

## What is the Leave No One Behind Promise?

In 2015 Ireland with 192 other countries signed the United Nations' Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The document contains a Promise to Leave No One Behind. 193 governments signed up to deliver the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure that every country, group and individual benefits equally.

**To succeed, we need to prioritise the needs of those who are furthest behind.**



### Why is it Important?

Keeping the Promise to Leave No One Behind is not simple, but it is for the best. It's often easier to help a big group first, and a marginalised minority later, but this means that the gap between the best-off and worst-off gets bigger.

If an effort to help everyone fails or stops before it reaches every single person, the gap between the best-off and worst-off solidifies.

## The Great Debate

1. What does the Leave No One Behind Promise mean to you?
2. How convinced are you? Do you think it's possible? What challenges do you envision in keeping the Promise?
3. What steps can we take in our own lives and in our own communities?



### Suggested Activities

Why me? □ Participants receive a label with a role (e.g. student, homeless person, business man, someone suffering with addiction etc.). The facilitator outlines a situation and participants whose role compromises their approach to the situation raises their hand for the group to discuss why certain groups get left behind.

Puzzle Pieces □ Each participant designs the back of a puzzle piece to be a representation of them. They can draw symbols, items, etc. that represent who they are. They then put the puzzle together + understand that every piece is vital to accomplish the bigger picture.

Full resources gradually available on  
[www.leavenoonebehind.ie](http://www.leavenoonebehind.ie)



*"The truth is, no one of us can be free until everybody is free."*

**Maya Angelou**

*"For too long, empty pledges and fine words have died in our mouths – now is the time to turn promises into action for this generation."* **Michael D. Higgins**

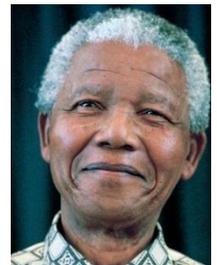


*"Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind"*

**Disney's Lilo & Stitch**

*"A Nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones"*

**Nelson Mandela**



*"I raise up my voice -not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back."*

**Malala Yousafzai**

## More on Agenda 2030

On September 25th 2015, United Nations member states adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved by 2030.



The goals were negotiated and drafted by **Macharia Kamau**, Kenya's former representative to the UN, and **David Donoghue**, Ireland's former Representative to the UN and our **Project Patron**.



States are encouraged to carry out regular country-led reviews of their progress. These Voluntary National Reviews are then discussed by the United Nations Higher Level Political Forum.

The Goals are not legally binding, so it is up to us to hold our governments accountable to keep the Promise to Leave No One Behind.

## The **Leave No One Behind Conversations**

are run by ATD Ireland with the support of Concern



It aims to raise awareness of the Leave No One Behind Promise of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Have Your Say,  
Organise a Workshop!

We want to involve citizens from all walks of life (children, youths, adults - including people with experience of poverty and marginalisation) to take part in workshops and help in the design of "Leave No One Behind: Walking the Talk", a handbook presenting ways to create inclusive communities.

**Help us to walk the talk! Visit**  
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# CONVERSATIONS

"We're all part of the challenge to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure that No One is Left Behind. We have to ensure that there's no piece left out of the puzzle. Reach the furthest behind first. That doesn't mean in 2028, that means right now."

David Donoghue, Project Patron  
Former Irish Ambassador to the UN and co-facilitator of the Agenda 2030 agreement