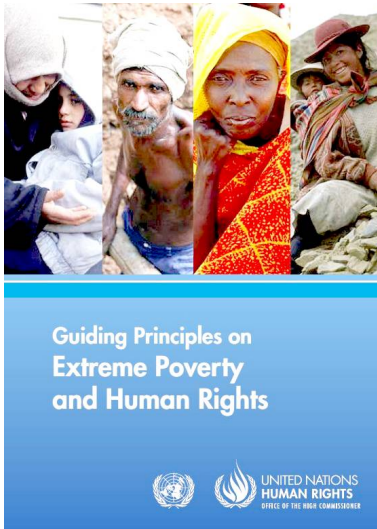
*“Wherever men and women are condemned to live in poverty,
human rights are violated. To come together to ensure
that these rights are respected is our solemn duty.”*

Since then, this 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 **Human Rights and Poverty 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. The gatherings on 17 October this year will also acknowledge 2017 as the **20th anniversary** of Ireland's first national anti-poverty strategy adopted in 1997.

A Human Rights Framework for 17 Goals



In September 2012, the UN Human Rights Council adopted the Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights. They provide **global policy guidelines focusing specifically on the human rights of people living in poverty**. It is 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.



*"It is my hope that by 2030, we will look back on the 25th of 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

Read more: www.17october.ie/human-rights and www.globalgoals.org

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Answering the Call of 17 October to End Poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies

The 2017 theme of the UN Day reminds us that peace is the universal goal of all people, especially for people living in poverty who are forced to suffer the pain of exclusion, discrimination, injustice and violence. It also reminds us that only a world free from poverty will provide the sustainable foundation for building peaceful and inclusive societies. 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of the Call to Action launched by Wresinski, a call that led to the UN General Assembly resolution to mark 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 25 years ago. 2017 marks also 20 years since Ireland's first plan to address poverty with the publication of "Sharing progress" the National Anti-Poverty Strategy 1997-2006. That plan was replaced by the current National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2017.



Events in Ireland and abroad

On social networks... Join the fight to #EndPoverty!

Before Tuesday 17 October, support to major on-line campaign:

- Add your name to the #StopPoverty mosaic on www.poverty-stop.org
- Share your social network contacts and support the Thunderclap www.atdfw.org/thunderclap



On 6 October the North West Simon Community started the UN Day observance with organisation of a Sleep Out in Sligo & Letterkenny to raise awareness and promote the End Poverty Day.

Monday 16 October 2017

11am – 5.30pm, Ardboyne Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath – The Meath Partnership and Irish Soup Kitchens Navan will run workshops and open "What's the story – Homelessness: Poverty and Power?", a photographic exhibition by Laura O'Neill looking at the experiences of people who are homeless around Navan. (RSVP Olive on 046 9280 790 or olive.power@meathpartnership.ie)



**On Tuesday 17 October 2017
at 11.17am sharp, Ireland,
let's sing as ONE!**

Tuesday 17 October 2017

10am - Cork Life Centre, Sundays Well Road, Cork - The UN Day marked with a display of the Cork Life Centre students' Art Work and the launch of a resource booklet to be shared with schools and other projects about the Agenda 2030 and the 17 Global Goals. (www.facebook.com/Cork-Life-Centre-280823201935947/)

10am - Lus Na Greine Family Resource Centre, Granard, Co. Longford – 'The Web of Poverty' will be presented as a community art installation made from recycle produce and involving a multigenerational approach. (www.facebook.com/lusna.greine)

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1:30pm - Breffni Family Resource Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim - Launch of a stone carving and a sensory garden project highlighting the work of people who represent minorities and are experiencing social exclusion. (www.facebook.com/breffnifrc/)

7pm - Connect Family Resource Centre, Drogheda, Co. Louth: The Connect FRC will unveil an exhibition exploring the 'Eradication of Poverty' through photography leading to the creation of a group mosaic. (www.facebook.com/cfrc2)

7pm - Arden View Family Resource Centre, Tullamore, Co. Offaly - The FRC invites members of the local community to unveil a mural to celebrate the UN Day. The mural will focus on peace and reconciliation between people from different ethnic and social backgrounds. (www.facebook.com/ArdenViewCommunityFamilyResourceCentre)

7.30pm - Failte Isteach YWCA, Monaghan - After 6 felting workshops, the project "Felt Against Poverty" will be launched during a very special Fashion Show. Project participants participants will become models and highlight ways of tackling poverty around the world. (www.facebook.com/FailtelsteachMonaghan)

