









## **HUMAN RIGHTS** AND POVERTY STONE IN DUBLIN

## THE STONE

- Since October 2000, citizens of Dublin gather 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 **Human Rights and Poverty Stone with Dublin City Council,** designed by the Irish sculptor Stuart McGrath.
- The UN End Poverty **Day 2008 saw** the unveiling of the Dublin Human **Rights and Poverty** Stone close to the **Famine Statues** with 300 people from all walks of live in attendance.





### THE LIFE AT THE STONE

- Every 17 October, people with lived experience of poverty and exclusion raise their voice to mark the End Poverty Day.
- Over the years, the stone has become a rallying point for Social Justice and Sustainable Development campaigners.
  - The Stone 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.

## THE MESSAGE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND POVERTY STONES

#### The need to bear witness

"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? Who will know of their suffering? Who will bear witness to it? Who will transmit the words of the men and women reduced to a heroism without glory? If no-one bears witness, one of the most painful pages of history, that of the lives of the poor, will be torn out from the history book of humanity."

Joseph Wresinski, 1972







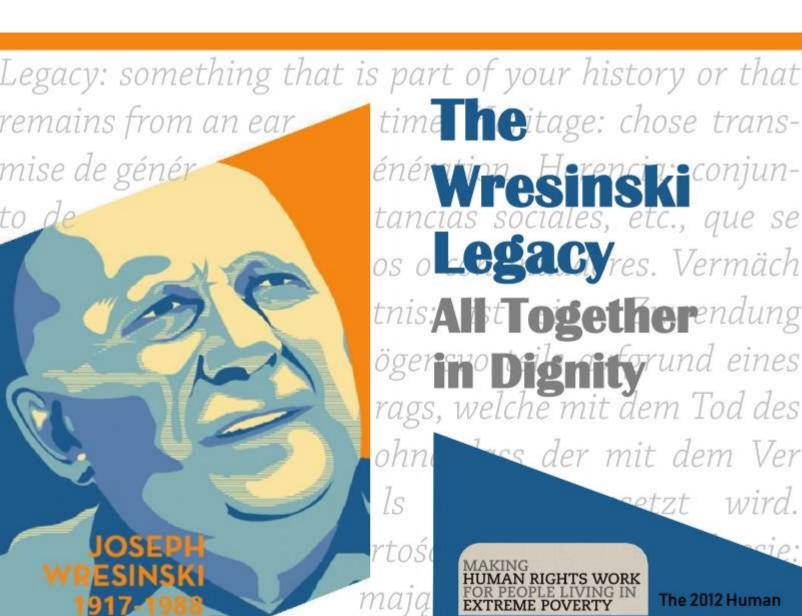
In the presence of 100,000 people from every social background and continent, Wresinski unveiled the first Human Rights and Poverty stone on the Trocadero Human Rights Plaza in Paris.

#### The message of the Stone

"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



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Birth of Joseph in Angers, France. The Wresinski family experiences severe poverty.

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Wresinski visits Thailand, Guatemala, wel Haiti and Senegal to set up ATD groups in deprived communities.



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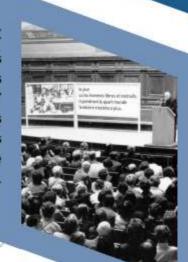


#### 29th June 1946:

After an apprenticeship as a baker, Wresinski meets the Young Christian Workers and turns to priesthood. He is ordained as a priest in 1946.

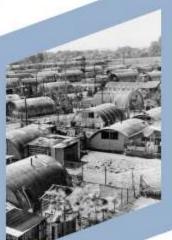
June 1983:

Wresinski gives an historic address "An end to poverty" to French academics and researchers at the Sorbonne University, Paris.



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#### 14th July 1956:

Wresinski is assigned chaplain to 250 homeless families in an emergency housing camp in Noisyle-Grand, near Paris. The families live in huts erected in a muddy field.

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#### 17th October 1987:

Wresinski launches his international call to action for Human Rights. In 1992, the United Nations declared the day "UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty".

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#### 1957:

Wresinski, the families of the camp and first volunteers create "Aide à Toute Détresse" which is now known as "All Together in Dignity" internationaly. He goes on to live in the emergency camp for 10 years. ezeichnet

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14th February 1988:

After complex heart surgery, Wresinski passes away. He is buried near Paris in the Chapel of the International headquarters of ATD.



#### September 1976:

Wresinski is the keynote speaker at a lawyer conference in Dublin. The title of his speech is The poorest people never partner but forgotten and discriminated [\_]".

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## THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND POVERTY STONE

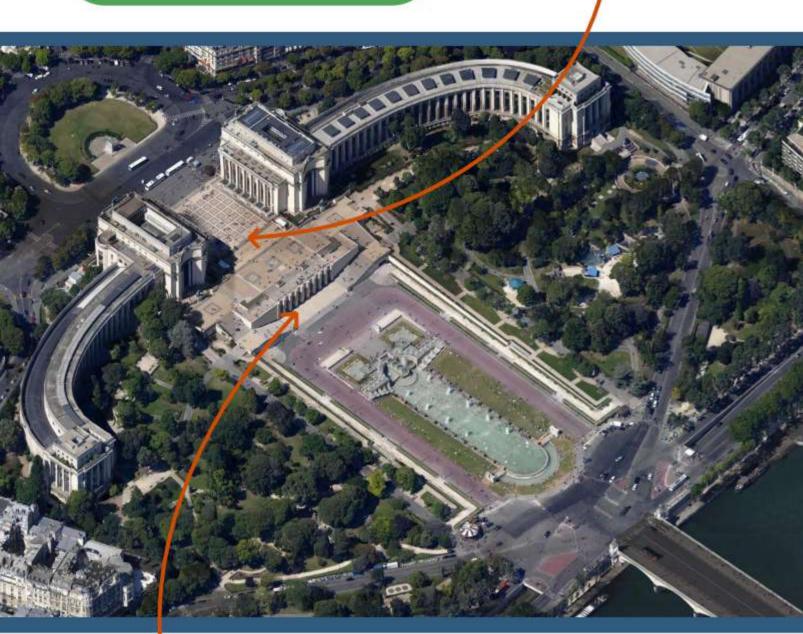
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On the 17th October 1987,
an international meeting of Human
Rights defenders from all over
the world took place in Paris. During
this gathering, the first Human Rights
and Poverty stone was unveiled
on the plaza covering the central building
of the Palais de Chaillot.







On the 10th December 1948 in Paris,
the United Nations' General
Assembly gathered in the Palais de
Chaillot to adopt the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights.
The plaza covering the central building
of the Palais is now known as
the Esplanade of Human Rights.

2018 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.







## UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PARIS ON 10 DECEMBER 1948



All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.



Everyone has the same rights and freedoms, without distinction of any kind.



Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.



No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.



No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel treatment or punishment.



Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.



All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.



Everyone can ask for jugement by tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him.



No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention orexile



Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by a tribunal.



Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty.



No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy.



Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.



Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.



Everyone has the right to a nationality and no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of it.



Every man and woman have the right to marry and to fund a family. Family is entitled to protection by society and State.



Everyone has the right to own property.



Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.



Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.



Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful and association.



Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country and the right of equal access to public



Everyone has the right to social security and is entitled to realization of the economic, social and cultural rights.



Everyone has the right to work, to equal pay for equal work, to fair remuneration and to join trade unions.



Everyone has the right to rest and leisure.



Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family.



Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free and compulsory.



Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community.



Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.



Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.



Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for anyone any right to disrespect any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.











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