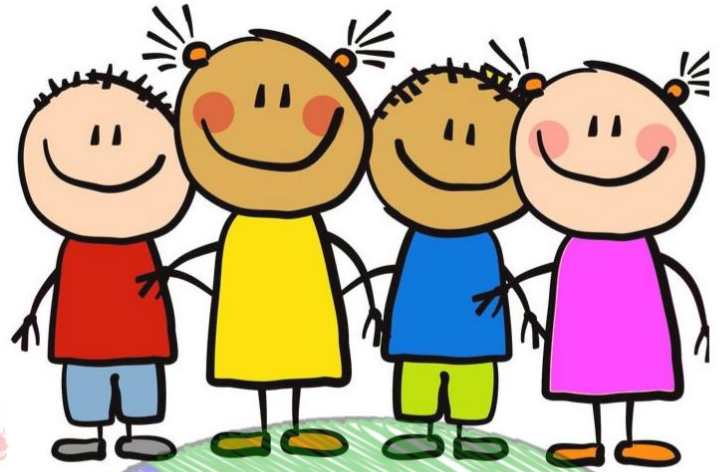


17 October 2019

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**Ireland Marks
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**Footsteps For a
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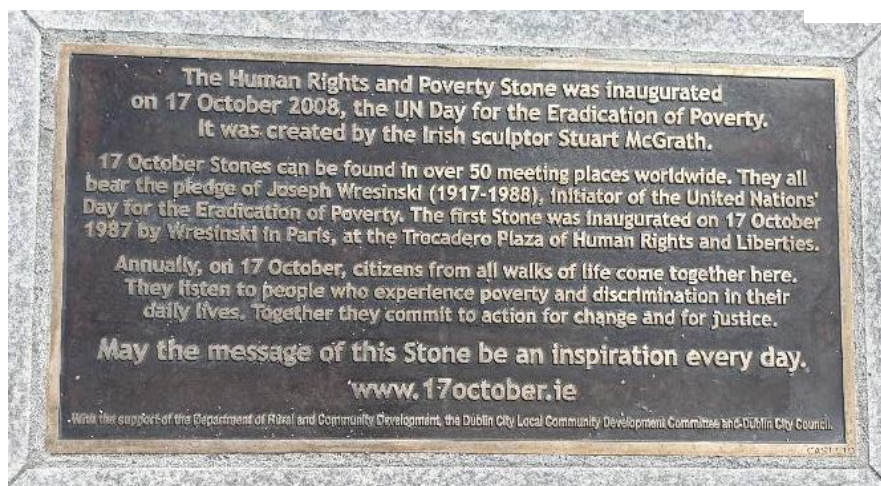
Listening to Unheard Voices ♥

On 17 October 1987, in the presence on 100,000 activists, Joseph Wresinski, founder of the international movement All Together in Dignity (ATD) Fourth World (www.atdireland.ie) unveiled a commemorative stone on the Trocadero Human Rights Plaza in Paris. On this marble stone, Wresinski's call is engraved:

"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."

Since then, this commemorative stone has become a rallying point for people from all walks of life. 17 October was declared "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty" by the United Nations in 1992.

17 October 2008 saw the unveiling of a commemorative stone at Custom House Quay near the Famine Memorial in Dublin.



In **2019**, an information plaque for the Human Rights and Poverty Stone was installed thanks to funding from the Dublin City Community Enhancement Programme 2019.

On 17 October every year we come together in Ireland and around the world in friendship and solidarity with those who face chronic and severe poverty, honouring their struggles and renewing our determination to work for a world where everyone's human rights and human dignity are respected.



Joseph Wresinski's Address

(Initiator of the United Nations International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty)

17 October 1987 – Paris



I bear witness to you.



You, the millions and millions of children, women and fathers who have died from misery and hunger and whose legacy we hold. It is not your death that I evoke, today on this Plaza of Human Rights and Liberties.

I bear witness to you, the mothers whose children are cast aside in this world, condemned as they are to sheer misery.

I bear witness to your children, twisted by the pains of hunger, no longer able to smile, yet still yearning to love.

I bear witness to the millions of young people who have no reason to believe or even to exist, and who vainly search for a future in this senseless world.

