



All Together in Dignity

ATD Fourth World - Ireland

Annual Report 2017





April 2017 - Launch of the
"When Voices Unite" Project
Stop Poverty Campaign 2017

I believe in a world without poverty!

What if we lived in a society without poverty and social exclusion? What if everyone who sees poverty as inevitable decided to speak out and do something concrete to end it?

In 2017, we told the world about the legacy of Wresinski, a man who started a movement to unite people - those who live in poverty and those who do not - in order to eliminate obstacles that keep some people at the bottom.

“[The worst part about poverty] ...is not being hungry, illiterate or unemployed. The worst part is knowing that you mean so little to other people that they simply ignore your suffering.”

ATD's 60 years' experience tells us how much people living in deep poverty want to be seen as fully human, and want to keep others from being pushed aside as well. Throughout 2017, the ATD Ireland branch joined in ATD's international campaign to say: “I believe in a world without poverty. Poverty is a form of violence. It humiliates and silences. It destroys lives. But poverty is not inevitable. Those who endure poverty resist its injustice in countless

ways. If we are to confront the challenges facing the world today, we need their intelligence and courage”

Thank you ATD Ireland for your strong mobilisation. This 2017 annual report is a great sign of it.



Cassam Uteem

President of ATD International

Former President of the
Republic of Mauritius

April 2018

With all the members of All Together in Dignity ATD Fourth World - Ireland CLG, the Board is proud to present this 2017 Annual Report. The 2017 #StopPoverty campaign strengthened our work throughout the year. Inspired by the legacy of 60 years' of commitments by ATD worldwide, we continued to invite more people to become active to implement the 2030 Agenda in the spirit we promote on the UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty: Unity, Participation and Human Rights!

Gerald Doherty, Chairperson, April 2018



Marie



Brendan



Sr. Caoimhin

Friends Remembered, Friends Together

Sadly, some friends of ATD Ireland have passed away in 2017/2018, namely: **Sinead**, **Brendan**, **Marie** and **Sr. Caoimhin**. **Sinead** was a new friend, we met her in 2016 in she took part in the first phase of the “Our Voice” project.

Isabelle and Stuart Williams met **Brendan Core** just after they arrived in Ireland in August 1999. In 2000 they started working with him to finalise stories for his book “The Journey” about the Holy Land of Ballymun, in Dublin. Thanks to Brendan, the ATD group joined Acorn. Although sometimes tired and fragile himself, Brendan still found the strength to support those battling to improve their lives. He was a friend who lived up to the challenge of friendship. Many ATD volunteers learnt from his way of being with people and listening to them; from his strong sense of community, and how he built and rebuilt community so people are not left on their own.



March 2016 - Sinead and Brendan at the “Our Voices” launch

We remember **Marie Maher** as a woman who took personal risks to ensure that children in her family were able to stay in school. Isabelle and Stuart Williams got to know Marie in 2001. Straight away they were struck by her fighting spirit. Her decision to go back to education, in order to encourage her whole family, was a major milestone in her life. Her sense of justice and her will to support others resulted in her joining ATD. Having found confidence and a voice through studying, she spoke up publicly on behalf of others, once to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs. She retained such warmth and a lovely way of welcoming you, she brightened so many get-togethers with her wonderful laughter and wicked sense of humour.

When Isabelle and Stuart Williams met **Sr. Caoimhin Ni Uallacháin OP**, they were struck by her deep and lasting relationship with men she had known in prison, and with their families. Once she committed herself to supporting someone, she would not abandon them. Sr. Caoimhin was an extraordinary fighter, a tough one and a tender one. On 17 October 2002 in Dublin at the Famine Statues, she gave her voice, in Irish, to Wresinski's words that had launched this UN international day. Ballyfermot was where Sr. Caoimhin launched the “Candle”, as well as the Matt Talbot Trust, which then became one of the first “community hubs” of ATD during its early formative years in Ireland. She had a great respect and admiration of the ATD Volunteer Corps and she decided to welcome each new foreign volunteer posted in Dublin to her home to share an Irish meal; something volunteers never forgot.

