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## UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty

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# Listening to Unheard Voices

On **17 October 1987**, in the presence of 100,000 activists, **Joseph Wresinski**, founder of the **International Movement All Together in Dignity (ATD)**, unveiled a Commemorative Stone on the Trocadero Human Rights Plaza in Paris. On this marble 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.

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



On the 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.

# A Human Rights Framework for 17 Goals



Guiding Principles on  
Extreme Poverty  
and Human Rights



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.

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 extreme 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.



*“It is my hope that by 2030, we will look back on the 25th of September 2015 as a decisive moment in global history; a moment when the nations of the world united to secure peace, to deliver freedom, equality and human rights for all and **to eradicate poverty and hunger**, to achieve a human flourishing in a sustainable and peaceful planet in all its diversity.”*

*The President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, 24 Sept 2015*



Read more: [www.17october.ie/human-rights/](http://www.17october.ie/human-rights/) and [www.globalgoals.org](http://www.globalgoals.org)

# Ireland Marks #EndPoverty Day

**Growing  
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**Moving from humiliation and exclusion to participation: ending poverty in all its forms** - The 2016 calls of the UN Day invite us to fully understand poverty in all its forms. Policy makers must focus attention on key non-material aspects of poverty— such as shame, humiliation and social exclusion — that affect people’s lives and their human dignity. Within the Global Goals development framework all countries commit to “ending poverty in all its forms everywhere” (Goal 1) by 2030. To achieve Goal 1 with all the other goals we have to transform our world, transform ourselves and learn even more to work together! **We have to grow together to Leave No One Behind!**

## Events in Ireland and abroad

**Wednesday 12 October 2016**

**London, The Royal Institution** - Concern Worldwide will launch of the 2016 Global Hunger Index Report “Getting to Zero Hunger by 2030.” ([www.concern.net/en/GHIreportlaunch](http://www.concern.net/en/GHIreportlaunch))

**Monday 17 October 2016**

**10am - Cork Life Centre, Sundays Well Road, Cork** - Launch of a video created by students “End Educational Poverty” and unveiling of an “#EndPoverty” mural. John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, will speak at the event. ([www.facebook.com/Cork-Life-Centre-280823201935947/](http://www.facebook.com/Cork-Life-Centre-280823201935947/))

**1:30pm - Breffni Family Resource Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim** - Launch of a stone carving and a sensory garden project highlighting the work of people who represent minorities and are experiencing social exclusion. ([www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011657769318](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011657769318))

**Thurles, Co. Tipperary:** Youth Work Ireland will present materials from a performance piece created in consultation with young people of Tipperary and East Limerick. The piece involves making correlations between the age group most at risk of poverty and social exclusion in rural Ireland. ([www.facebook.com/youthworkirelandtipperary/](http://www.facebook.com/youthworkirelandtipperary/))

A promotional poster for the event at the Cork Life Centre. It features a large orange banner at the top with the text "OCTOBER 17 IS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY". Below this, it says "Join us in the Cork Life Centre as we launch our new film, 'End Educational Poverty'." and "We will officially unveil our #EndPoverty mural, designed and painted by our students." There is a photo of John Lonergan and a photo of a mural. At the bottom, it says "At 10am, we will welcome John Lonergan to make a speech." and "#ENDPOVERTY". Logos for Cork Life Centre and the Oct 17th Campaign are also present.

