



**INTERNATIONAL
DAY for the
ERADICATION
of POVERTY**
17 OCTOBER



**In 2019, let's make every day,
an End Poverty day!**

2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In 2019, together, let's make sure Ireland will adopt a robust strategy to end child and family poverty!



On the 25th 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 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted on the 20th November 1989. In 2019, together, let's achieve "Children Rights for All" with the 17 Global Goals.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
Happy New Year!						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 The First Dáil Éireann 1919–2019	22	23	24	25	26	27 INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
JANUARY 2019						

The centenary of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann will be marked on 21st January 2019. The first Dáil was formed by Sinn Féin members elected in the December 1918 general election and its first meeting was held on 21st January 1919. The first TDs proclaimed the Democratic Programme: “We desire our country to be ruled in accordance with the principles of Liberty, Equality, and Justice for all. (...) It shall be the first duty of the Government of the Republic to make provision for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the children, to secure that no child shall suffer hunger or cold from lack of food, clothing, or shelter, but that all shall be provided with the means and facilities requisite for their proper education and training.”



Legacy: something that is part of your history or that remains from an earlier time

Joseph Wresinski

The journey of a changemaker



12th February 1917:
Birth of Joseph in Angers, France. The Wresinski family experiences severe poverty.

Late 70's and early 80's:
Wresinski visits Thailand, Guatemala, Haiti and Senegal to set up ATD groups in deprived communities.



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.



14th July 1956:
Wresinski is assigned chaplain to 250 homeless families in an emergency housing camp in Noisy-le-Grand, near Paris. The families live in huts erected in a muddy field.

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'.



1957:
Wresinski, the families of the camp and first volunteers create "Aide à Toute Détresse" which is now known as "All Together in Dignity" internationally. He goes on to live in the emergency camp for 10 years.

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 [...]".

ATD in Ireland:



In 2000, Irish citizens start to volunteer with ATD International. In 2007, ATD Ireland is registered as a charity.



Wresinski with UN SG Perez de Cuellar (1984)

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

Legacy: something that is part of your history or that remains from an earlier time

The Wresinski Legacy

All Together in Dignity



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



The participatory approach: a merging of knowledge and practice



The #EndPoverty Day on 17 October every year



The 2030 Agenda promise: reaching those furthest behind first



100 ATD community and volunteer groups in 40 countries



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



An international overseas volunteer corps

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	1	2	3



FEBRUARY 2019

31 years ago, on the 14th 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**.

In 2018, two Wresinski exhibition banners (pictures above) have been designed by the 17 October Committee. Both are available if you want to raise awareness about the Wresinski legacy.



Citizens of Dublin #Act4SDGs

O'Connell Bridge - 25 September 2018 - Agenda 2030 turns 3!



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
		MARCH 2019				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						St. Patrick's Day #GoGreen4SDGs #Ireland4SDGs
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
ST. PATRICK'S DAY Observance		WORLD HAPPINESS DAY 20TH MARCH	MARCH 21 International DAY FOR THE Elimination of Racism	World Water Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					COALITION 2030 FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 60+ EARTH HOUR	Happy Mothers Day



