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TOWARDS OCTOBER 17



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A new form of communication is being created to share news in preparation for the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty. It is thought for committees, collectives, groups and individuals who unite their energies to prepare and commemorate the Day.

Helping each other among Local / National October 17 Committees to understand our role.

Alain Fanchon, a representative of ATD Fourth World in the October 17 Committee in Mauritius, asked the Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty - who is part of the Secretariat of the International Committee for October 17 - to discuss a concern: *"When there is something happening in the country related to poverty, there is a tendency to put pressure on the committee to act"*.

After having transmitted the question to a few people, Michel Besse, co-animator of the France October 17 Collective shared with us (excerpt): *The common basis of our group is to get to know each other, to support each other for commemorating this Day in a meaningful way*

and to enable us to express publicly. In terms of putting pressure on this or that issue, other networks have been implemented in France.

Mark Hogan, co-facilitator of the October 17 Committee in Ireland told us the following (excerpt): *it could be useful for members to draft a document outlining their mandate around the promotion and observation of October 17.*

In a subsequent conversation with Alain Fanchon and the team of the Forum, we found that exchanges among different committees / collectives around the world could be beneficial and enriching.

The National Oct 17 Collective in France already has its poster

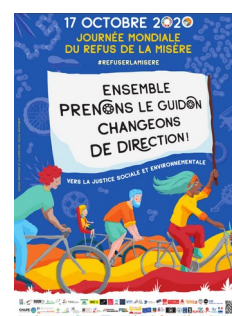
Through a participatory process among the members of the collective, the image that emerged to represent the interdependence between social justice and environmental justice, is the one of the bicycle.

Social and environmental justice are inseparable struggles. Like a bicycle that needs both wheels to move forward, one cannot go without the other. They are part of the same movement for a more just society without poverty, where

everyone is entitled to a place in a healthy environment.

They also finalized the pedagogical kit, a tool that is widely used and appreciated in France by schools, municipalities, and various groups who prepare the day with children.

You can discover them by clicking [here](#) (only in french).



Interdependence between social, economic and environmental justice

Two days of exchanges and reflections among various people involved in the International Movement ATD Fourth World took place on 8 and 9 June: How to articulate and demonstrate that these notions are related? How can the thoughts, words and actions of people living in extreme poverty be brought to light in this regard? These two days were organized by the

Secretariat of International Policy and Advocacy team, and these reflections will contribute to the continued advancement of the advocacy work. The Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty team was able to share the concern of several small associations in the world that are already acting against poverty and for a healthy environment.

The Council of Europe on access to social services

The Council of Europe preparatory group for the October 17 meeting has started its work. The theme resonates with respect for the Social Charter and around access to social services.

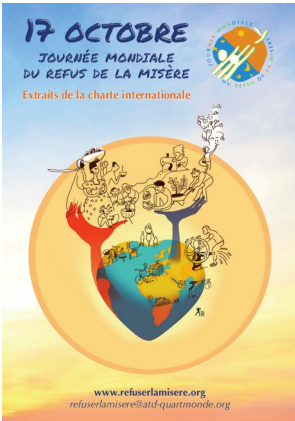
The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted a number of problems and malfunctions, many issues related to non-recourse and to accessing services digitally. A team from Poland, which has done a lot of work around access to rights, will be participating.

Commemoration at the UN in New York

The UN in New York will not be holding face-to-face meetings in the coming months as it has done so far. Faced with this reality, the people who usually organize the commemoration at the

UN (ATD Fourth World, the UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs, the missions of France and Burkina Faso) have agreed on a commemoration that will be virtual.

Extracts of the International Charter for October 17 get a new look



Following an idea of Annette Rodenberg from Germany, the Forum team will soon release a renewed format of extracts taken from the International Charter for October 17. It will exist in French, English, Spanish and German and will be available in poster (A3) or leaflet (A4) version. This format will facilitate its sharing and be an opportunity to clarify and dialogue on the meaning of the Day with new people and groups.

If you liked these news, have needs, want to share your news around October 17, etc., then you can contact us at overcomingpoverty@atd-fourthworld.org