Friends Together: From November 2014 to July 2015, friends and volunteers of ATD Ireland met 5 times to draft and adopt of the “Who We Are Together” statement. This statement is available at www.atdireland.ie/wp/about/



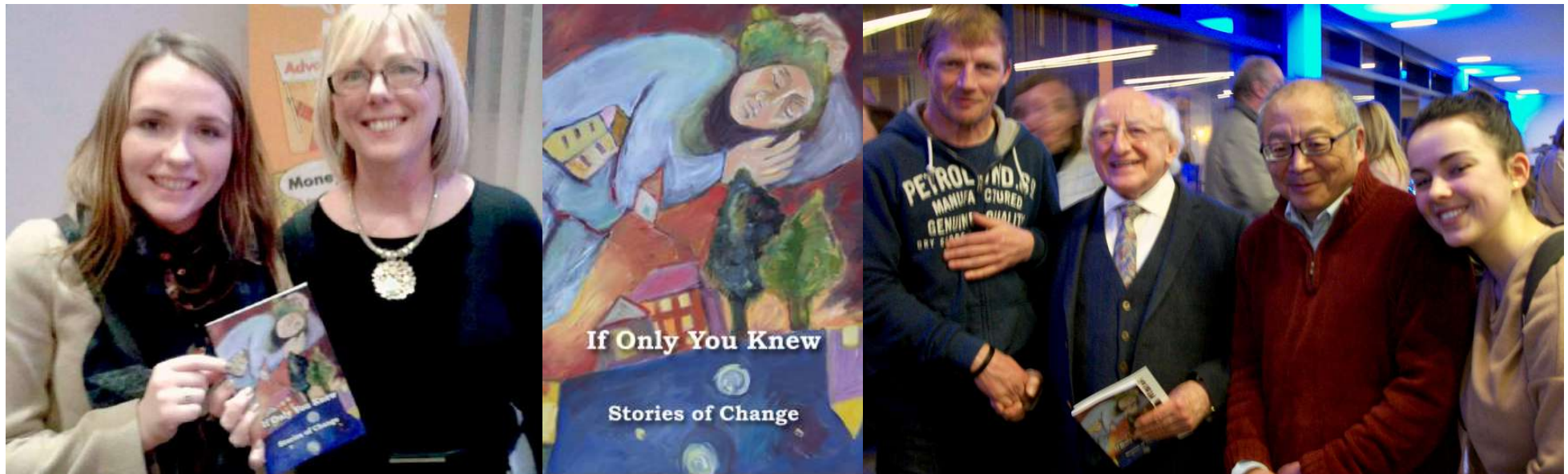
2017: from Birthday Celebrations at our friends' places...
...to the 60 year Birthday cake of ATD!

ATD Home Visits – not leaving people alone

The aim of the ATD visits are to build relationships with adults and young people based on mutual trust and respect. This relationship will allow them, in their own time and at their own pace, to continue to illustrate the challenges they face, how they try to face them and what they believe in.

Visits are also opportunities to invite and share news and pictures from events run by ATD and other NGOs or Community Groups. Volunteers also support adults to keep in touch with people they know in Ireland or abroad. ATD's approach also focuses on the value of celebrating happy “family events”. Volunteers make sure the birthdays of ATD's friends are not forgotten.

In 2017, around 350 home visits were made by ATD volunteers. From March to September 2017, these visits also provided an opportunity to work with our friends on the “Stories of Change” project under the leadership of Laoise Talty and Fabienne Klein (see later in this report). These visits enabled many isolated friends to become co-authors of a book which was presented to the Minister of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty TD in late 2017, and in 2018 to the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins.