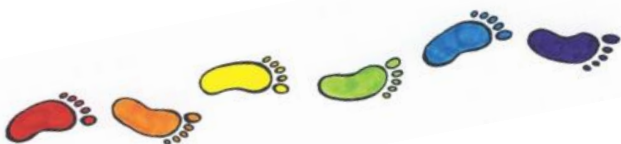
I bear witness to you, the poor of all times, still poor today, forever on the road, fleeing from place to place, despised and disgraced. Labourers without a trade, ever crushed by their toil. Labourers whose hands, today, are no longer useful.

Millions of men, women and children whose hearts are still pounding strong to the beat of the struggle, whose minds rise in revolt against the unjust fate imposed upon them, whose courage demands the right to priceless dignity.

I bear witness to you, children, women and men, who do not want to condemn, but to love, to pray, to work, and to unite, so that a world of solidarity may be born. A world, our world, in which all people would have given the best of themselves before dying.

I bear witness to you, men, women and children. Your renown is henceforth engraved by heart, hand and tool, in the marble of this Plaza of Human Rights and Liberties.

I bear witness to you, so that humanity may at last fulfil its true destiny, refusing forever that misery prevails.



THIS YEAR'S THEME

International Theme: Acting Together to Empower Children, Their Families and Communities to End Poverty.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on November 1989.

This theme reminds us that our efforts to overcome poverty must address the fulfilment of all the rights of children as spelled out in the UNCRC. Childhood is a special time in everybody's life. It is a time when children should be encouraged to learn, play and develop physically and intellectually by their family and an extended community of adults in a safe and caring environment. Poverty hurts children's development and, in turn, leads to lower income health in adulthood.





UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS



I would like to send my best wishes to all those taking part in the International United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

The theme for this year's event '**Acting Together To Empower Children, Their Families and Communities to End Poverty**' is a greatly important one. Although children represent less than a third of the world's overall population, over half of the world's poorest people are children.

A child growing up in poverty is a child denied the most basic of human rights, including nutrition, an adequate standard of living, and access to housing, medicine and education. It is greatly shocking to know that over 50% of our children are existing on the margins of society, deprived of the opportunity to grow, to flourish and to realise all of their possibilities.

I commend all those who today raise their voices in solidarity with impoverished children across the world. I thank you for ensuring that we in Ireland speak in unison with our fellow global citizens who today stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable in our shared society.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

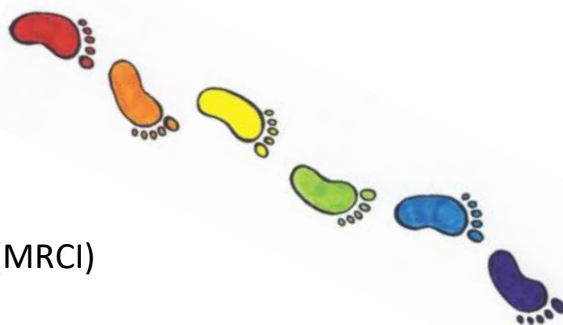
Michael D. Higgins
Uachtarán na hÉireann
President of Ireland

Commemoration for the UN End Poverty Day Gathering 2019,

Human Rights and Poverty Stone event



- **11.00** Words from the MC, Maurice Hurley (National Coordinator, Global Citizenship School)
- **11.05** Welcome and address, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cnslr. Paul McAuliffe
- **11.10** Song – Students of Mount Carmel Girls Secondary School
- **11.15** Reading of the Message of the Human Rights and Poverty Stone in English, Irish and French
- **11.20** Song - Students of Coláiste Eoin and Coláiste Íosagáin
- **11.25** Reading of the President’s Message – Gavin Uzell
- **11.30** Testimonies from:
 - All Together in Dignity (ATD) Ireland
 - Neighbourhood Youth Project 2 (NYP2)
 - Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI)
 - SAOL Project
 - Dominican Justice Office
- **11.55** Song – Students of St. Laurence O’ Toole’s School
- **12.00** Guest Speaker: Tanya Ward, CEO Children’s Rights Alliance
- **12.05** Symbolic Gesture: Paper “Footsteps for a Better Future”
- **12.20** Final Song – SAOL Project
- **12.25** Closing Remarks: MC
- **12.30 – 1.30** Refreshments in the basement of **Liberty Hall** (no wheelchair access available)