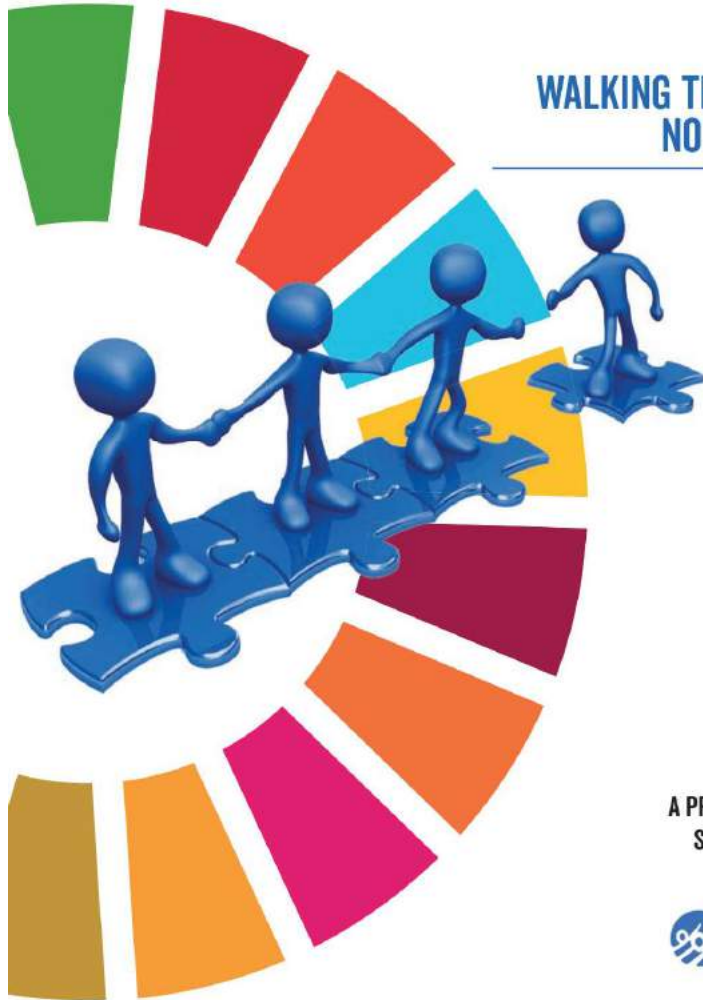
On the 30th March 2019, the **Irish Coalition 2030** will be 2 years old! The Coalition is an alliance of over 100 civil society groups working together for the achievement of the 17 Global Goals and the “Leave No One Behind” Promise. The organisations involved in the Coalition work across many sectors — from children’s rights to environmental sustainability, from humanitarian relief to education. In March 2019, on St Patrick’s Day the Coalition will promote the Agenda 2030 globally, calling on the world to **#GoGreen4GlobalGoals**. Follow this campaign on twitter: **@Coalition2030IR** and **#GG4GG**.