**Moyneshall, Co. Cavan:** Cavan Youthreach linked in with Cavan County Council Arts Officer to create a sculpture piece around poverty. This will be displayed outside the centre. Information workshops will also be held with youths ranging in ages from 15 - 21, as well as transition year students being invited to the exhibition. ([www.cavanyouthreach.ie](http://www.cavanyouthreach.ie))

**Clara, Co. Offaly** - Clara Community and Family Resource Centre will be holding a series of activities for the week of 17 October, including an artwork display on homelessness and human rights. ([www.facebook.com/clarafr/](http://www.facebook.com/clarafr/))

**Tullamore, Co. Offaly** - The Arden View Family Resource Centre invites members of the local community to the launch of a film production that tells the stories of a group of people who are experiencing poverty in the local area. Local children will participate in a balloon release to mark the day. ([www.facebook.com/ArdenViewCommunityFamilyResourceCentre/](http://www.facebook.com/ArdenViewCommunityFamilyResourceCentre/))

**8am to 4pm** (Irish time) - **Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France** - The Coalition of International NGOs at the Council of Europe is organising a one day conference : Youth facing poverty and exclusion with young people from France, Greece, Poland and Spain. ([www.facebook.com/events/270762253289706/](http://www.facebook.com/events/270762253289706/))

**1pm to 2pm** (Irish time) - **UNESCO, Paris, France** - At UNESCO Headquarters in Paris the 3rd edition of the World Social Science Report 'Challenging Inequalities: Pathways to a Just World' will be presented to mark the #EndPoverty Day. ([www.facebook.com/events/270762253289706/](http://www.facebook.com/events/270762253289706/))

**6.15 to 7.30pm** (Irish time) - **United Nations, Room UN CR 2, New York City, USA** : Irish mission to the UN is invited to attend the observance of the Day at the United Nations.

## Tuesday 18 October 2016

**11am to 1pm** - **Mullaghmatt, Monaghan Town, Co. Monaghan** - On 17 October, the Teach na Daoine Family Resource Center will install large billboards at all entrance and exit roads of Monaghan Town. They will stay up for all of the week. On the 18, October, the Family Resource Center will host a Northern Sound FM radio show from 11am to 1pm with key speakers & listener feedback debating the subject of poverty. ([www.northernsound.ie](http://www.northernsound.ie))

**The Ramsgrange Centre, Ramsgrange, New Ross, Co. Wexford** - Young people from the Glór Project (South West Wexford Family Resource Center) in Ramsgrange produced a CD with the song "Struggle in my Shoes". The CD will be launched on 18 October. ([www.facebook.com/fusionyouthcafe.ramsgrange](http://www.facebook.com/fusionyouthcafe.ramsgrange))

**Drogheda, Co. Louth:** The Connect Family Resource Center will unveil an exhibition exploring the 'Eradication of Poverty' through the medium of crafts. Community members will create individual and group works in ceramics and mixed media. ([www.facebook.com/cfrc2](http://www.facebook.com/cfrc2))

## Wednesday 19 October 2016

**Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Tipperary Town:** A display board on poverty and handouts that will be used from 17th October. On the 19th in the morning, a Clearance Cookery Challenge workshop will be held including a cookery demo: " how to cook affordable and healthy food?" using the food donated through the Foodcloud Project. ([www.knockanrawley.ie](http://www.knockanrawley.ie))

**10am to 12:30pm** - **Lus Na Greine Family Resource Centre, Granard, Co. Longford** - The Lus Na Greine Family Resource Centre will run an awareness raising event where they will 'Shine a Light on Poverty'. It will include an exhibition of lantern sculptures that will be lit up to convey messages about poverty, and also a poster campaign from local schools. ([www.facebook.com/lusna.greine](http://www.facebook.com/lusna.greine))

**2.30pm** (Irish time) - **European Parliament, Brussels** - Irish MEPs are invited to join the panel discussion organised by the Human Rights and Poverty MEPs Intergroup. ([www.17october.ie/mep171016/](http://www.17october.ie/mep171016/))

## Monday 24 October 2016

**Offaly Traveller Movement, Tullamore, Bury Quay:** The Offaly Traveller Movement will be celebrating 20 years, a celebration of the past, present and future of the movement and its work. The President's wife, Ms. Sabina Higgins will attend the event. ([www.facebook.com/OffalyTravellerMovement](http://www.facebook.com/OffalyTravellerMovement))



