

YOUR RIGHTS ARE WRITTEN IN STONE



Residents of the North East Inner City! Take ownership of your Human Rights and Poverty Stone located in the heart of your community!

2008 – 2018

10 years of the Dublin Human Rights and Poverty Stone

2018 marks the 10th Anniversary of the unveiling of the Dublin Human Rights and Poverty Stone.

“We grew up in poverty all our life and we are still homeless. The stone it’s about all the people who were struggling when they were growing up, and are still going through it.



The stone also represents what our parents have been through. It represents my father’s dream for us.

For eight years, we have worked to have this stone in the ground, meeting other people and winning them over. It’s been a long road. We’ve made friends and built trust. And in the fight against poverty, that counts.

That stone will be our voice in years to come not only on the 17th October. That message will be there every day of the year.”

Jacko and Christopher, 17 October 2008

THE MESSAGE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND POVERTY STONE

The need to bear witness

In the presence of 100 000 people from every social background and continent, Joseph Wresinski unveiled a Human Rights and Poverty Stone in the Trocadero Human Rights Plaza 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.”

17 October 1987



15 years earlier in 1972, Joseph Wresinski had written: “I am constantly confronted with the reality of forgetfulness. The life and the efforts of the poor leave no trace. What trace, what mark, have they left in the slums around Paris? Despite their tears watering the ground, their cries piercing the sky and the accumulated suffering endured by hundreds of families in these slums; no monument, no headstone, no commemorative stone has ever been erected. Only human skin bears the scars, only the recollections of grown-up children will retain these memories, before they in turn also lose them.

Who will know of this suffering? Who will bear witness to it? Who will transmit the words of the men and women reduced to heroism without glory? If no-one bears witness, one of the most painful pages of history, the history of the lives of the poor, will be torn out from the history book of humanity. And human beings, having forgotten everything they forced their fellow humans to endure, could imagine themselves to be fair and tolerant.”

THE DUBLIN HUMAN RIGHTS AND POVERTY STONE

The journey to the stone

From 2000 to 2007, citizens of Dublin gathered every year at the Famine statues to mark the UN End Poverty Day (17 Oct). Between 2006 and 2008, activists from the North Inner City prepared the project of a replica of the Paris Human Rights and Poverty Stone with Dublin City Council.

On the Dublin stone, the Human Rights Call to Action of the 17 October 1987 is engraved in Irish, English and French. The stone was designed and sculpted by Irish sculptor, Stuart McGrath. The 17 October 2008 saw the unveiling of a Human Rights and Poverty Stone on Custom House Quay close to the Famine Memorial in Dublin.

Speaking at the unveiling of the stone, Dublin Councillor Emer Costello said the mistelation of the stone so close to the Famine memorial would *"link the struggles of Irish people living in poverty today with the struggles of the past. It will serve as a reminder to Dublin's citizens that poverty knows no borders, is timeless, enduring, and is a global issue"*.



THE DUBLIN HUMAN RIGHTS AND POVERTY STONE

The life at the stone



“Those who live in poverty speak of the isolation, shame, and humiliation they perceive as having been inflicted on them by society and of how such treatment as they experience is a key factor in their lived experiences of suffering.”

**President Michael D Higgins
at the Stone, 17 October 2016**



“For me, the Stone represents responsibility. Our responsibility, all of us, to look after each other and one another’s dignity, the best we can. It means no one should ever feel like I did at one time, that I was worth nothing.”

Danny

The Human Rights and Poverty Stone is a place to discover and value the courage and the solidarity of people living in poverty in Dublin, in Ireland and throughout the world. People gather there together and commit to make poverty history.

