



All **T**ogether in **D**ignity
ATD Fourth World - Ireland
Annual Report 2013



2013, a Year of Transitions

All Together in Dignity - ATD Fourth World is an international human-rights organisation that works through grass-roots projects in partnership with people living in poverty. It remains focused on constantly reaching out to the most vulnerable families, those who have a long history of poverty and educational disadvantage even in the so-called developed countries. Since 2000, ATD in Ireland has been present close to and supporting family members facing persistent poverty and struggling daily to live in dignity.

At the end of 2013, Ireland emerged from three years under the adjustment programme agreed with the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The combination of the recession and the difficult political choices made over recent years had a very strong impact on the people who are on low incomes, unemployed, marginalised or dependent on social welfare supports.

In the December 2013 introduction of the report, *Now You See Us: The human stories behind poverty in Ireland*, we recognize along with the members of the Community Platform that many people are reaching breaking point in their lives as they bear the brunt of a

crisis which was not of their making. It is in this difficult context of crisis and transition that members of ATD (friends with direct experience of poverty, supporters, donators, full-time volunteers) committed themselves to prevent isolation and empower unheard citizens to express their voice. Our 2013 Annual Report gives an account of these commitments.

The last meeting at ATD office in 2013 was the Farewell Get Together to share our gratitude for Dominique and Françoise, ATD full-time volunteers who spent 5 years in Dublin and who are joining the ATD team in Montreal.

This event brought to a close a first year of transition for the ATD permanent team in Dublin. In spring 2013, Elisabeth and Sarah went back to Manila. In October, we welcomed Fabienne and Pierre who came having spent 8 years in the ATD team of Warsaw, Poland. Transition may continue in 2014 as our team could welcome other full-time volunteers. Transition also as we take stock in Ireland of the new priorities of ATD worldwide: the common ambitions 2013-2017 (*see below*).

We are proud to present the 2013 Annual Report of ATD Fourth World-Ireland.

Mark Hogan, Chairperson, March 2014



Debbie



Paddy



Christopher



Ann

Friends to Remember

Sadly some long-term friends of ATD died during the year, namely: **Christopher, Debbie, Ann, Paddy.**

They had been in touch with ATD for years. And they all had had a long history of homelessness.

Christopher spoke during the unveiling of the commemorative stone in 2008. Having been in temporary housing accommodation all their life, he and his partner had just moved in to a small independent flat thanks to the support of Focus Ireland.

Debbie has been part of the cross-community meetings that took place at Ozanam House between 2004 and 2008. She spoke during the 17 October 2005 commemoration. She had recently been rehoused in Ballymun when she died.

Ann had spent a few years in a Simon Community Support House but at the end of her life, she was again often sleeping rough.

Paddy was living in Limerick. He had often attended 17 October commemorations in Dublin with his family. In 2003, he was one of the first to sign a petition stating that the eradication of persistent poverty was a human rights issue.

May they rest in peace.

Recording a message for friends from ATD in Senegal



Not Leaving People Alone

For the past 13 years, ATD's full-time volunteers have visited people living in homeless accommodation, socially disadvantaged housing estates or support groups they belong to in the Greater Dublin City area. Many of these people have faced persistent poverty since childhood and are still facing it today. Many of the parents we met over the years have had children in care, health issues and/or have struggled to free themselves from addictions.

The aim of visits is to build with adults and young people a relationship based on trust and respect, a relationship that will allow them, in their own time and at their own pace, to continue to express the challenges they face, how they try to meet them and what they believe in.

Visits are also opportunities to share news and pictures from events run by ATD, others NGOs or Community Groups. Volunteers also support adults to keep in touch with people they know, in Ireland or abroad.

In 2013, around 200 home visits were made .

Fr Joseph on Extreme Poverty



Ireland's hidden hunger scandal seminar

*Workshop **Extreme Poverty is Violence***



Raising Awareness

During the reporting period, ATD members were involved in approximately **10 events** (conferences, workshops, student or volunteers' fairs) to present the struggles, efforts and hopes of people facing poverty and exclusion.

At a seminar organised by the Conference of Religious Ireland (CORI) and the Irish Missionary Union (IMU) on the theme of *Ireland's hidden hunger scandal*, Mark Hogan, a member of the Board of ATD Fourth World-Ireland, supported Noleen and Keith to give personal testimonies about their own experience with poverty. *“By the time Saturday comes around we are worrying about how we are going to get through to the next pay day. (...) People living in socially disadvantaged areas are not unwilling or lazy.”*, said Noleen.