THE LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND CONVERSATIONS



WALKING THE TALK OF THE LEAVE
NO ONE BEHIND PROMISE



WORKING PAPER - OCTOBER 2018

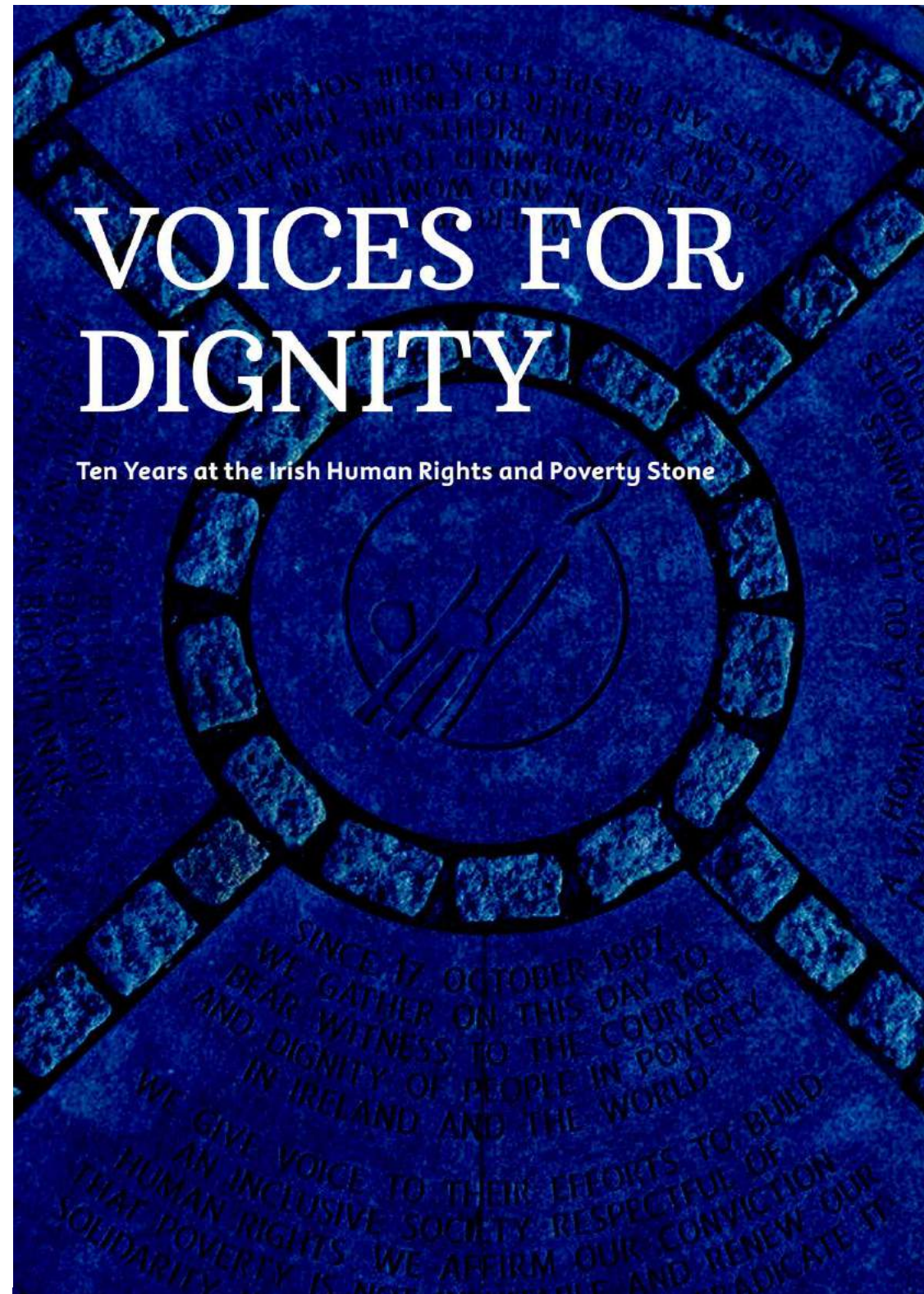
A PROJECT BY ALL TOGETHER IN DIGNITY
SUPPORTED BY CONCERN WORLDWIDE



CONCERN
worldwide

VOICES FOR DIGNITY

Ten Years at the Irish Human Rights and Poverty Stone



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2  World Autism Awareness Day	3	4 	5 ●	6	7  WORLD HEALTH DAY
8 	9	10	11	12  INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR STREET CHILDREN 12 APRIL	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday ○	20	21 Easter
22 Easter Monday 	23  23 April WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY	24	25	26 ●	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4 ●	5
APRIL 2019						

On the UN End Poverty Day 2018, two publications have been launched by the Irish 17 October Committee or its members: > **Voices for Dignity** – A memorial book about 10 years of gathering on the UN End Poverty Day at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone near the Famine Statues on Custom House Quay. > **The Leave No One Behind Conversations** – A working paper to raise awareness about the transformative and central promise of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. Both publications are free and available in PDF at www.17october.ie/gallery2018. Hard copies of **Voices for Dignity** are also available.

In April 2019, the Irish Government plans to launch its 2019-2025 Anti-Poverty Strategy (the National Plan for Social Inclusion). Visit www.walkasone.ie to make it the best plan ever!





First meeting Europe Matters to End Discrimination with members of the Irish End Poverty Committee – November 2018

STAND UP FOR THE SOCIAL PILLAR

AN ALLIANCE OF SOCIAL ECONOMY ENTERPRISES, TRADE UNIONS & CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

CECOP  CECOP Europe

 Social
Economy
Europe

CONFEDERATION **SYNDICAT**
EUROPÉEN
TRADE UNION 

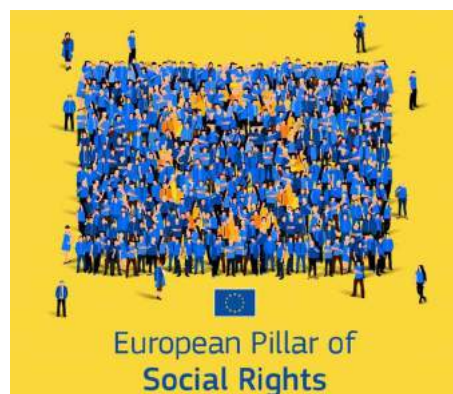


European
Movement
International



socialplatform

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	1 	2	3 	4 	5
6 May Day	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23	24 	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 MAY 2019	2



On the 17th 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 implementation of the Pillar by the Irish Government and the contribution of the Pillar to the **#EndPoverty** challenge faced by the EU.