European meeting “Our Voices” with participants from Spain, Poland and Ireland
in the ATD International Headquarters, March 2017, France

Our Voices

Started in 2016, the project involved citizens from Spain, Poland and Ireland to discuss about the future of an inclusive social Europe. Each partner country was focusing on one theme: work and employment in Spain, the relationship between services and service users in Poland, health and access to healthcare in Ireland. ATD Ireland partnered with the SAOL Project, the NWICTDP and CAN.

In 2017, the project was marked by the organisation of two main events. In March, a number of participants from the three countries met in France to share the result of the project in each country. This gathering was also an occasion to hear from 4 guests about European institutions and collective complaint mechanisms: Anna Rurka (Council of Europe), Cecilia Forrestal (CAN Ireland), François Vandame (Council of Europe) and Hugh Frazer (European Social Policy Network).

The second big meeting took place in June, in Strasbourg, where small delegations from the three countries were welcomed to the European Parliament and the Council of Europe to present the final report of the project.

ATD Ireland and its partners also visited the Dublin office of Eurofound, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions.

The project was co-funded by the programme **Europe for Citizens**, and the French “Fondation ATD”. For more information see: atdireland.ie/wp/ourvoicesoverview/



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of the European Union





Community Platform members at the launch of the “Health Inequalities” infographic
Human Rights Day - 10 December 2017

Networking for Human Rights

In March 2017, ATD took part in the organisation of a high level conference together with members of the Economic Social and Cultural Rights Initiative. The event, co-funded by IHREC, tackled the topics of housing and healthcare rights. The ESC Rights Initiative is lobbying for the introduction of a bill which would enshrine economic, social and cultural rights within the Irish constitution, and is closely following the question of the introduction of socio-economic status as a ground of discrimination. In 2017, ATD agreed to hold the secretariat of the Initiative for 6 months.



The ESC Rights Initiative
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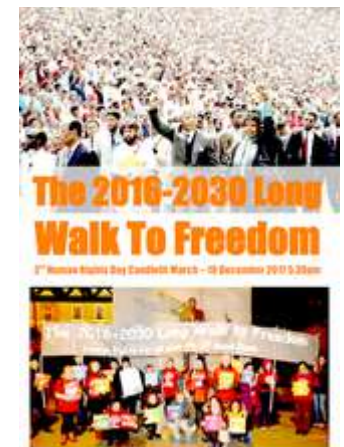


COMMUNITY PLATFORM
CHALLENGING POVERTY & INEQUALITY

Following the launch of the Community Platform's "6 Principles for an Inclusive Health Policy" in 2016, the Platform and ATD organised a conference "Health as a Human Right" in June 2017.

The event focussed on the Platform's Principles, the Sláintecare report and the Our Voices report on health. Additionally, to mark Human Rights Day and Universal Health Coverage Day, ATD and the Community Platform launched the "Health Inequalities" infographic.

On Human Rights Day 2017, with the support of Impact, ATD organised the third edition of the "Long Walk to Freedom". This symbolic series of marches will take place every year on December 10th until 2030, the year we hope the SDGs will have been met for everyone. The walk stopped at several symbolically significant locations, including: the Home memorial, the Magdalene Laundry, the Famine Statues and the Human Rights and Poverty Stone. See 17october.ie/march10dec17/



**INTERNATIONAL
DAY for the
ERADICATION
of POVERTY**
17 OCTOBER



In 2017, ATD Ireland continued to facilitate the Irish 17 October Committee and supported the networking initiative linking more than 30 projects throughout Ireland. 350 people joined the national 17th October event and the Human Rights and Poverty Stone. See the news section of www.17october.ie.

Networking for Human Rights was co-funded by IHREC, Impact and the French "Fondation ATD". The UN End Poverty Day Commemoration and the 17 October Committee networking work was funded by ATD Foundation and the Irish Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.



