

Commemoration of UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Saturday 17 October 2015, Human Rights and Poverty Stone
Custom House Quay, Dublin 1

from 10:45am to 3pm

from 10.45 am – Music and welcoming

11.00 am – Start of Commemoration

Special guests : The High Hopes Choir, Rita Ann Higgins,
Pr Robert Walker (Oxford), UK #RolesWePlay project leaders

Songs by *Neighbourhood Youth Project 2 – NYP2, SAOL project, the High Hopes Choir...*

Song

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies – **especially a welcome to the delegations from the different DSP funded project in Ireland.**

Address by Lord Mayor of Dublin

Song

Proclamation of Joseph Wresinski's message engraved on the Commemorative Stone: *"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."* (in 3 languages: Irish, English and original French)

Testimonies from community members

- *Testimony from friends in London - ATD UK*
- *Testimony by clients of Focus Ireland*
- *Testimony from migrants with experience of Direct Provision*

Song

- *Testimony from tenants who brought a Human Right case to court in Strasbourg*
- *Testimony from the travellers community*
- *Testimony from friends in Dublin - ATD UK*

Song

Poems by Rita Ann Higgins

Proclamation of *I Bear Witness to You*, Joseph Wresinski's address from 17 October 1987, read by **Professor Robert Walker, Oxford University**

Common gesture : 17 dreams, 17 Goals, 17 October and 7bn RolesWePlay

Song

Concluding words by Master of Ceremonies (around 12.15pm)

12.30 am – Coffee, Tea, Lunch in the Sheriff Youth Club Hall, Dublin

Presentation of the delegations from the different DSP funded project in Ireland.

1.30pm to 3pm – #RolesWePlay to #EndPoverty workshop in CHQ Building, Dublin