During the workshop, *Extreme Poverty is Violence*, at the Poppintree Youth Club a debate was introduced by a video film during which a group of young people aged 16-19 years shared their thoughts about homelessness, the response to the earthquake in Haiti, or on the way to react when you meet beggars in the street.

In November 2013, ATD commenced sharing news and calls for action on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/togetherindignityireland



Women from the SAOL Project proclaiming the *I bear witness to you* Address on 17 October 2013

UN Day for Eradication of Poverty

With the support of the National 17 October Committee, ATD Fourth World-Ireland coordinated the preparation and staging of the 2013 commemoration.

National Committee members comprised activists and groups in local communities, home school liaison officers and members of organisations such as the Daughters of Charity Community Services, Focus Ireland, the Irish Human Rights Commission, Inner City Renewal Group, the Life Centre in Ballyfermot, Matt Talbot Community Trust, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland, Neighbourhood Youth Project 2, North West Inner City Training and Development Project and the Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice.

Members of many other organisations/groups/schools took an active part in the holding of the event, namely members of: the Crosscare Community Café and Starbucks CHQ, the Alliance Française, the Irish Refugee Council, the Larkin Community College, the O'Connell Secondary School, the St Laurence O'Toole School, the Omagh-Waterford Peace Choir, the SAOL Project, SIPTU and Trocaire.

More than 300 people attended the commemoration event, and of these, at least one-third of the people attending were experiencing poverty and social exclusion in their daily lives. The testimonies (extracts below) heard during the Commemoration were all written with and read by people experiencing poverty in Ireland today. Some of them had the support, through the group they belonged to, of people living in similar circumstances to themselves.

RTE coverage of the day: www.rte.ie/news/2013/1017/481002-poverty/

The 17 October Commemoration was funded by the Department of Social Protection and the Joe Lucey Fund IMPACT





I thought I'd never be able to read and write

Martin - ATD Fourth World-Ireland

When I was in school, I was always at the back of the class. The teacher had no time for me. At the age of 15, I joined FAS. I became a carpenter, but I had an accident. I was in a coma and everything just went... (...) When I heard about Sean's project, I was so happy! I started to learn how to read and write. I thought I'd never be able to do this!

Poverty of hope must become a thing of the past

Paul - Focus Ireland

How was my Mam, a woman with six children just about managing to put food on the table supposed to give us opportunities? But she did because she instilled in me the value of education and of questioning which despite my battles with the formal education system served me well in later life. (...) I believe access to education contributes to eradication of poverty in all its forms. Poverty of hope, opportunity and inclusion must become a thing of the past.

Out of sight, out of mind

Reuben - Irish Refugee Council

My family has lived in direct provision for over 8 years. I have experienced like any Irish parent the shame of having to tell my 8 year old daughter I do not have 1euro for breakfast club. (...) Like all the other people facing discrimination of some sort or living in poverty in any part of the world, asylum seekers are a vulnerable group of people who heavily rely on your solidarity.

Our voice will have to be heard

Noleen - ATD Fourth World-Ireland

I am a mother of five. I was homeless with my first child when I was 20 years old. It has been many years since then. I now have somewhere to live but I am still on welfare, I am still living in poverty... (...) What keeps me going day after day? I suppose it's what is inside really, it's self-pride, it's inner strength, it's knowing that one day our voice will have to be heard.

I want my children to have a good education and a better life

Reynelde - Migrant Rights Centre Ireland

I'm from the Philippines and currently working in the private home as domestic worker for the last 10 years and active member of the Migrant Rights Centre. (...) Honestly, inside of me I didn't want to work abroad and leave my country, my friends and my family, but I decided to accept the job because I love my children, very, very much. I want them to have a good education and a better life.

They believed in me

Anne-Marie - ATD Fourth World-Ireland

I am now drug-free and I would like my testimony to be a testimony of hope. (...) The Star Project in Ballymun gave me a lot of hope. They didn't walk in front of me in case I couldn't follow, They didn't walk behind me in case I couldn't lead, They just walked beside me. They saw me on my lowest, lowest, lowest...but they believed in me. (...) It is not acceptable to live in a country like Ireland and see people who are struggling with persistent poverty. If we stand together, we can build a world without discrimination!