An Roinn
Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of
Employment Affairs and Social Protection

Marking the UN End Poverty Day in Dublin



On 17th October 2017, groups and students from all over the country built boats of hope to be launched on the river Liffey in Dublin. Despite storm Ophelia, ten messages of hope were shared at the stone before the boats were officially launched by **David Donoghue**, former Irish Ambassador to the UN and cofacilitator for the 2030 Agenda, who said:

“I should say that I’ve rarely been as impressed by the commitment and passion of ordinary people to implement these goals, and we’ve just heard from each of the groups what brought them to build and to plan a mini-boat. That’s the kind of spirit we need, not just in Ireland but all over the world and I’m confident that with that spirit we will get the goals achieved”

Extracts from the messages and testimonies publicly read on 17th October 2017:



All at Sea - prepared by NWICTDP

Trying to keep afloat
Opportunities sail away
Trying to get somewhere
Navigating through obstacles
Trying to keep head above water
Without sinking
Avoidingicebergs
Crowd around me
Man overboard
WE'RE ALL OVERBOARD

But there is strength
in our suffering
There is strength in our numbers
Strength in our numbers
Strength in our unity
One voice becomes a mighty roar
Raging against the uncertainty
And we are roaring now
It will echo
AND WE WILL BE HEARD



Equal pay can be a step to stop poverty - Kelvin, MRCI

“The poverty of not being able to afford school in Ghana or higher education was gone when I came to Ireland and I was really really happy with that. I came here with no English and today I can really read and write. I just want to highlight a few points on immigrants working in different sectors in Ireland. I worked like four years in the fishing industry (...) Wage discrimination was really common in my industry. Someone might ask me today what has that got to do with poverty? If one guy is paid 200 euro and one guy is paid 700 euro do you really think they both have the same means to live? (...) Poverty starts with the money we earn that comes into our pocket. If we can all start getting equal pay for the same job then that can be a step to stop poverty. Thank you all.”



Everybody deserves to live with dignity - Helen, Community Action Network

“I got involved with service users rights through Community Action Network (...) That's why I got involved with this campaign because I really think more should be done on a national level around human rights. People say the lack of money is the root of all evil. It's the lack of encouragement instead of being stuck in addiction for years and years. For this group the stigma that goes with addiction is really too prevalent in this society! Everybody deserves to live with dignity, have a better quality of life and deserves encouragement”

The struggle of homelessness - Lynn and Sandra, ATD read by Belinda

“Today we are worried about our children and their future. We never want to see them go without and that is part of being a mother. We are worried for all the children and parents who face homelessness, they need homes, but we want to say that rehousing people is not enough: we need long term support such as education, stability and healthcare.”





Young people from Poland, France, Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg and Ireland gathered in ATD Farm in Wijhe, Netherlands from August 10 14, 2017

The 'Youth Rise Up Against Poverty' Gathering and the Unity in the Community Youth Group

From January to May 2017, thanks to the work of 2 interns, Daulet Nurmukhanov and Lisa Allemand, ATD Ireland run a pilot project for young adults entitled “The 'Leave No One Behind' workshops”. This initiative resulted in the development of the current 2018 project LeaveNoOneBehind.ie and to the preparation of the Irish delegation to “Youth Rise Up Against Poverty”.

In August 2017, a group of young people from Ireland went to the Netherlands for a big ATD European youth gathering in Wijhe. The event “**Youth Rise Up Against Poverty**” took place over three days with 200 people from 8 European countries.

The young people organised, facilitated and took part in different workshops from forum theatre, painting, and discussing various social issues affecting them. The Irish delegation, with members from NYP2, the Cork Life Centre and ATD Ireland, facilitated an interactive workshop on Gaelic sports and a discussion based workshop around the UN Sustainable Development Goals and what the Leave No One Behind Behind promise means.

After returning from the Netherland, memebbers of the Irish group decided to formally form a youth group named **Unity in the Community** (UC Youth Group). In September the group helped the ATD team to organise a family fun day for the local community in Mountjoy Square. UCYG also managed to get funding for their very first project “**Ireland I have a dream**” taking place in 2018. The project invites young people in Ireland to share their hopes and dreams for their community in the context of their own lives.

