



INTERNATIONAL DAY for the ERADICATION of POVERTY
17 OCTOBER



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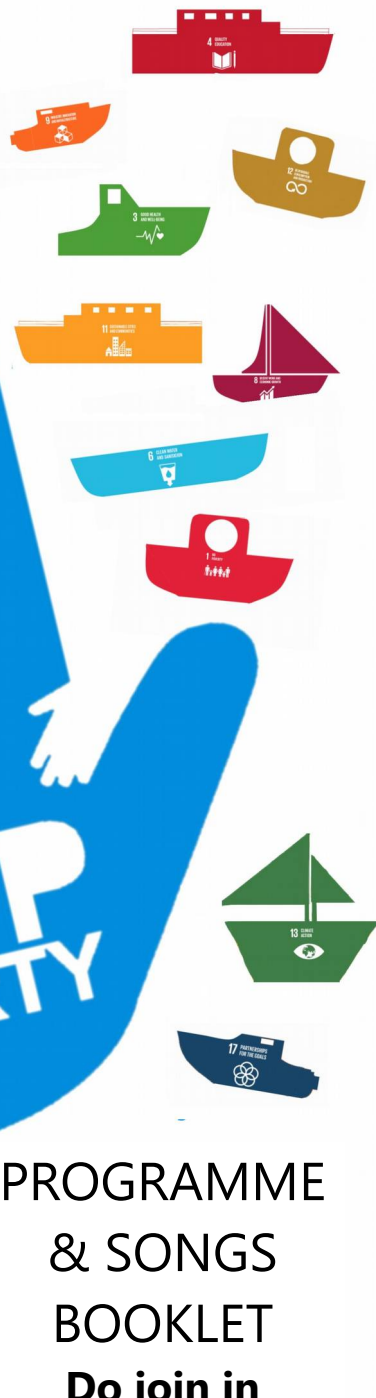
#EndPoverty

Public event

Human Rights and Poverty

Stone – Custom House quay

**17 Global Goals
Boats
on the Liffey for
a World that
Leaves
No One Behind**



**PROGRAMME
& SONGS
BOOKLET
Do join in
and sing!**

The original 17 October Stone unveiled in Paris on 17 October 1987, exactly 30 years ago!

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, 30 years ago, 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. The gathering on 17 October will also acknowledge 2017 as the **20th anniversary of Ireland's first national anti-poverty strategy adopted in 1997.**

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**Commemoration of the UN Day
for the Eradication of Poverty
Tuesday 17 October 2017**

Programme

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Human Rights and Poverty Stone

- 10:00 – Welcoming people at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone
Music/songs – Workshops - The SAOL Project presents the campaign "Object2Poverty" – Volunteers welcome the boat builders
- 10:55 – Words by the Master of Ceremonies, **Brid O'Brien (INOUE)**
- 11:00** – Welcome and address by **Mícheál Mac Donncha, Lord Mayor of Dublin**
- 11:05 – **"17 Statements of Hope"** by the Global Goals boat builders
- 11:17** – **"Something inside so strong"** Song performed by the **Larkin Youth Gospel Choir**. Groups, Schools, people nationwide are invited to join and sing at the same time.
- 11:25** – Former Irish Ambassador to the UN **David Donoghue** addresses the audience about hope and responsibility generated by the Agenda 2030 and launches the Global Goals mini-boats of Hope
- 11:30 – "This land is your land" and "We are Humanity" - Young people from **NYP2** sing with Anthony Corcoran and John Weafer (Lyrics re-written by Fergus Mc Cabe)

- 11:35 – Testimonies and Music (**ATD, MRCI, CAN and NWICTDP**)
musical break – **Students from Coláiste Eoin** (Irish School in Stillorgan)
- 12:00 – **French Ambassador Stephane Crouzat, Counsellor Grzegorz Sala** (Poland), **Belinda Nugent**, Irish member of the International 17 October Committee and ATD friend **Patrick Fay** read the Call to Action engraved in the 17 October Stone
- 11:05 – **Minute of Silence** to pay homage to all the victims of poverty
- 12:10 – Common gesture & songs : **“With My Own Two Hands”** and **“True Colours”**
- 12:15 – **End of ceremony** - Time to mingle for the participants and refreshments.

Hashtags for live tweeting:

#17octIRL #EndPoverty

#LeaveNoOneBehind

Later today, 17 October 2017, in **Leinster House, ATD Ireland** with the support of the **SAOL project** (two member organisations of the Irish 17 October Committee) will launch the petition:

Walking together for an inclusive society: Let's organise a national round-table to design the best social inclusion plan ever! Together!

Support this call at:

www.weareone2017.org

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.

Something Inside So Strong

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

**Something inside so strong
I know that I can make it
Tho' you're doing me wrong,
so wrong
You thought that my pride
was gone
Oh no, something inside
so strong
Oh oh oh oh oh something
inside so strong**

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
Cos there's.....

Chorus

Brothers and sisters
When they insist we're just not
good enough
When we know better
Just look 'em in the eyes and say
I'm gonna do it anyway [x4]

Chorus

This land is made for you and me

"This Land Is Your Land" is one of the United States' most famous folk songs. Its lyrics were written by American folk singer Woody Guthrie in 1940 based on an existing melody, a Carter Family tune called "When the World's on Fire". Text below has been written/adapted by Ferguss McCabe

**This land is your land
this land is my land
From Europe's plains
to Asia's highlands**

**From American shores
to African Islands
This land is made
for you and me**

We share this world this world is one
Its lands and seas to us all belong,
To deny this truth is just all wrong
This land is made for you and me

Chorus

Throughout this world
migrants are crying
Throughout this world
refugees are dying
Throughout this world many are
denying
That this land is made for you and me

Chorus

The land of the brave,
home of the free'

Use to welcome migrants and refugees
Now angry voices disagree
That this land was made
for you and me

Chorus

Yes we live in troubled times,
But hope and history
will one day rhyme
And the bells of justice they will chime
That this land was made
for you and me

Chorus

We are humanity – NYP2 band

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.

**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**

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

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

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

With my own two hands

I can change the world,
with my own two hands
Make a better place,
with my own two hands
Make a kinder place,
with my own two hands
With my own, with my own
two hands (x2)

I can make peace on earth,
with my own two hands
And I can clean up the earth,
with my own two hands
And I can reach out to you,
with my own two hands
With my own, with my own
two hands (x2)

**I'm gonna make it a brighter place,
(With my own)**

**I'm gonna make it a safer place,
(With my own)**

**I'm gonna help the human race,
(With my own)
(With my own two hands)**

Now I can hold you,
in my own two hands
And I can comfort you,
with my own two hands
But you got to use,
use your own two hands
Use your own, use your
own two hands

Use your own two hands
And with our own two hands
With our, with our,
with our own two hands...

Chorus

Oh, make it a brighter place (With
my own)

I can hold you (With my own)
And I can comfort you (With my
own)

But you got, you got, you got, you
got, you got, you got, you got to use
Oh, use your own



THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development

www.globalgoals.org

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

THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



The central theme of this 2017 End Poverty Day gathering is **For a World That Leaves No One Behind**

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