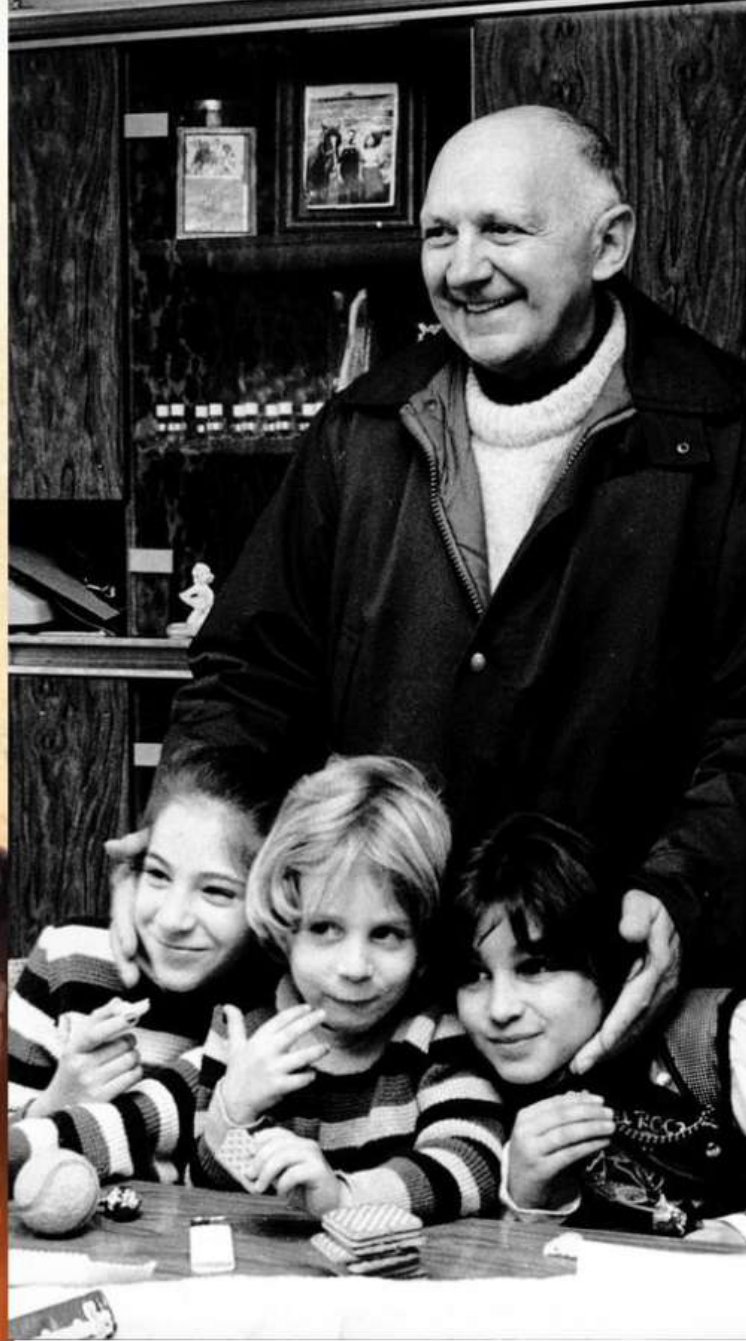




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In **2018**, let's make every day,  
an **End Poverty** day!

The year 2018 marks the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela, the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of Joseph Wresinski and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King. Let's us live the legacy!