Events on the 17th for Irish EU and UN Representations

8.30am to 4.30pm (Irish time) - Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France - The Coalition of International NGOs at the Council of Europe is organising a one day conference on "Acting together to eradicate extreme poverty in Europe" (www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/-/30th-world-day-to-combat-extreme-poverty)

2.30pm (Irish time) - European Parliament, Brussels - Irish MEPs are invited to join the panel discussion organised by the Human Rights and Poverty MEPs Intergroup. (www.17october.ie/mep171017/)

6.15 to 7.15pm (Irish time) - United Nations, Room UN CR 2, New York City : The Irish mission is invited to attend the observance of the Day at UN Headquarters. (live streaming on www.poverty-stop.org)

Thursday 19 October 2017

11am - Ballyhaunis FRC, Mayo - "Open House" event with a talk by Fr. Michael Mernagh on Poverty in Ireland and globally. An exhibition of photography and art by people living in the Asylum Accommodation Centre and others community members will be displayed. (www.facebook.com/Ballyhaunis-Family-Resource-Centre-1841572902781817/)

7pm - Clara Community and Family Resource Centre Clara, Co. Offaly - Gorta-Self Help Africa's reknown fundraiser Ronan Scully and the FRC will unveil an #EndPoverty sculpture. (www.facebook.com/clarafrc/)

Offaly Traveller Movement, Tullamore, Bury Quay: The youth group of Offaly Traveller Movement will explore mental health in the Traveller community through the medium of film. (www.facebook.com/OffalyTravellerMovement)

Other events (dates TBC)

Clonmany Youth CRC, Donegal - Community members will learn to make items for sale in a craft fair the proceeds of which will be donated to the Batam Womens Build in Indonesia. www.facebook.com/Clonmany-Community-Centre-158067717584243/

Discover more events at www.poverty-stop.org





Dublin Marks #EndPoverty Day

From Tuesday 10 October to Saturday 21st October

Famine Statues, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 – The Irish 17 October Committee presents an outdoor exhibition of "30 Quotes to #StopPoverty". Activists quoted are Nelson Mandela, Peter McVerry, Joseph Wresinski, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Sister Stan and many more...

Tuesday 10 October 2017

8pm - Light the Liffey on World Homeless Day – Opposite CHQ Building, Dublin 1 The Inner City Helping Homeless is teaming with the #MyNameIs campaign on Child Homelessness and invites all citizens to come along on the night and show your support for each person that is homeless. To get involved call 01 888 18 04.

(www.facebook.com/events/105700050154380/)

Wednesday 11 October 2017

11am to 1pm - Avondale Community Room, 123 Avondale Park, Tyrrelstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 - i-Smile International will hold an interactive workshop that will provide a platform for people in poverty to share their stories. The workshop will also include a drama presentation highlighting different barriers to participation and active citizenship. (www.facebook.com/ismileinternational/)

11am to 1pm - Buswells Hotel, 27 Molesworth St, Dublin 2 - Social Justice Ireland will analyse and critique the impact of the changes in the new Budget on all members of society. The event will be livestreamed. (www.socialjustice.ie)

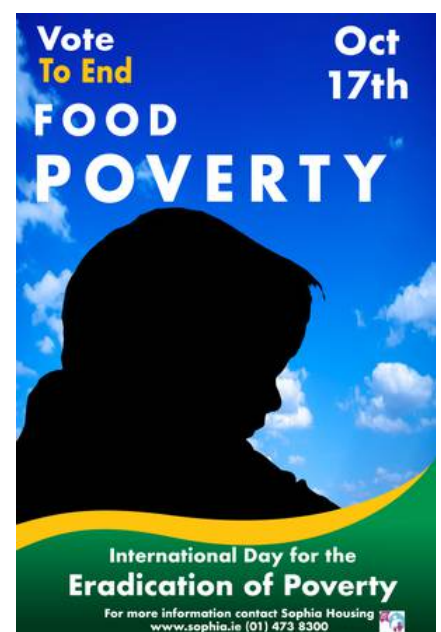
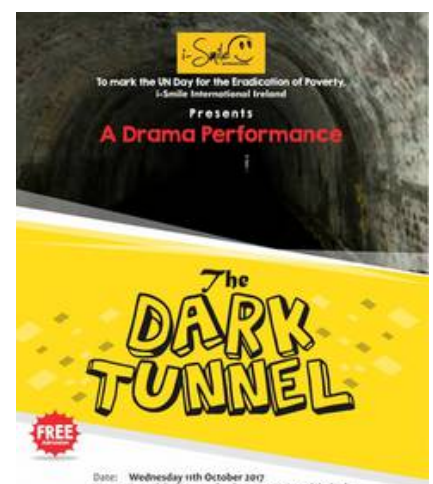
Thursday 12 October 2017

