

Welcome 2017



**GOAL 17
OCTOBER
ACTIONS
LEADERS
SONGS**

ATD Ireland joins the ATD International global 2017 campaign!

Project 1 - We are ONE to Stop Poverty! We support Goal ONE to End Poverty !

From 12 February 2017, ATD Ireland will promote the **On-Line International Call to Action** www.poverty-stop.org. Ahead of the 2017 UN End Poverty Day, with the support of the Irish 17 October Committee, ATD Ireland will network with many NGOs from various sectors to make the UN Day an important day to mobilise Irish society in support of the 17 Goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its central challenge 'to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions'.

Project 2 - 1,001 Stories - Hope against poverty

This **storytelling project** will be launched in Dublin on Thursday 30th March 2017. The aim of the project is to complete a short collection of stories to launch for the 17 October, UN End Poverty Day. The stories will be messages of hope and encouragement told by those who have experiences of hardship and difficulties. These stories will be real life accounts of positive moments that people have experienced even though they had to face obstacles in their lives.

Project 3 - When voices unite: let's break the silence to leave no one behind

“Whether in the aldeas of Guatemala, the mornes of Haiti, the slums of Africa or Asia, or the shantytowns of Europe, wherever families are trapped in the most intolerable poverty they sing their dignity.” Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD.

From April to October 2017 ATD Ireland will liaise with groups and choirs to organise a **major collective singing session** on the evening of the UN End Poverty Day. ATD will also create a small choir open to everyone, that would gather both Irish and non-Irish foreign volunteers, including a large majority of people experiencing poverty. The project will be launched by a singing session on Tuesday 11th April 2017 involving community members of Dublin 1 and the youth choir of the 'Opéra du Rhin' (Strasbourg, France).

Project 4 - The Wresinski Legacy Workshops

The **centenary of Joseph Wresinski's birth** (12 February 1917 in Angers) will be marked by ATD Ireland on Sunday 12 February in Dublin (details of events [here](#)) : Wresinski (1917-1988) left his mark on social policies in France. At an international level, he introduced new approach and thinking on human rights and citizens participation. His 'Leave No One Behind' approach has become a major feature of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. More on the man and his legacy here. In May and June 2017, ATD Ireland will run a series of Wresinski Legacy Workshops enabling participants to discover Joseph Wresinski's approach. The learnings from these Workshops will be promoted on the 2017 UN End Poverty Day.

In 2017, join us and volunteer with ATD Ireland

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ATD is currently looking for fundings to cover the full costs of these projects. We thank the French MP Christophe Premat and Senator Hélène Conway-Mouret as well as the ATD Foundation (Paris) for their fundings enabling ATD Ireland to launch the 2017 Campaign projects.