On the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 all world leaders pledged to do three extraordinary things by 2030: to **End Extreme Poverty**, **Fight Inequality and Injustice** and **Fix Climate Change**. They agreed 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development to positively impact all people, in all countries of the world. The more people know about these Global Goals, the more successful they will be. If we all fight for them, our leaders will make them happen. **If we all fight for them, our leaders will make them happen.** That's why we need to help each other share these goals - in conversation, at home, at work or at school - **whatever it takes to #TellEveryone!** The year 2018 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1948. Let's achieve "Human Rights for All" with the 17 Global Goals. [www.standup4humanrights.org](http://www.standup4humanrights.org)



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**“The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty.”**

*MLK, “Where do we go from Here: Chaos or Community”, 1967*

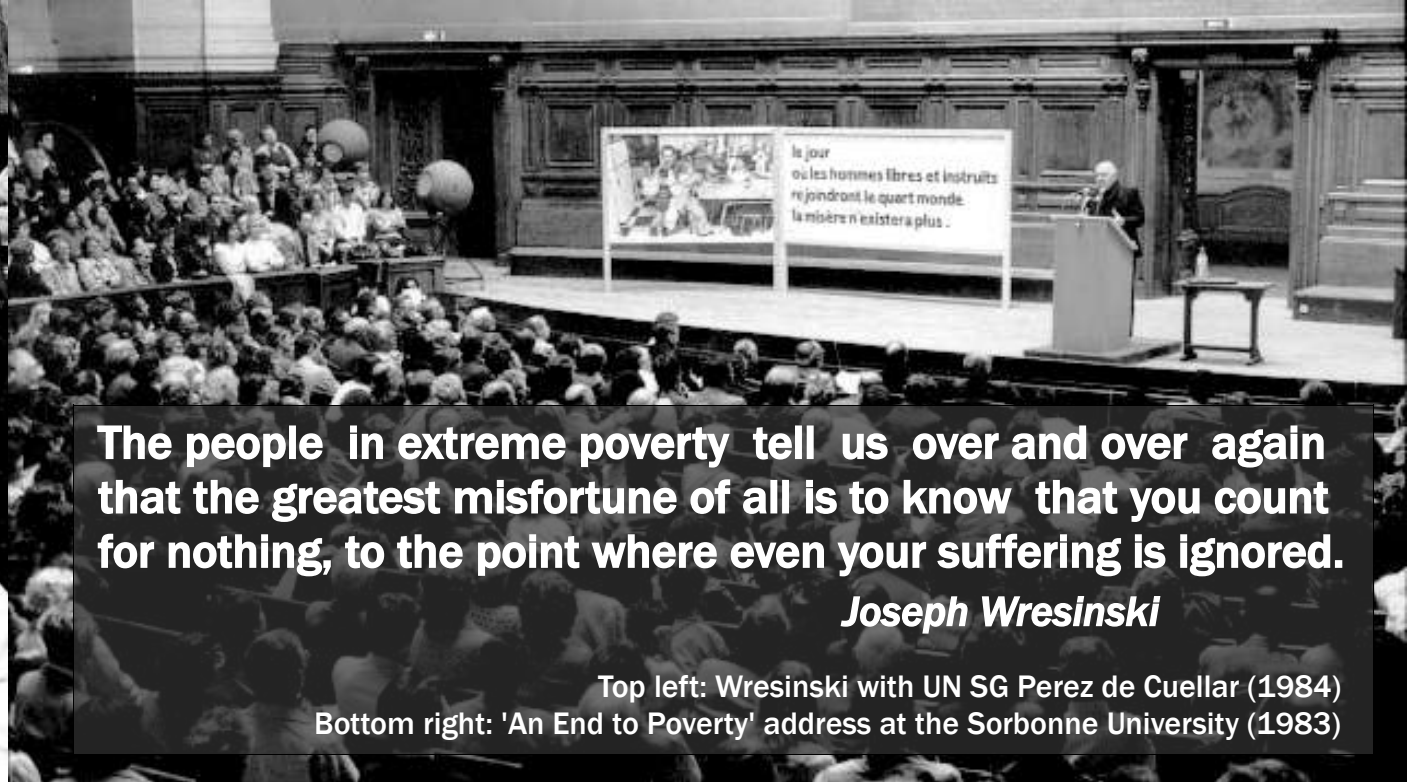
The 4th April 2018 marks the **50th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King** and although he is most famous for his work in civil rights he was also a strong anti-poverty activist. On the **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**, the MLK Bank Holiday in the USA, the young volunteers of ATD Ireland will launch the **“Ireland, I have dream”** project and invite young people of deprived communities to write their “I have a dream” speech inspired by MLK’s legacy. On MLK Day visit [www.ihaveadream.ie](http://www.ihaveadream.ie) and share the news!