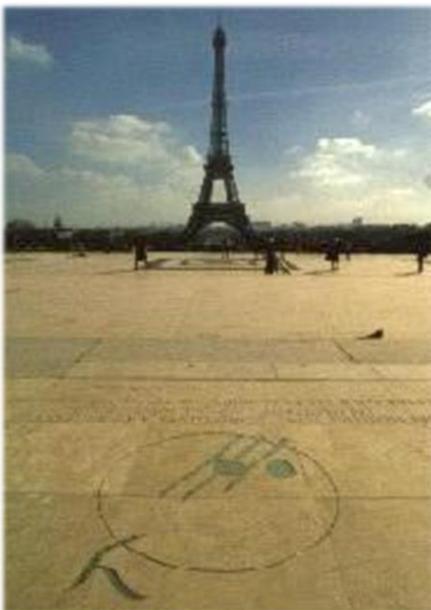


Over the years, the Stone has become a regular rallying point for Sustainable Development, Social Justice and Peace campaigners. It is also a place to pay homage to all the fights defending human dignity, freedom and democracy. After the assassination of British MP Jo Cox in June 2016, a group of people chose to gather there.

50 HUMAN RIGHTS AND POVERTY STONE AROUND THE WORLD

A global movement to bear witness

Since the unveiling the first Human Rights and Poverty Stone on the Trocadero Plaza in Paris , more than 50 stones have been unveiled across the world and have become rallying points for people from all walks of life.



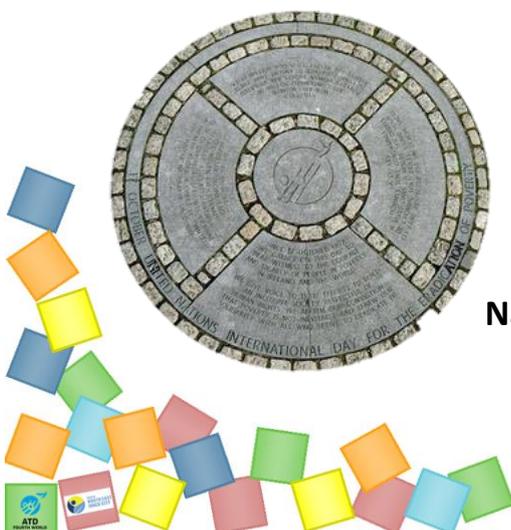
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Paris, FRANCE



1996 - Manega,
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1996 – United
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New York, USA





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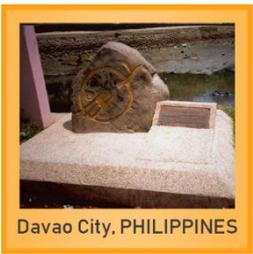
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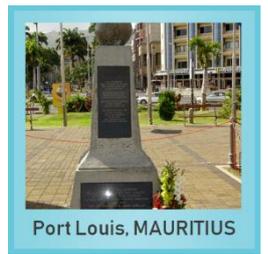
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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

In 2018, #StandUp4HumanRights



70 years ago, the Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on **10 December 1948** as a common standard of achievements for all people and all nations. It sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected and it has been translated into over 500 languages.



POVERTY AS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

From the Stone to the UN Guiding Principles on Poverty and Human Rights

Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights



In September 2012, the UN Human Rights Council adopted Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights (GP's). The GP's provide for the first time global policy guidelines focusing specifically on the human rights of people living in poverty.

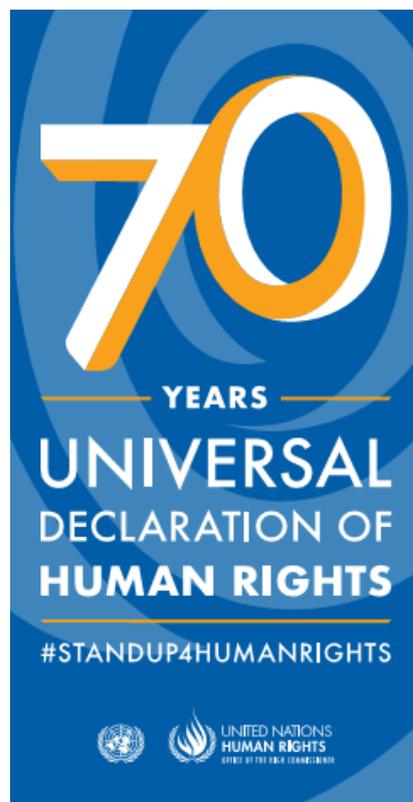
They are the first internationally agreed texts to elaborate and reinforce the central message engraved on the Stone: **extreme poverty exists in every country in the world, and it is both a cause and a consequence of multiple human rights violations.**

