

International Committee  
for October 17<sup>th</sup>

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Ireland Representative

# Outline

- Belinda Nugent's work re: Service Users Rights in Action – Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

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- SAOL Project: Object Poverty
- SAOL Projects Plans for 2018 and 17th October
- New collaborations with Global Citizens Schools Network Plans for 2018 and 17th October
- ATD Ireland's 2017 Event for 17th October
- ATD Ireland's 2018 Plans for 17th October
- Irish Committee and the Commemoration Stone: Updates about the Stone

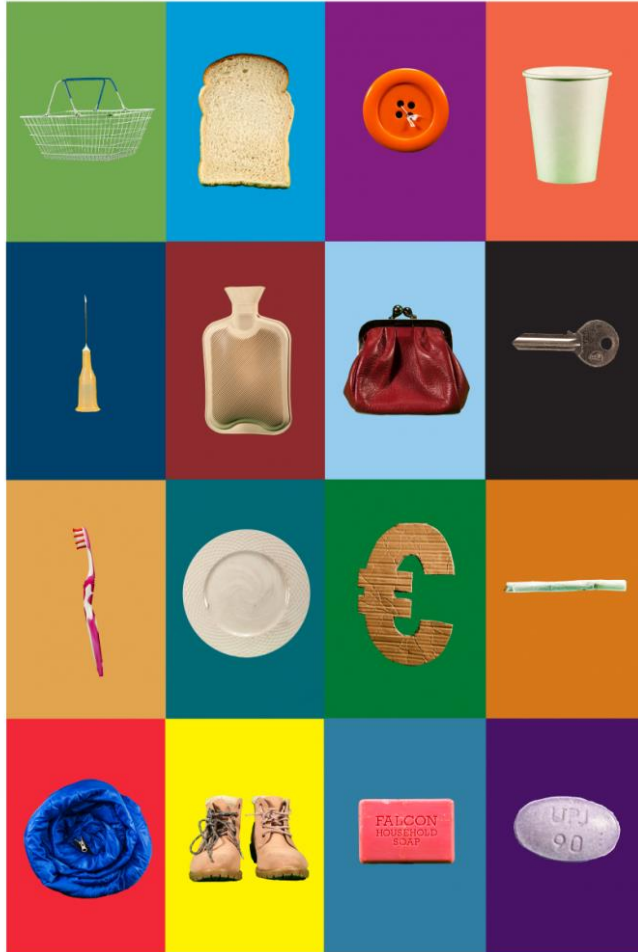
# Belinda Nugent – Service Users Rights in Action

- Involved with IHREC office and a group of service users, community activist and several medical professionals
- Note that addiction and poverty are close bedfellows with the majority of people attending methadone clinics being unemployed/dependent on social welfare with many also being homeless.
- Issues were looking at Human Rights violation for service users throughout Ireland
  - To stop supervised urine analysis
  - To provide choice of treatment
  - To give the clients a meaning review of their treatment
  - To have a complaint procedure in place that will give all individuals a level playing field regarding the treatment
- The launch of the report was held in IRHEC – Pass around copies of the executive summary
- Following the launch we have a success re mirrors being taken down from toilets





## OBJECT POVERTY



www.saolproject.ie

The Department of Social Protection supports this project as part of its funding initiative for the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty.



## Object Poverty: SAOL Project

- Took place at the 17 October Human Rights and Poverty Stone at IFSC on Custom House Quay



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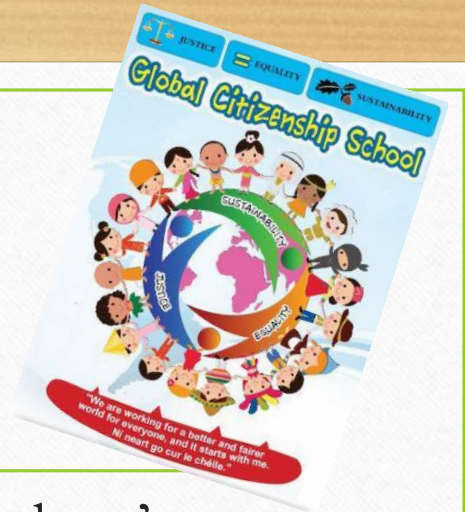


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# Irish Committee –New Collaboration



The Global Citizens Schools Network of the INTO (Irish National Teachers' Organisations – Trade Union in Primary Schools) are now members of the 17<sup>th</sup> October Committee

- Global Citizens Schools Network are the only primary teachers union in Ireland
- Who are raising awareness with school children around the Sustainable Development Goals
- I have a plaque putting the 17 October as a key date for INTO that I would like to present to Donald Lee in which we had the great honor to have the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, as supporter.



# ATD Ireland's 2017 Event for 17th October

- In 2017, at the 17th October event we used the River Liffey facing the IFSC where the Stone is allocated.
- 7 Schools mobilised by INTO and 10 Community based created boats with the SDGs messages on them.
- The boats were then let drift down the River Liffey.





# 2018 Plans for 17th October

- This year the Committee is celebrating 10 years of the Dublin Human Rights and Poverty Stone
  - ATD Ireland plan to publish a book '*A Decade of Dignity*' with testimonies and a video:
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- This year ATD Ireland have a **travelling exhibition and workshops**. It is called '*Your Rights Are Written In Stone*'. As you can see the back of the booklet we are asking each person here today to write a message for the stone. You can Add "Your Stone to the Stone".
  - The exhibition tells
    - the message of the Human Rights and Poverty Stone
    - the story and the life at the stone
    - the location of 50 Human Rights and Poverty Stones around the world
    - the connection with 70 years of the declaration of Human Rights in 2018
    - the Wresinski Legacy: the stones are a part of a wider legacy

# A Decade of Dignity

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## Irish Committee – Promotion of the Stone

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- **The Five Lamps Arts Festival** – had a tour of the history of the area and the famine statues were discussed - Belinda was on the tour and the Stone was mentioned
- The Irish Committee plans to talk to the Artist to include the Stone in the drawings of the Map the North Inner City tour to distributed during the tour.



# Irish Committee – Dublin Stone Updates 1

- Area of the Stone is managed by a private company and the City Council. There still seems to be difficult in speaking to one direct person
- ATD Ireland are trying to resolve this in the next couple of months
- After 10 years, the Stone is still on good shape
- A group of volunteers give the Stone a good cleaning once a year





# Irish Committee – Dublin Stone Updates 2

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- In February 2016, the '*Information board*' (outlining the message of Fr. Joseph Wresinski was erected beside the stone on a lamppost but not really noticeable for visitors passing.
- We are thinking that we may get this information on a bronze display at ground level near the Stone.
- Beside the Stone are the famine statues and we are hoping to create a material connection between the two.
- With signs or maybe some footprints on the ground/pavement leading from the Statues to the Stone.