**Ireland, I have a dream**

**A project by the 'Unity in the Community' youth group - ATD Djynamo Movement**

**#MLK50 #IHaveADream #StopPoverty**



**The people in extreme poverty tell us over and over again that the greatest misfortune of all is to know that you count for nothing, to the point where even your suffering is ignored.**

***Joseph Wresinski***

Top left: Wresinski with UN SG Perez de Cuellar (1984)

Bottom right: 'An End to Poverty' address at the Sorbonne University (1983)



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12	13	14  Joseph Wresinski 1917-1988	15	16	17	18
19	20  World Day of SOCIAL JUSTICE	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4

# FEBRUARY 2018

30 years ago, on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1988, **Joseph Wresinski**, the initiator of the UN End Poverty Day, passed away. His young life was shaped by the experience of poverty. In 1957, working alongside residents of an emergency housing camp outside Paris, Wresinski founded what would become **All Together in Dignity**, a worldwide movement refusing to accept the waste of human potential that poverty represents. In 1987, 100,000 people demonstrated in Paris in support of Wresinski's call to action which is carved in stone at the Trocadero Plaza in Paris and in Dublin near the Famine Statues: **"Wherever men and women are condemned to live in poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure these rights are respected is our solemn duty."** Earlier, in 1965, together with French sociologist Jules Klanfer, he first introduced the concept of **"social exclusion"**, now broadly used worldwide to describe the social impact of poverty. He is also the inspirational figure behind the **UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty**.





Members of the **Irish Coalition 2030** marking the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone in September 2017



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26 <b>MARCH 2018</b>	27	28	1 	2 ☉	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day ●	18
19 St. Patrick's Day observed	20 	21 	22 	23	24 	25
26	27	28	29	30 	31 ☉	1 Easter

On the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the **Irish Coalition 2030** will be one year old! The Coalition is an alliance of over 100 leading civil society groups working together for the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals). The organisations involved in the Coalition work across many sectors — from children's rights to environmental sustainability and from humanitarian relief to education — here in Ireland and in over 50 countries across the globe. In 2018, the Coalition will advocate for the adoption by the Irish Government of an **ambitious National Implementation Plan**. Follow its work on twitter: **@Coalition2030IR**





Martin Luther King Jr., baptist minister and social activist, led the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. He is recognised as visionary leader deeply committed to achieving social justice through nonviolent means. He had a seismic impact on race relations in the USA. His life and work have been honored with a US national holiday, schools and public buildings named after him, and a memorial on Independence Mall in Washington, D.C.



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26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31	1 Easter
APRIL 2018						
2 Easter Monday  World Autism Awareness Day	3	4 MLK 50 	5	6	7  WORLD HEALTH DAY	8 
9	10	11	12  LOUDER TOGETHER INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR STREET CHILDREN 12 APRIL	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22  EARTH DAY APRIL 22
23  23 April WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

The last major speech Martin Luther King delivered, four days before his assassination, was on poverty: *“We are challenged to rid our nation and the world of poverty. Like a monstrous octopus, poverty spreads its nagging, prehensile tentacles into hamlets and villages all over our world. (...) There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we now have the techniques and the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will. (...) In a few weeks some of us are coming to Washington to see if the will is still alive or if it is alive in this nation. We are coming to Washington in a Poor People’s Campaign. We are coming to demand that the government address itself to the problem of poverty.”*

MLK at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., on 31<sup>th</sup> March 1968.