Everyone is welcome 😊

SONGS

Here comes the sun

Here comes the sun (doo doo doo)

Here comes the sun, and I say

It's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter

Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun (doo doo doo)

Here comes the sun, and I say

It's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces

Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

Dublin's Inner City

The old man sits and wonders just what can he do

He's lived there in this neighbourhood since nineteen-twenty-two

He's forced to leave his home to make way for their plans

And he knows that they don't care or give a damm

So he takes a stroll down Monto, what's left of it today

Remembering his childhood and the games he used to play

Now all he's got are memories and they are but a few

And it seems the money grabbers want them too

CHORUS

And living in a one room slum ain't easy

Here comes the sun

Here comes the sun, and I say

It's all right

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting

Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear

Here comes the sun

Here comes the sun, and I say

It's all right

Here comes the sun (doo doo doo)

Here comes the sun

It's all right

It's all right

Raising seven children on the dole

No place for kids to play while you build your motorway

Is Loughin house the play-ground of today

Dublin's inner city is a sorry sight to see

A mass of filthy buildings, strife and poverty
The people find it hard to make ends meet
most of the time

And you're surprised that they should turn to crime

CHORUS - The greedy speculators are waiting to move in

With their lawyers and their legal talk, the chances are they'll win

They make their public speeches and give the people some old line

But you know we won't be fooled so easily this time

CHORUS

Somewhere Over the Rainbow/ What a Wonderful World



Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
And the dreams that you dream of
Once in a lullaby

Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
And the dreams that you dream of
Dreams really do come true

Someday, I wish upon a star
Wake up where the clouds are far behind
me
Where trouble melts like lemon drops
High above the chimney top
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
And the dreams that you dare to
Oh why, oh why can't I?

Lean on me

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

**Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on**

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show

You just call on me brother, when you
need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll
understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Well, I see trees of green and red roses
too
I'll watch them bloom for me and you
and I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Well, I see skies of blue and I see clouds of
white
And the brightness of day
I like the dark
And I think to myself what a wonderful
world

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the
sky
And also on the faces of people passing by
I see friends shaking hands saying
How do you do?
They're really saying I, I love you

I hear babies cry and I watch them grow
They'll learn much more then we'll know
And I think to myself what a wonderful
world

CHORUS

**Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on**



You just call on me brother, when you
need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll
understand
We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load

If you just call me (call me)
If you need a friend (call me) call me uh
huh(call me) if you need a friend (call me)
If you ever need a friend (call me)

FOOTSTEPS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

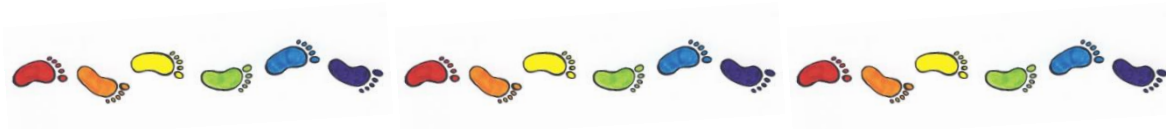


As we mark this year the 30th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, we ask:

What are your hopes/dreams for the future?

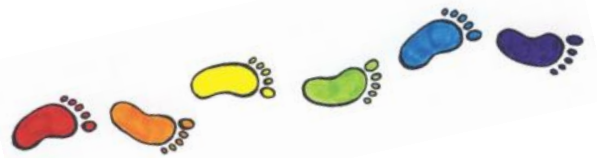
For yourself, your children, your community, the world?

Write a message on the paper footprint and come display it along the End Poverty Walkway to the Famine Memorial as part of our symbolic gesture.



All the footsteps will be collected and reused in a display.

Events in Ireland



Financial Information and Advice for Carers and Families.

Do you care for a loved one at home full time or part time? If you care for a child, parent, grandparent, spouse, partner, or friend - you are a family carer.

Do you need information on:

- Benefits and Entitlements.
- HSE Fair Deal.
- Financial management.
- Legal matters.
- Adult education and employment.
- Social inclusion.