In May 2018, a Famine Memorial Day Bill has been debated and adopted: a **National Famine Commemoration Day** will now be held on third Sunday of May each year.





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
JUNE 2019						
3 June Bank Holiday	4	5 Eid-Al-Fitr 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 World Day Against Child Labour 	13	14	15	16 HAPPY Fathers DAY 
17	18	19	20 World Refugee Day 	21 MAKE MUSIC DAY JUNE 21 	22	23
24	25	26 SAY NO A DRUG FREE WORLD 	27	28	29	30

More than 15 events took place in Ireland to mark the 2018 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). **June 2019 is the month to apply for a new End Poverty Day grant! Don't miss the opportunity to submit a project!**

The pictures above present some of the groups supported in 2018. More pictures can be found at www.17october.ie/gallery2018.



INTERNATIONAL
DAY for the
ERADICATION
of POVERTY
17 OCTOBER



An Roinn Gnóthaí Fostaíochta
agus Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Employment Affairs
and Social Protection



“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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 
8	9 	10 	11 	12 	13	14
15 	16 	17	18 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30 	31	1 	2 	3	4

JULY 2019

The **United Nations' High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (#HLPF2019)** will take place from 9-18 July 2019, at UN Headquarters in New York. The meeting will address the theme '**Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**'. A three-day ministerial meeting will take place during the final three days (16-18 July) and end on **Mandela Day**. Participants will conduct an in-depth review of SDG 4 (quality education), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG 10 (reduced inequalities), SDG 13 (climate action) and SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), in addition to SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals) which is reviewed each year.





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 Dublin. On **Youth Day 2018** these young adults launched on social networks their booklet **"Ireland, I have a dream"**!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
AUGUST 2019						
5 August Bank Holiday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY.ORG				Remember Slavery		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

The theme for Youth Day 2018 was **Safe Spaces for Youth**. Youth need safe spaces where they can come together, engage in activities related to their diverse needs and interests, participate in decision making processes and freely express themselves. The **'Ireland, I Have A Dream'** project has provided a new safe space for young people in Ireland and beyond, under 25, to find their voice as leaders and to explore the inequalities of poverty in the context of their own lives by writing speeches, poems, raps, and spoken word in the spirit of the **Martin Luther King** 'I Have A Dream' speech.

"This is wrong, I feel so small! Why are you looking down on us all? We are a great community. All we need is a decent opportunity. I will not be defined by my address. I will not be denied access to success"
from the book – see www.ihaveadream.ie



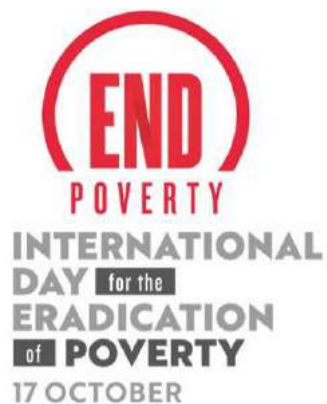
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
SEPTEMBER 2019						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 
16	17	18	19	20  Start of	21 	22
23	24	25  Adoption of the 2030 Agenda - 4 th anniversary	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



On **25th 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 **25th 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 **25th September 2017** and **25th September 2018**, members of Coalition 2030 gathered again on a Dublin bridge to call on the Irish Government to walk the talk and keep its promises! Join us on the **25th September 2019** to show that Ireland wants to #LightTheWay for a better future for all people and the planet.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	1 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS	2 INTERNATIONAL NON-VIOLENCE DAY REMEMBERING GANDHI	3	4	5	6
7 World Habitat Day	8	9	10 10th October WHD World Homeless Day World Mental Health Day	11	12	13
14	15	16 WORLD FOOD DAY - OCT 16	17 END POVERTY INTERNATIONAL DAY for the ERADICATION of POVERTY 17 OCTOBER	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 October Bank Holiday	29	30	31	1	2	3
OCTOBER 2019						



The 17th 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 was the opportunity to mark the 10th 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.