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7 May Day	8	9	10	11	12 	13
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28	29	30	31	1 <b>MAY 2018</b>	2	3

More than 30 events took place in Ireland to mark the 2017 UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Art works, exhibitions, handbooks, conferences, community gatherings, a fashion show and workshops were prepared with strong involvement of local communities. Most of these events were financially supported by the Irish Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP). For a number of years now, the Social Inclusion Division of the DEASP has supported the promotion of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty through grants to organisations and community groups under its *Public Awareness Funding Initiative Scheme* ([www.socialinclusion.ie](http://www.socialinclusion.ie)). **May 2018 is the month to apply for a new End Poverty Day grant! Don't miss the opportunity to submit a project!**

The pictures above presents some of the groups supported in 2017. More pictures can be found at [www.17october.ie/gallery2017](http://www.17october.ie/gallery2017).



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The "Leave No One Behind" Sculpture created by members of the Clara Family Resource Centre to mark the 2017 UN End Poverty Day



## LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND PROMISE

Every person has a fair opportunity in life no matter who or where they are.

Reach the furthest behind first.

Every person counts and will be counted.

The President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, speaking on UN End Poverty Day 2016 at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone.



**Sustainable Communities - Global Goals**  
In 2015, world leaders have agreed a new set of Global Goals to eliminate poverty and universal. Ireland has played a key role in their development. The Global Goals as a framework to showcase how Ireland is leading the way in sustainable development.



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“We commit to **putting the last first**. The Global Goals for Sustainable Development offer a historic opportunity to eradicate extreme poverty and ensure no one is left behind. To realise this opportunity we will prioritise the interests of the world’s most vulnerable and disadvantaged people; the poorest of the poor and those people who are most excluded and at risk of violence and discrimination. We believe **it is in all of our interest to leave no one behind** and to ensure a fair opportunity for all, now and for the future.”

Extracts from the “Leaving no one behind: Our promise”  
Policy paper of the UK Department for International Development, Jan 2017

The historic commitment of the 2030 Agenda **to reach the furthest behind first** is the key transformative challenge of the plan for a better future for people and the planet. How can we walk the talk of the “Leave No One Behind Promise”? Share your ideas with us? Send them to: [growingtogether@atdireland.ie](mailto:growingtogether@atdireland.ie)



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“Massive poverty and obscene inequality are such terrible scourges of our times - times in which the world boasts breathtaking advances in science, technology, industry and wealth accumulation - that they have to rank alongside slavery and apartheid as social evils. In this new century, millions of people in the world’s poorest countries remain imprisoned, enslaved, and in chains. They are trapped in the prison of poverty. It is time to set them free. **Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.** And overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life. While poverty persists, there is no true freedom. Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom. Of course the task will not be easy. But not to do this would be a crime against humanity, against which I ask all humanity now to rise up. **Make Poverty History. Make History.** Then we can all stand with our heads held high.”

Nelson Mandela, Trafalgar Square, London – February 2005





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The **United Nations' High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF 2018)** will take place from 9-18 July 2018, at UN Headquarters in New York. The meeting will address the theme 'Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies.' A three-day ministerial meeting involving the Irish Government will take place during the final three days (16-18 July) and end on Mandela Day. **Ireland is one of the 48 countries which decided to present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the 2018 HLPF session.** The 2030 Agenda encourages countries to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of their progress. The VNRs process aims to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 17 Global Goals.