# Dublin Marks #EndPoverty Day



**Social Justice Week - from 10 to 14 October, Maynooth, NUIM:** The week will be run for the sixth year with the title “Social Justice Week 2016 – A Call to Action”. A range of informative and creative activities coincide with internationally significant dates - International Day of Rural Women (15 Oct), World Food Day (16 Oct) and #EndPoverty Day (17 Oct). ([www.facebook.com/MaynoothSocialJustice](http://www.facebook.com/MaynoothSocialJustice))

## Wednesday 12 October 2016

**Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10** - Open Day at the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre organises an Open Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The day will be an opportunity for people to come together, to share their stories with each other and gain strength from the knowledge that they are not alone. ([www.facebook.com/Ballyfermot-Community-Civic-Centre-717689008319608/](http://www.facebook.com/Ballyfermot-Community-Civic-Centre-717689008319608/))

**2pm - Buswells Hotel, 27 Molesworth St., Dublin 2** - Social Justice Ireland will analyse and critique the impact of the changes in the new Budget on all members of society. ([www.socialjustice.ie](http://www.socialjustice.ie))

**6.30pm to 8.00pm - City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co. Dublin** - Tearfund Ireland in the company of Integral will present their strategic plan ‘United Against Poverty Together for Transformation’ to be launched by Minister Joe McHugh. ([www.facebook.com/tearfundireland](http://www.facebook.com/tearfundireland))

## Thursday 13 October 2016

**6.30pm to 8.30pm - Basement Venue, Wigwam, 54 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1** – The Peter McVerry Trust “Homelessness and Media Forum” will discuss how homelessness and people impacted are reported on, in addition to the language and imagery often associated with it. (registration: [www.pmvtrust.ie/news-media/communication-events/](http://www.pmvtrust.ie/news-media/communication-events/))

## Friday 14 October 2016

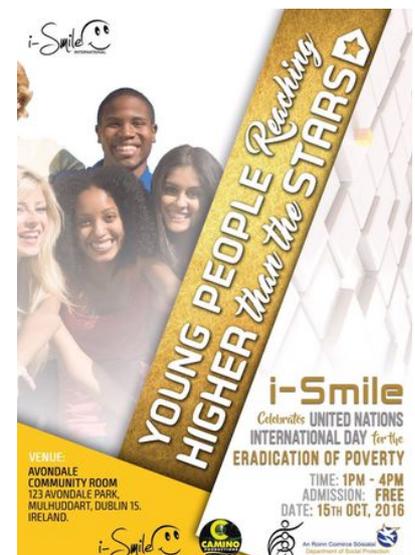
**11am - Rosie Hackett Bridge, Dublin 1** - The SAOL project event is a combination of ‘hands across the bridge’ and a ‘join me on the bridge’ happenings to celebrate recovery from addiction and freedom for women from domestic violence. ([www.saolproject.ie](http://www.saolproject.ie))

## Saturday 15 October 2016

**1pm to 4pm - Avondale Community Room, 123 Avondale Park, Tyrrelstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15** - i-Smile International will held an event being held for young people to raise awareness around the UN Day ‘Young People Reaching Higher than the Stars’. The event will showcase a drama that highlights the link between domestic violence and poverty that disproportionately affect women. ([www.facebook.com/ismileinternational/](http://www.facebook.com/ismileinternational/))

## Sunday 16 October 2016

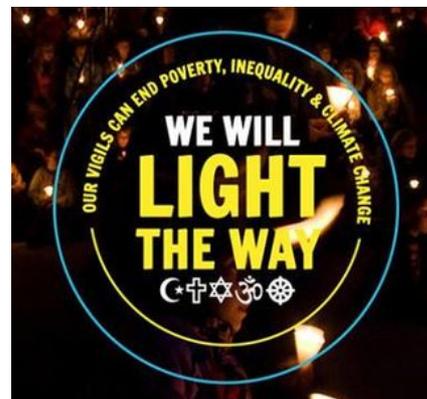
**7pm to 7.45pm - Famine Statues, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1** - “Zero Hunger, Zero Poverty Candlelight Vigil: in a symbolic walk, everyone can join to help create a human chain of lights between



the Famine Statues and the Human Rights & Poverty Stone to #LightTheWay for Goal 1 and goal 2 in the 2030 Universal Sustainable Development Agenda – with participation of Father Peter McVerry and other spiritual leaders. ([www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland](http://www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland))