THEN THIS FREE EVENT IS FOR YOU.

Presented by Family Carers Ireland

Supporting the 355,000+ family carers who provide care to a family member, loved one or friend with an illness or disability.

FREE EVENT – REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Further Information from Family Carers Ireland, Tuam.
093 30060 galwaysupport@familycarers.ie

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WHEN
Tuesday October 15th.
10.30am – 1.30pm

WHERE
Ard Ri House Hotel,
Milltown Road,
Tuam, Co. Galway.

SPEAKERS
Clare Duffy, Policy &
Public Affairs Manager,
Family Carers Ireland.

Declan Weir, Citizens
Information.

Emer Lavin, Fair Deal
Elder Care Ltd.

INFORMATION STANDS
Family Carers Ireland

HSE Fair Deal Scheme

Citizens Information

MABS

St. Jarlath's Credit Union

Fair Deal Elder Care Ltd.

Galway Rural
Development (GRD)

15th October 2019

Tuam, Co. Galway: Organised by Family Carers Ireland - bringing carers together to engage with services that can assist them to ensure they receive what they are entitled to from the State in relation to their caring role, how they can engage with services in the area of social inclusion, and how they can work with State services in the event that their loved one has to move to residential care. Taking place at the Ard Rí House Hotel, Milltown Road from 10.30am – 1.30pm.

For further information please email galwaysupport@familycarers.ie.



Kilrush, Co. Clare: The National Women's Council of Ireland and West Clare Family Resource Centre are working with women in Kilrush, Co. Clare to look at the experiences of poverty in a rural community.

Four workshops will take place with women culminating in a public gathering on the 15th October in Kilrush Library. Members and Friends of NWCI will be invited to join us and Ellen O Malley Dunlop, chairperson of NWCI will address the gathering.

For more information please contact Catherine on 01 6791011 or email catherinel@nwci.ie

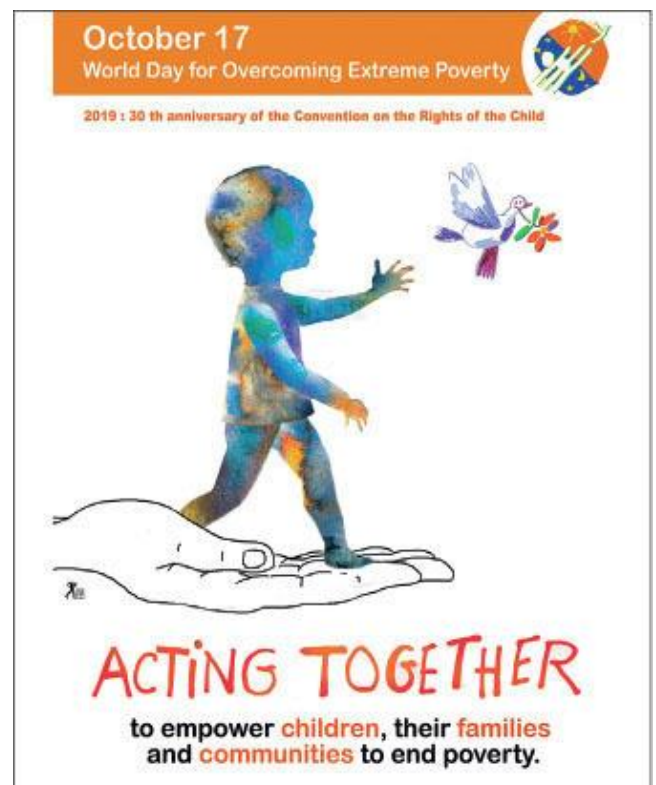


Granard, Co. Longford: Although Lus na Greine Family Resource Centre (FRC) is not a grantee this year, it is planning to raise awareness locally by organising a Yarn Bombing project. Installations began last week. The pieces focus minds on the need for 'knitted' communities with the aim of providing mental health supports for those most disadvantaged. The FRC has supported the yarn bombing with a poster campaign and on Tuesday, 15th, they will host a Refugee Food Fair with RESPOND. Local students will unveil their knitted response in that day and attend the fair.