On International Youth Day in August 2017, young people from all over Europe met in the Netherlands to tell everyone: **“Let's Stop Poverty Together”**. Among them were delegates from the Youth Groups in Dublin and from the **Cork Life Centre**. All these young people marked later the UN End Poverty Day on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017. In Cork, they published their own views on the 17 Global Goals in a booklet entitled: **“Sustainable Development Goals – Perspectives”** - You can download this booklet at [www.17october.ie/cork](http://www.17october.ie/cork)





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30 <b>AUGUST 2018</b>	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 August Bank Holiday	7	8	9	10	11	12 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY.ORG
20	21 DUBLIN, IRELAND WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES 21-26 AUGUST 2018	22	23 Remember Slavery	24	25	26 DUBLIN, IRELAND WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES 21-26 AUGUST 2018
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

**“To all forms of poverty we must respond with a new vision of life and society.”**

*Pope Francis, 19 November 2017*

In 2017, Pope Francis created **a new catholic World Day of the Poor** to be marked on a Sunday in November each year.: “In myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice and generalized indifference!” **Pope Francis' visit to Ireland will take place in August 2018** and his programme will include a mass concluding the catholic World Meeting of Families on Sunday 26 August.





Preparing the UN #EndPoverty Day with Brendan and Marie all those they were close to! September is an intense month of preparation of the messages and the art pieces for End Poverty Day. Pictures from 2017 show people at work in Tullamore, Cork, Drogheda and Ballymun. But year after year, friends of the Irish 17 October Committee are not anymore part of these preparations because they left us too soon. In 2017, the Irish 17 October Committee lost friends such as Brendan, Marie, Sinead, Biddy... They would have gathered at the 17 October Stone for all those whose lives are even harder than theirs. However, their struggle, which is our struggle, continues. They are with us.





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24	25  Adoption of the 2030 Agenda - 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary	26	27	28	29	30



On **25<sup>th</sup> September 2015**, the Irish President and the Taoiseach were in New York to represent Ireland at the historic Summit to adopt the 2030 Agenda. On **25<sup>th</sup> September 2016**, Ban Ki-Moon said "Fifteen years may seem a long time, but it can pass in the blink of an eye. We have no time to waste." On **25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**, two years later, members of the 17 October Committee gathered again on a Dublin bridge to call on the Irish Government to walk the talk and keep its promises! Join us on the **25<sup>th</sup> September 2018** to show that Ireland wants to #LightTheWay for a better future for all people and the planet.

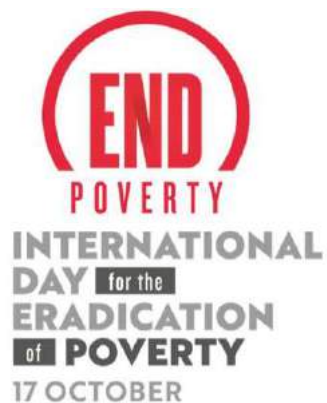




National End Poverty Day Gathering at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone in Dublin – 17 October 2017



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1  INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS	2  INTERNATIONAL NON-VIOLENCE DAY REMEMBERING GANDHI	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10  10th October World Homeless Day  World Mental Health Day	11	12	13	14
15	16  WORLD FOOD DAY - OCT 16	17  INTERNATIONAL DAY for the ERADICATION of POVERTY 17 OCTOBER	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 October Bank Holiday	30	31	1	2	3	4
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The 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008 saw the unveiling of a Human Rights and Poverty Stone on Custom House Quay close to the Famine Memorial in Dublin. Created by the Irish sculptor **Stuart McGrath**, it bears the message, in English, Irish and French, which was first inscribed on the 17 October stone in Paris:

“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 poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights are respected is our solemn duty.* Joseph Wresinski, 17 October 1987”.

The 2018 UN End Poverty Day in Ireland will be the opportunity to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Irish Stone, one of more than 50 stones laid across the world and which became rallying points for people from all walks of life.





