

Storytellers: “Poverty is Not Inevitable”

Bringing together 1,001 stories showing that poverty can be overcome if we work together.

We have all experienced moments that have shown us that poverty is not inevitable. We all have stories of working together for change – stories of those who were excluded finding their place and contributing to build a better world. We have all experienced the pride and peace that can bring to a community.

Sharing stories that show that poverty can be overcome is a remedy to the steady diet of depressing news that has left so many of our contemporaries discouraged, feeling defiant and powerless.

We are inviting ATD members to write about actions they have taken, or are in the process of taking, that have had real results – for individual people, for groups of people, or for a whole country or an institution (national or international).

These aren't just personal success stories, but stories of people from different backgrounds who have supported each other towards a common goal and made concrete progress.

These can be written in one page and sent to your national team and to mobilisation2017@atd-quartmonde.org

If possible, you can also film one or several people telling the story as well. The 2017 team can provide support for editing video footage if needed.

These stories will be:

- saved initially on the ATD Fourth World internal website (atd-extranet.org),
- published on ATD's public websites in 2017,
- used locally to share stories of success both in your own community and elsewhere in the world (at events, at conferences, at concerts, with the press, etc.), and
- broadcast on internet and radio as part of the night of stories and songs taking place from October 16 to 17, 2017.

Each story must have:

- a clear title,
- a two-sentence summary that presents the situation before and after the action,
- a text of no more than 700 words including quotes from different people involved, and
- one or more photos.

(If you feel that more than 700 words is absolutely essential for your story to be understood, you are welcome to share this additional context with us – but stories longer than one page will not be shared online.)