Extracts from the testimonies publicly read on 17 October 2013



The International Committee for 17 October, UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty, gathered in New York in May 2012

Gemma ADABA (Trinidad and Tobago) - Demographer, international consultant on Global Labour, Gender, Migration & Development *** **Djamila D. BOUGUessa** (France) Activist, she was responsible for many years of the organisation of October 17's events in her area *** **Boutros BOUTROS GHALI** (Egypt) 6th Secretary-General of the United Nations *** **Antoine CORGIER** (France) Retired from his work in industrial companies, he volunteers in his community *** **Jean Marc DE LA SABLIERE** (France) French Ambassador Internationally recognized as a « peace maker » *** **Donald LEE** (Australia) Economist, former Head of the United Nation's Social Perspective on Development Branch *** **Nina LIM YUSON** (Philippines) President and CEO of the Museo Pambata (children museum) in Manilla *** **Maître Titinga PACERE** (Burkina Faso) Lawyer, writer and poet, worked many years at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha - Tanzania *** **Jacques PETIDOR** (Haiti) Educator for the Ministry of Education in his country *** **Isabelle PYPART-PERRIN** (Belgium) Director General of the International Movement ATD Fourth World since 2012 *** **H.E. Mr José RAMOS HORTA** (Timor Leste) Previous President of his country, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996 *** **Huguette REDEGELD** (France) She worked closely with Joseph Wresinski, initiator of the 17 October, and contributed to build a representation of people living in poverty to the United Nations *** **Jean STALLINGS** (USA) Activist, she is involved in lobbying actions at the national and international levels *** **Professor Yozo YOKOTA** (Japan) Professor of Law, former member of the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

You are Welcome to Dublin in 2014!

In 2013, ATD with partners from the Irish 17 October Committee prepared to host in Ireland the 5th biennial meeting of the International Committee for 17 October.

In 2008, this Committee was established to promote awareness and understanding of the Commemoration of the UN Day. From 12th to 14th May 2014, the Committee will gather in Dublin for its regular biennial working meeting. The previous meeting took place in New York.

The Committee chose to meet in the Irish capital city because in many ways Ireland has exhibited a strong commitment to the central message of UN Day, namely that poverty can only be truly eradicated when the voices and experiences of people and families most affected by persistent poverty are listened to and taken into account.

- For a number of years, the Department of Social Protection has supported the promotion of the UN Day through grants to organisations and community groups engaged in 17 October observance.
- In 2008, public officials and citizens from all walks of life inaugurated a Commemorative Stone close to the Famine Memorial, Custom House Quay, bearing the appeal of Joseph Wresinski: “Wherever men and women are condemned to live in poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty.”
- The Irish National 17 October Committee is responsible for planning and staging the Commemoration in Dublin annually so as to highlight the reality of severe poverty in people’s lives and the need to seek solutions based on equity and justice.



Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights



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International Developments

In 2013, ATD started to promote among Irish stakeholders the newly-adopted “UN Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights”.

In September 2012, the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva adopted by consensus the Guiding Principles. It concludes an investment by ATD of more than 25 years that started in February 1987 when Joseph Wresinski presented his *Report on Extreme Poverty and Social Insecurity* to the former UN Human Rights Commission

Based on internationally agreed human rights principles and standards, the Guiding Principles provide practical guidance on how to put into practice the obligations of States to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of persons living in extreme poverty. The text also underlines the fact that “States must ensure the active, free, informed and meaning-full participation of persons living in poverty at all stages of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of decisions and policies affecting them.”

UN Booklet on Guiding Principles: www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/OHCHR_ExtremePovertyandHumanRights_EN.pdf

In 2013, after a one year evaluation-planning process, the *International Movement ATD Fourth World* adopted new 'Common Ambitions' (following the 2008's Contract of Common Commitments). The 'Common Ambitions 2013-2017' have a central focus of: 'Reaching Out to Those Whose Contribution is Missing'. It has 3 priorities:

- Building Knowledge and Accessing Education - Every Mind Counts
- Shaping a People-Centered and Earth-Friendly Economic Vision
- Organizing for Human Rights and Peace

For details of this 5 years strategic plan see: www.atd-fourthworld.org/all-together-in-dignity-common,3462.html

ATD Fourth World Ireland Ltd- Summary of Accounts – 2012 and 2013

	31st December 2012	31st December 2013
	€	€
Income	42500	37190
Expenditure	43517	32364
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	-1017	4826
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Accumulated Funds	3918	8744

INCOME 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013
	€	€
Social Inclusion Division DCEGA	3000	3000
Impact's Joe Lucey Fund	850	500
The Community Foundation For Ireland	838	0
Sale of Publications	569	388
Donations	2243	3302
Foundation ATD France	35000	30000
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	42500	37190

Expenditure 2012 and 2013

	2012		2013	
	€		€	
Administration and fundraising	5057	12%	4643	14%
Projects	37565	86%	26938	83%
Training	895	2%	783	2%
	43517		32364	