The **Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School** (Dublin 15) and the **Rush and Lusk Educate Together National School** were part of the 8 schools around Ireland invloved in the **“Global Goals’ Boats”** project to mark UN End Poverty Day 2017



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29 October Bank Holiday <b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13	14	15	16 International Day for Tolerance	17	18
19 	20 Universal Children's Day	21	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Joseph Wresinski was convinced that **children have an important role** to play in shaping our societies, and not only on Children's Day, 20<sup>th</sup> November, but every day! He needed them in the movement to eradicate poverty. He called children **"the champions of joy"**. he created the international children network Tabori <http://en.tabori.org/>. By giving them an understanding of what poverty is, and empowering and inspiring them to take action against it and to "Leave No One Behind", we are nurturing the advocates of social change of the future. In 2017, **the 17 October Committee invited children all around Ireland to build boats of hope, Global Goals' Boats**, to be launched on the River Liffey by the Irish Ambassador David Donoghue, the co-facilitator of the Global Goals 2015 UN agreement.







The annual 10<sup>th</sup> December march “**The 2016-2030 Long Walk to Freedom: Human Rights for All with the 17 Global Goals**” invites all Human Rights defenders to make the relevant connection between the delivery of Human Rights and the Sustainable Development. A majority of the Global Goals are linked to international Human Rights. Human rights instruments provide a legally-binding framework to underpin the 2030 Agenda and build a rights-based approach of implementation.



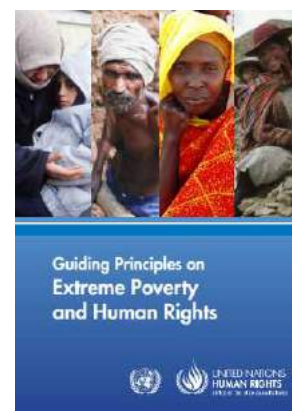
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26	27 <b>DECEMBER 2018</b>	28	29	30	1 <b>World AIDS Day</b> DECEMBER 1	2
3  3 December International Day of People with Disability	4	5  International Volunteer Day	6	7	8	9
10  WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	11	12  <b>HEALTH FOR ALL</b> UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE COALITION	13	14	15	16
17	18  <b>INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY</b>	19	20  INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 St. Stephen's Day	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6

On the **10<sup>th</sup> December**, the world will celebrate the **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For all End Poverty activists, this momentum will be an opportunity to promote the **2012 UN Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights**. These Guiding Principles represent the most appropriate Human Rights Framework for the 2030 Agenda and the End Poverty priority. This framework provides global policy guidelines focusing specifically on the rights of people living in poverty. It is the first internationally agreed text to stress that severe poverty exists in every country and it is both a cause and a consequence of multiple human rights violations. [www.17october.ie/humanrights](http://www.17october.ie/humanrights)



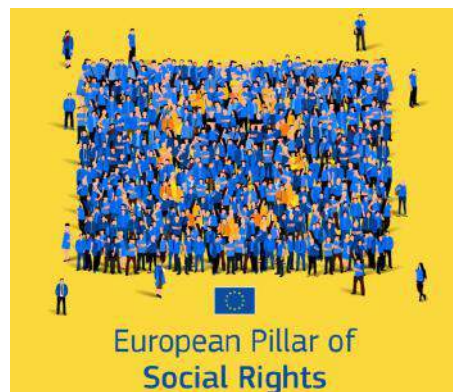




In June 2017 in Strasbourg, a European delegation including members of the Irish 17 October Committee met EU Parliament Vice-President Mairead McGuinness MEP.



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JANUARY 2019						



On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the **European Pillar of Social Rights** has been proclaimed jointly by the European Parliament, the European Council and the Commission during a Summit discussing the social dimension of Europe. The **2019 European elections** will be a key opportunity to assess the early implementation of the Pillar and its contribution to the **#EndPoverty** challenge faced by the EU.







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This calendar has been prepared by the Irish 17 October Committee. It covers the 2017 #StopPoverty Campaign run by the International Committee for the 17 October and ATD International. It focuses mainly on the events of the annual UN End Poverty Day observed throughout Ireland. This calendar is also the Irish Committee's chance to thank all the stakeholders who supported or sponsored its work.

More information on the work of the Irish 17 October Committee is available at [www.17october.ie](http://www.17october.ie).

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