The GP's were adopted 25 years after the unveiling of the first Human Rights and Poverty Stone. It took all these years to gain the recognition by the United Nations of the strong link between a life in poverty and very limited access to Human Rights.

The GP's became the first official international legacy of the Human Rights mobilisation initiated by the call to action engraved in the Dublin Stone.

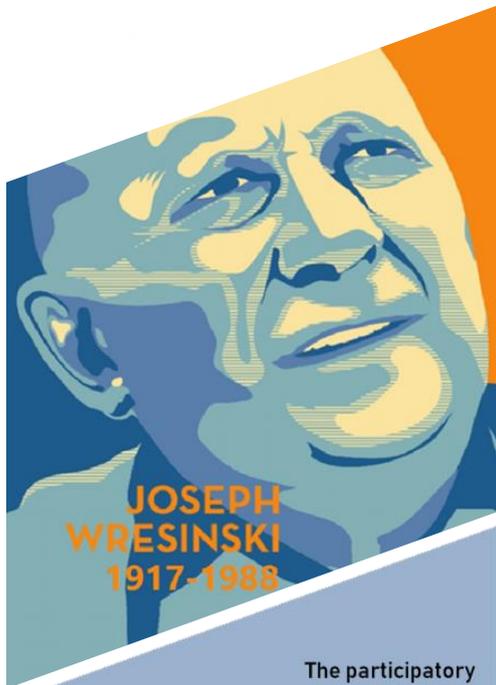
The challenge is now to raise awareness in Ireland of the existence of these Guiding Principles.

More on the GP's: www.17october.ie/human-rights



THE WRESINSKI LEGACY

The 50 Stones are part of a wider legacy



**JOSEPH
WRESINSKI
1917-1988**



The participatory approach: a merging of knowledge and practice



The 2030 Agenda promise: reaching those furthest behind first



A Human Rights Call to Action written on over 50 Stones around the World

MAKING HUMAN RIGHTS WORK FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN EXTREME POVERTY

Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights



The 2012 Human Rights Guiding Principles and the concept of 'Social Exclusion'



The #EndPoverty Day on 17 October every year



100 ATD community and volunteer groups in 40 countries



An international overseas volunteer corps

More about Wresinski at:
www.joseph-wresinski.org



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As this year marks the 10th Anniversary of the unveiling of the Human Rights and Poverty Stone of Dublin, along with the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, add your Stone to this significant mobilisation within your community!

Everyone is encouraged to write a word or a name, to draw or paint an image you associate with basic human rights or poverty on a small stone. These stones will form a symbolic connection between residents of the North East Inner City and the Stone located in the heart of your community.



The project called **“Your Rights are Written in Stone”** aims to create a positive sense of ownership of the Human Rights and Poverty Stone and of the Human Rights framework upon which it was conceived. Let’s involve and empower residents of the North East Inner City through an interactive creative process.

On the 17th October 2018, the annual major event to mark the UN day for the Eradication of Poverty, you will be invited to add your stone to the **“Your Rights are Written in Stone”** display on Custom House Quay.

Contact: ATD Ireland – 01 855 81 91 – www.atdireland.ie



ADD YOUR OWN STONE!

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**Share your Human Rights message on this Stone!
Write or Draw!**



Add your name and phone number: (optional)

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Remove this page and make sure it reaches the Irish End Poverty Day Committee. Drop it in the box provided at the exhibition site or in the letter box of **ATD, 26 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1**. All messages will be displayed at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone **on 17 October 2018!**