Acknowledgements

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The Department of Social Protection - The Joe Lucey Fund / IMPACT - The French Foundation ATD - Mrs Emmanuelle d'Achon, French Ambassador in Ireland and the staff of the French Embassy and the Alliance Française in Dublin - The Crosscare Community Café and Starbucks CHQ for the refreshments at the end of 17 October commemoration - The staff and manager of the restaurant Chez Max, Dublin - The group of women who took part in the Dublin Flora mini-marathon - The friends and supporters who sold or bought ATD Fourth World greeting cards - All those who privately donated money

We would also like to thank the French branch of ATD for the funding and administrative support to the members of our full-time Volunteer Corps in Ireland in 2013, namely: Fabienne and Pierre Klein, Elisabeth Lavrand, Sarah Ortega, Françoise Sleeth and Dominique Vinchon. ATD full-time volunteers agree on a stipend that is decided upon together and which is the same for everyone within the same country, regardless of seniority or responsibility. For Ireland in 2013, this figure was €730 a month along with health insurance and rent allowances. ATD France covered the costs of this staff group at a cost (administration costs included) of approximately €80,000 in 2013.

The total financial cost of ATD in Ireland in 2013 was, therefore, approximately €112,000. The challenge for ATD Fourth World-Ireland in the coming years will be to gradually cover this full cost from resources raised nationally (EU, national or local grants, sponsors, network of friends who donate, etc.).

ATD Fourth World-Ireland is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, registered in Dublin.

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The 2013 Income and Expenditure Account of ATD Fourth World-Ireland has been audited by Nolan & Associates, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors, 302/304 The Capel Building, Mary's Abbey, Dublin 7.



How Can I Become Involved?

Our **Friends and Volunteers' Network** is a means for everyone to get involved in the fight against poverty.

Friends and supporters help us in many ways from the running of our projects, fundraising, translating English<>French to maintenance in the office, special events, administration, family support and a whole lot more. Whether you like to work alone or in a group, in an office or outdoors, on the front line or in a support role, we can always use the help and we are flexible according to your available time and skills.

It is also a great way to meet new and interesting people!

Call us to find out more or follow us on facebook

www.facebook.com/togetherindignityireland .

International ATD Full-time Volunteer Corps members make a long-term commitment to working alongside families living in extreme poverty and are involved in activities and projects in Ireland and overseas.

Members of the Volunteer Corps agree to live on same basic wages and make themselves available to go where their expertise and skills are most needed.

Families, couples and individuals of all ages, from a variety of backgrounds and with an assortment of practical skills and qualifications, make up this diverse group of dedicated, full-time workers.

There are a number of steps to joining the Volunteer Corps, the first being involvement in ATD activities and projects here in Ireland.



Thank You Dominique and Françoise!

We are really sad to see you go! Thank you for coming into our lives, and showing us what it is like out there for people in poverty. You are an inspiration for women around the world.

Rachel for the women of the Saol project

It is definitely a loss for Ireland and a gain for Canada! I have always been impressed by your determination and your courage and your gentleness. At the very centre of your heart is a caring especially for those who suffer from poverty. You have done amazing work to raise awareness in Ireland. You have inspired me.

John Lonergan

This is a big good bye, but not for ever. It's a brilliant journey with both of you. You were there for me all the time, in addiction and out of addiction. I will never forget your visit when I was in treatment. You will be always in my heart.

Ann Marie

Your presence here brought a huge sense of hope for people who are living in so impoverished conditions. The sense of hope you brought to the lads was

amazing. We thank you for your generosity, your warmth and your acceptance of us exactly as you found us.

Derek - NWICTDP

I was very happy to meet Dominique and Françoise. I think they are great people. They came to see me. Also when I didn't expect them or when I wasn't well. I hope they'll be happy where they are going to.

Theresa

Dublin has been very privileged to have you. The 17 October has grown from strength to strength and has raised a lot of awareness through people about poverty. I can only envy Canada who will have the use of your energy and enthusiasm.

Peter McVerry

The speech I have done in town was the first time I have read that much. You have put a lot of courage and strength into me to do it. Anytime I look at the pictures of the day, I still think 'it's not me'. You proved to me it can be done! I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Martin

I am not discouraged in spite of the scope of extreme poverty. I have been through everything that the poor have to go through, all they have endured. Yet I have always spoken these words of hope: extreme poverty does not have to exist. Human beings create it and they are the ones who can put an end to it. No one accepts that poverty should continue, and especially not the poorest people. That's why I am certain that things will change, that poverty will be overcome. Violence will change nothing, but love and justice together will. Friends, I leave each of you with this question: Am I really working for a Europe to which everyone can belong? Will whatever I do, whatever I say, whatever I suggest lead to a Europe where the poorest are at last set free? Will it bring about a Europe of Human Rights?

Joseph Wresinski, June 1987

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