17th October 2019

All - Ireland: Global Citizenship School invites primary school teachers to take action on 17 October to assist in fulfilling the target of Global Goal 1 which aims to end extreme poverty worldwide by 2030.

This 17 October, pupils are invited to be creative in making footsteps and writing their wishes for a better and fairer world on them, to make a display of all the messages, and to share their work among the whole school community and on social media using #FootstepsToEndPoverty.



For more ideas visit www.into.ie (Global Citizenship School)

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Tullamore Community and Family Resource Centre
Arden View, Tullamore

invite you to join them for their annual event to promote awareness of the
UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Thursday October 17th 2019 @11.30am

Presentation by children from 3rd Class, Scoil Eoin Phóil II Naofa
Guest Speaker:
Geraldine Burn (former Principal St. Joseph's NS)

Come along and enjoy our presentation of the charter of children's rights,
and enjoy some Asian street food and music

Tel: 057 93 20598
e-mail: avfamilyresource@eircom.net
Please confirm your attendance

TUSLA
An Ghnóthas le Teachán
Local Area and Family Agency

TULLAMORE
Community & Family
Resource Centre

An Roinn Gnóthaí Foinsíochta
ag an Comhairle Seánad
Department of Enterprise Affairs
and Social Protection

Tullamore, Co. Offaly Tullamore Community and Family Resource Centre Arden View is hosting their annual event to promote awareness of the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Thursday October 17 at 11.30am. It will entail a presentation by children from 3rd Class with guest Speaker: Geraldine Burn. Come along and enjoy their presentation of the charter of children's rights alongside Asian street food and music.

Email: avfamilyresource@eircom.net



Westport, Co. Mayo From 1.30 to 4pm on Thursday, 17 October, Westport Family Resource Centre invites you to their event. Keynote speakers will include Professor Michelle Millar, NUI Galway and Eamon Murphy, Social Justice Ireland. With stands and interactive activities from local organisations, including: Local Employment Services, St. Vincent de Paul, Intreo- Community Welfare Officer, Mayo North East LEADER, Lions Club, Family Carers Mayo, Homeless Period Ireland, Mayo CYPSC, Healthy Ireland, Oxfam, CARO etc.

Contact: coordinator@westportfrc.ie

Ballymun, Dublin 9, Co. Dublin:

Public arts and craft exhibition:

Since 17th September, Global Action Plan has organised workshops with local youth groups in their GLAS community garden, focusing on food poverty, and SDG Goals 1 and 2. The young people and their facilitators have spent the last month preparing food-poverty-based art installations that will be exhibited in the Ballymun Civic Centre, from 6 to 8 pm on 17th October.

Further information: www.globalactionplan.ie

19th October 2019

Cork, Co. Cork: From 10am to 1pm, a Community Mentoring Workshop is organised by the Cork Anti-Poverty Resource Network. The event offers support and sharing of experience with women parenting alone in the community in the form of free mentoring workshops as well as information on how to become a mentor.

Free childcare to be booked in advance (contact 021 439 1108)

Further information on: www.caprn.ie ; www.womensupportingwomencork.com

Express your Friendship and Solidarity

Thursday 17th October, 1.30pm-4pm
Scoil Phadraig, Westport

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Keynote Speaker: Professor Michelle Millar, Dean of Students NUI Galway

Budget discussion with Eamon Murphy, Social Justice Ireland

Event hosted by Westport Family & Community Resource Centre

Community Awareness Event

Something for everyone on the day
Swap Shop, Stands & Exhibits, Draw for shopping vouchers, Information & advice, Team HOPE Shoebox Appeal, Children's activities

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Women Supporting Women

19TH OCTOBER 2019

COMMUNITY MENTORING WORKSHOP
10AM-1PM

EDUCATION AND RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTRE, 5
CHURCHFIELD AVENUE, CHURCHFIELD, CORK

Do You Feel Alone?

Would you like to share your problems with someone who cares? Do you need a female friend to talk to, someone who will listen and understand your situation? Our Community mentoring workshop is an opportunity for you to come and meet our mentors. You can ask our mentors questions and find out about the work we do. Our mentors are mothers who share their experience, knowledge and understanding of life with other women who are parenting alone in the community. If you would like a mentor, we can provide you with all the details on the day.