Streets of Dublin – from 12 October to 22 October, Sophia Housing will display local election posters for "Eradication Day" (as opposed to Election Day). These posters familiar to anyone will draw more attention thus gaining extra exposure to October 17th. (www.facebook.com/pg/Sophia-292084254143982/)

3pm to 5pm - the Complex, Dublin – The SAOL project will hold a fashion show. This show will explore social and political history as well as key issues facing the women involved in SAOL (such as addiction, recovery or poverty). The event will also see the launch of 'Object2Poverty', a 'Frame' installations to be placed at relevant sites in Dublin inviting citizens to describe 'what they see'. (www.saolproject.ie)

Saturday 14 October 2017

11am to 5pm – French Residence, 53 Ailesbury Rd, Dublin 4 – A Joseph Wresinski Legacy Workshop about the origins of the End Poverty Day during Dublin's Open House event (www.facebook.com/Wresinskilegacy)

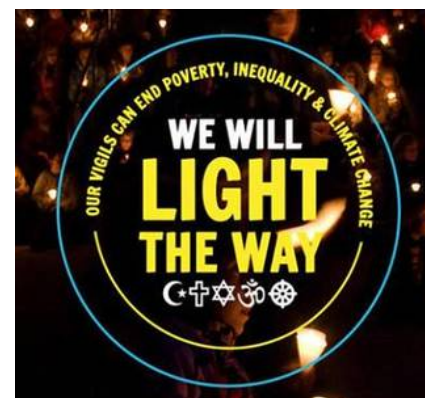


Monday 16 October 2017

11am - 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. (www.saolproject.ie)

1.45am to 3.45pm - Morisson Hotel, Dublin 1 - Inclusion Ireland is committed to the development of Easy to Read materials. To mark the UN Day it will launch in attendance of Minister Regina Doherty an Easy to Read Booklet on Poverty and Disability. The booklet is being produced in partnership with people with disabilities.

7pm to 8pm - Famine Statues, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 - "No Hunger, No Poverty Candlelight Vigil": open-air pubic event to create a human chain of lights between the Famine Statues and the Human Rights & Poverty Stone – with participation of Father Peter McVerry and other spiritual leaders. (www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland)



Tuesday 17 October 2017

10.00am to 12.30pm - Famine Statues, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 – National Commemoration - The public gathering organised by the Irish 17 October Committee is an opportunity for communities to have their voices heard through personal testimonies from people who experience poverty, as well as through music and drama presentation. The SAOL Project will run this workshop "Object2Poverty" at the event. The event will be attended by Mícheál Mac Donncha, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Stéphane Crouzat, French Ambassador in Ireland and David Donogue, former Irish Ambassador to the UN. Livestream starting at 11am on www.17october.ie/live and www.poverty-stop.org

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4pm to 5pm - Dail Eireann, AV Room, Leinster House - Maureen O'Sullivan TD invites delegates from the SAOL Project and the Irish 17 October Committee to show case 'Object Poverty' and 'Object2Poverty' as well as to present to TDs a civil society message for the day.

7pm to 9pm - Woodquay venue, DCC, Dublin 2 – When Voices Unite to Leave No One Behind - Singing session to bring people together and sing songs with messages of dignity, hope, courage and joy. (www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland)



Thursday 19 October 2017 to Saturday 21 October

EAPN Ireland welcomes in Dublin 200 anti-poverty activists from 31 European countries for the annual AGM of the **European Anti-Poverty Network** (for more info: www.eapn.ie)

Monday 23 October 2017

9.30pm to 12pm – Woodquay venue, DCC, Dublin 2 - MiseanCara will host 'Poverty of Opportunity: Education as a Pathway to a Better Future' a public event to showcase the work of Irish missionary organisations in developing countries. (www.facebook.com/MiseanCaralreland/)

**Poverty of Opportunity:
Education as a
Pathway to a Better
Future**

• 9.30am – 12.00pm Monday 23rd October 2017
• Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic
• Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8
• Email info@miseancara.ie to register by Thursday
19th October 2017

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Other events (dates TBC)

GLÁS Centre, Shangan Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9 - Global Action Plan intend to run a series of workshops in their community garden about healthy food. GAP will also introduce their partners in Vietnam telling the story of the impact of green skills and sustainable urban agriculture in Hanoi. (www.facebook.com/pg/GlobalActionPlanIreland/)



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