### Monday 17 October 2016

**9.15am to 12.40pm - Kiltalawn Village Centre, Jobstown, Dublin 24:** Speakers gathered by An Cosan will discuss their journeys using innovative solutions for current world challenges in the fight against poverty. The Brother Kevin Choir will conclude the event. ([www.facebook.com/AnCosan/](http://www.facebook.com/AnCosan/))



**10.45am to 12.30pm - Famine Statues, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 – National Commemoration of the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty** - This public gathering organised by the Irish 17 October Committee is an opportunity for communities to have their voices heard through personal testimonies from people who experience poverty, as well as through music and drama presentation. **The President of Ireland Michael D Higgins will attend the gathering.** The SAOL Project will display a new exhibition “Object Poverty” at the event. ([www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland](http://www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland))



**1.30pm - Rua Red, South Dublin Arts Centre, Tallaght** - The Rights Platform (formerly South Dublin Community Platform) will launch an exhibition of posters and factsheets highlighting the impacts of poverty. Lord Mayor Gus O’ Connell of South Dublin County Council will open the exhibition. (RSVP to [info@sdcp.ie](mailto:info@sdcp.ie) - [www.sdcp.ie](http://www.sdcp.ie))

**5pm - Liffey Sound 96.4 FM** - Liffey Sound FM will be holding a 1 hour panel discussion with speakers from Trócaire, St. Vincent de Paul, Barnardos and the North Clondalkin Community Development Program. ([www.facebook.com/liffeysoundfm/](http://www.facebook.com/liffeysoundfm/))

**6:30pm - Filmbase, Curved Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2** - ActionAid Ireland presents the award winning documentary ‘The Price We Pay’. The film exposes the multinational tax dodging that deprives countries of billions of euro each year. ([www.facebook.com/events/904179639714753/](http://www.facebook.com/events/904179639714753/))

**8pm - Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9** - Prayer Service prepared by Chaplaincy Students of DCU with music led by Dublin Diocesan Music Group (live on watch on [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com))

**Uncut Diamond Players, Unit 1 Killarney Court, Buckingham St., Dublin 1:** This group will carry out a drama workshop with young people on the theme of poverty and exclusion. All participants will be from the North Inner City. (updates on [www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland](http://www.facebook.com/EndpovertydayIreland))

### Tuesday 18 October 2016

**National Travellers Service, 61 Great Strand St., Dublin 1** - Exchange House Ireland will host an event with young Travellers to raise awareness of the impact and experiences of homeless people and poverty. The event will include an art exhibit and participants will share their experiences and talk about their works ([www.facebook.com/exchangehouseireland/](http://www.facebook.com/exchangehouseireland/))

**Georgian Suite, Buswells Hotel, Molesworth St., Dublin 2:** The Irish Rural Link will launch a booklet with messages on on poverty and social exclusion in rural areas and ask elected representatives, members of Social Justice Ireland and Charities to react. ([www.irishrurallink.ie](http://www.irishrurallink.ie))

### Friday 21 October 2016

**10.30am to 1.30pm - Carmelite Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2:** EAPN Ireland will run a workshop on poverty, inequality and health (for more info and to register: [www.eapn.ie](http://www.eapn.ie))

**In social networks...** Join the fight to #EndPoverty! The Dublin Simon Community will be running an online campaign involving a video that will be released on the 17th October.

**Discover more events worldwide at [www.overcomingpoverty.org](http://www.overcomingpoverty.org)**