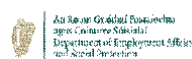
Would you like to become a mentor?

We offer full training for all volunteers over a 12 week training programme and full support and supervision after training. The only qualification you need to become a mentor is the lifelong practical knowledge and wisdom that you have gained as a mother. The training you receive will cover essential areas that will develop your skills as a volunteer mentor.

Web: www.caprn.ie

Web: www.womensupportingwomencork.com

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FREE
CHILDCARE
*Must be booked in advance
021 - 4391108

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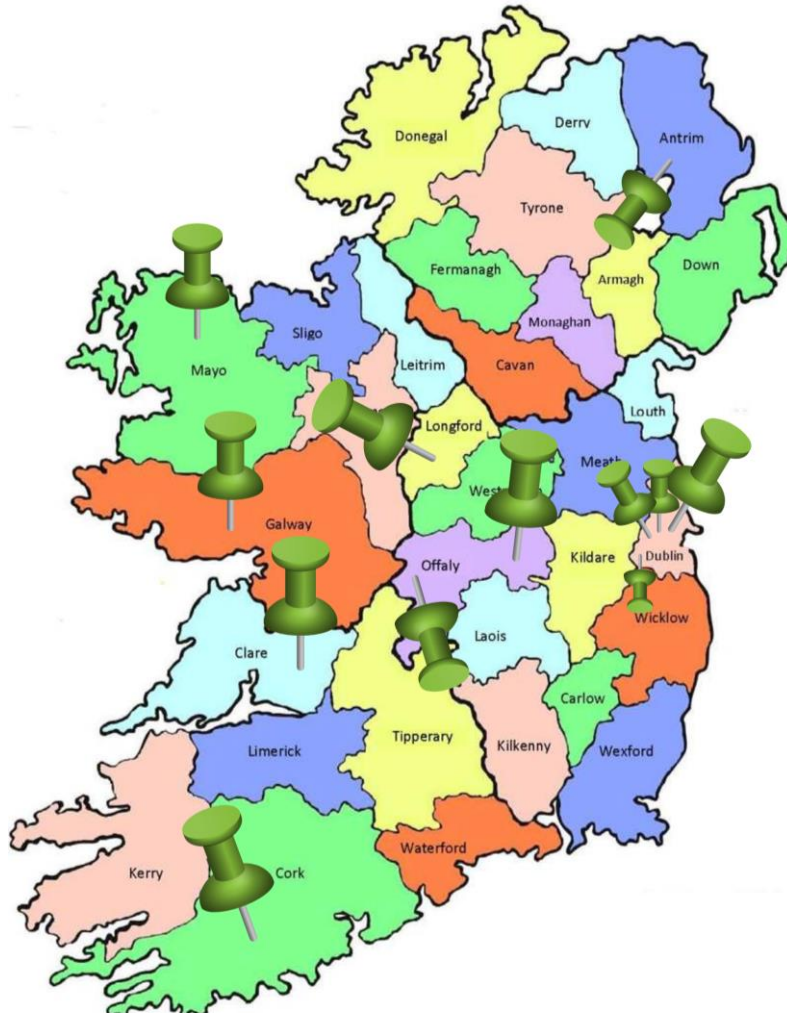
Dublin, Co. Dublin: Treoir, The National Federation for Unmarried Parents and their Children will hold a series of public events to mark UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. In keeping with this year's theme, Treoir will run a series of "Know your Rights" events from the 15 to 18 October. These will provide information to parents who are not married to each other about their rights in relation to custody, access, guardianship, passports and social welfare. We will also provide people with information on the supports and services that are available to them. Treoir will hold "Know your Rights" events in the following venues:



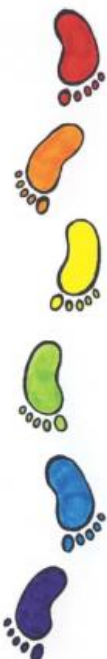
- Central Library, Ilac Shopping Centre, Tuesday, 15 October from 1-2pm
- Ballyfermot Civic Centre, Wednesday, 16 October from 9.30 - 11am
- Ballymun Civic Centre, Wednesday, 16 October from 1-2pm
- Tallaght Library, Thursday, 17 October from 11.30- 12.30