As a Global Citizenship School, Carnaross NS, Co Meath, wanted to show their solidarity with everyone around the world affected by poverty.



Some of the many wishes on stones from St Laurence's NS, Baldoyle.



Senior infants in Balbriggan ETNS designed stones for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

INTOUCH NOVEMBER 2018



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 October Bank Holiday	29	30	31	1	2 End of  RUGBY WORLD CUP™ JAPAN 2019	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  WORLD SCIENCE DAY for Peace and Development	13	14	15	16 International Day for Tolerance	17
18	19  world toilet day 19 NOVEMBER	20 Universal Children's Day	21	22	23	24
25  WORLD DAY AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE	26	27	28	29	30	1

NOVEMBER 2019

Joseph Wresinski was convinced that **children have an important role** to play in shaping our societies, and not only on Children's Day, 20 November, but every day! He needed them in the movement to eradicate poverty. He called children **"the champions of joy"** and created the children network Tapori <http://en.tapori.org/>. By giving them an understanding of what poverty is, and empowering them to take action to "Leave No One Behind", we are nurturing the advocates of social change of the future. In 2018, the **INTO Global Citizenship Schools Initiative** and the 17 October Committee invited children all around Ireland **to create Wishing Stones** to support the people gathered in Dublin at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone.

CHILD 30
Convention on the Rights of the Child
*Time has come to
End Child Poverty!*



Members of the Community Platform and the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Initiative marking the 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 6th December 2018 in IHREC, Dublin.

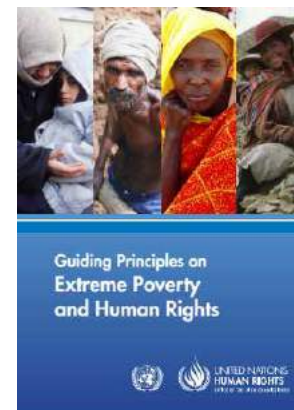


Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	1  World AIDS Day DECEMBER 1
2	3  3 December International Day of People with Disability	4	5  International Volunteer Day	6	7	8
9	10  WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	11	12  HEALTH FOR ALL UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE COALITION	13	14	15
16	17	18  INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY	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

DECEMBER 2019

Happy New Year!

On the **10th December 2018**, the world celebrated the **70 years** of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For all End Poverty activists, this momentum was 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



June 2017 – Irish Stop Poverty Campaigners
at the European Parliament in Brussels



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
JANUARY 2020 Happy New Year!						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

The **Europe 2020 strategy** was the EU's agenda for growth and jobs for the 2001-2020 decade. It emphasised smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and underpinned a sustainable social market economy. To reach this objective, the EU had adopted targets to be reached by 2020 in five areas: Employment, Research & Development, Climate Change & Energy, Education, **Poverty and Social Exclusion**. In 2016, the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU was **still higher** than in 2008, although the **Europe 2020 target is to reduce by 20 million by 2020**.





Our sincere **Thanks** go
to each of our sponsors



An Roinn Gnóthaí Fostaíochta
agus Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Employment Affairs
and Social Protection



Dublin Bus
Community Spirit
Initiative



COMMUNITY PLATFORM
CHALLENGING POVERTY & INEQUALITY



**DUBLIN
NORTH EAST
INNER CITY**



Fondation
ATD
Paris



THE **chg** BUILDING



International
Committee for
October 17



This calendar has been prepared by the Irish 17 October Committee. It covers the 2018 End Poverty Day Campaign run by this Committee and ATD Ireland. The Campaign culminated with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Dublin Human Rights and Poverty Stone. This calendar is 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.

The printing of this calendar has been funded by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection's 2018 Public Awareness Initiative which promotes the observance of the United Nations' International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The views expressed in this calendar are those of the Irish 17 October Committee and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.