For further information please call Sam Dunne on 01 6700120, see also

www.treoir.ie



**MAP OF
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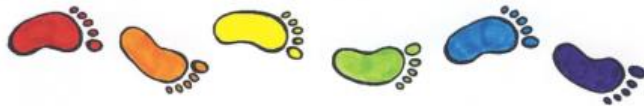
21st October 2019



Online From the week of the 21st October, Barnardos will undertake a participatory photography project with a group of our service users, culminating in the launch of a digital exhibition to coincide with the UN Day.

This year's theme – "Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty" will be incorporated into the methodology of their project. Supported by award-winning photographer Patrick Bolger, they will use an innovative research method which combines facilitated group dialogue and visual images.

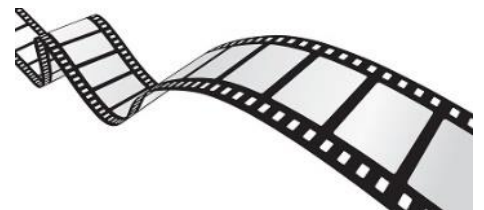
The finished photographs and the stories which accompany them will be crafted by the participants themselves, so that the exhibition is co-created by the very people it depicts.



22nd October 2019

Tullamore, Co. Offaly The Offally Traveller Movement have written an original song which focuses on the marginalisation and social exclusion of Travellers in Irish society and will launch this song with an accompanying music video on 22nd October in the Central Hotel, Tullamore. The song and music video will be given airplay, on local radio and our young people hope that it will get some significant publicity in order to get their message out there! The Offally Traveller Movement would appreciate any help with this after it is launched.

For any further information do not hesitate to call on 0862670950.



Offally Traveller Movement

OTM YOUTH PROJECT
Debut their
**ORIGINAL SONG
& MUSIC VIDEO**
"LABELS"

OTM YOUTH PROJECT INVITES YOU TO JOIN
US IN MARKING THE UN INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY 2019
TUES 22TH OCTOBER 4:30PM
CENTRAL HOTEL, TULLAMORE
Refreshments afterwards

YOUTH@OTM.IE Please RSVP
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON EXTREME POVERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS



“In a world characterized by an unprecedented level of economic development, technological means and financial resources, that millions of persons are living in extreme poverty is a moral outrage.”

People living in extreme poverty are often neglected or overlooked by politicians, service providers and policy-makers due to their lack of political voice, financial and social capital and their chronic social exclusion. They are disproportionately affected by many human rights violations. Discrimination against people living in poverty is widespread and widely tolerated. In September 2012, the UN Human Rights Council adopted the **Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights**. They provide global policy guidelines focusing specifically on the human rights of people living in poverty. It is the first internationally agreed text to stress the central message of the UN Day on 17 October: **extreme poverty exists in every country in the world, and it is both a cause and a consequence of multiple human rights violations.**



See at:

https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/OHCHR_ExtremePovertyandHumanRights_EN.pdf



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



On 25 September 2015, after crucial work by the Irish Ambassador at the UN, world leaders have agreed to **17 Global Goals** to achieve major transformations in the next 15 years: **end poverty, fight inequalities and injustices, limit climate change and protect the planet**. The historic 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development can make all this possible in all countries and for all people by the year 2030.

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND SERIES 2



The Leave No One Behind Conversations is a workshop series started by All Together in Dignity (ATD) Ireland, funded by Concern Worldwide, which was designed to start an inclusive conversation about the 2030 Agenda's Leave No One Behind Promise. We want to empower members of groups who often find themselves socially excluded to actively contribute to Sustainable Development Goals dialogue in Ireland by valuing their knowledge of social exclusion issues, based on lived experience.

If you or your group are interested in taking part in the next series of Conversation Workshops starting in end 2019, contact us at info@atdireland.ie

GOAL 1



End poverty in all
its forms
everywhere by the
year 2030



#LeaveNoOneBehind
www.17October.ie

Support the mobilisation with the hashtags

#EndPoverty #17octIRL

You can discover more events worldwide at www.overcomingpoverty.org

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