Visit the “Ireland, I have a dream” website: ihaveadream.ie

More pictures and details about the European Youth Gathering in Wijhe: atdireland.ie/wp/wijhe2017





Second Anniversary of the UN adoption of the Global Goals (25 September 2017)
Eco UNESCO, World Vision, Development Persective, Concern,
Global Citizenship Schools INTO, Dochas and ATD together!

17 SDGs and a Promise

For the second consecutive year, the Magnificent 17 were present at the Dublin Women's Mini Marathon to promote the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. These goals are part of the 2030 Agenda adopted in September 2015 by all 193 States of the United Nations.

The Agenda sets targets for all countries in the world to end poverty, fight climate change and inequalities by the year 2030, with the promise of ensuring that no one is left behind.

ATD is an active member of the Coalition 2030 that was formally launched on the 1st of March 2017 as an alliance of over 100 leading Irish civil society groups. Organisations involved in the Coalition work across many sectors, including: children's rights, environmental sustainability, humanitarian relief, and education—here in Ireland and globally in over 50 countries. In 2017, ATD ran a Facebook page and a twitter account on behalf of the Coalition.



In September 2017 ATD, with members of the Coalition, organised an event to mark the second anniversary of the adoption of the Agenda. The event raised awareness of the Global Goals and reminded the Irish government of its promise to reach these goals by the year 2030.

More about the 2nd SDGs anniversary events prepared by ATD here: atdireland.ie/wp/2ndyearsds/

Visit the Coalition website: www.ireland2030.org



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to the Leave
No One Behind
promise**



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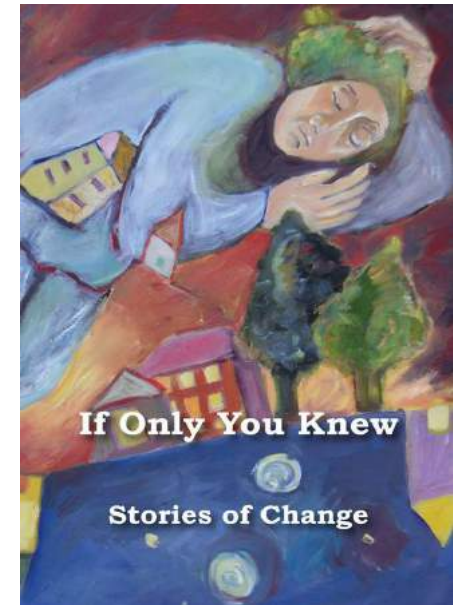
On Tuesday 21st November, in the DCU Library in Dublin, Maureen O’Sullivan TD launched our new short collection of stories “If Only You Knew - Stories of Change”

Stories of Change

The project “Stories of Change” creatively provided a platform for members and volunteers of ATD’s network to write a story illustrating their life experiences. It was part of the 2017 international “Stop Poverty” campaign led by ATD worldwide, and echoed here in Ireland.

Between March and August 2017, ATD Ireland held creative writing sessions. Participants could share their own stories while listening to others. Little by little through this process participants crafted their own stories for the book. These sessions were facilitated by Cathy Fowley. Some participants authored their stories individually or working in smaller groups.

The result is a collection of 30 short stories that take the form of narratives, poems or songs. The book titled “**If Only You Knew**” was an opportunity for people to share the challenges they face while exploring what gives them the strength to overcome. Publishing this book of stories validates the experiences of people whose voice is often not heard or valued. We hope this book inspires others to find their voice.



The book was launched in November in DCU Library in Dublin by Maureen O'Sullivan, TD. The book was also later delivered to the Minister of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Regina Doherty (20 Nov 2017) and to the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins (7 March 2018).

The publication of this book was made possible thanks to a grant by the Cork Street Fund.

More information about the launch event as well as download of the book is available here atdireland.ie/wp/ifonly



12th February 2018 - Centenary of the birth of Joseph Wresinski

Launch of "When Voices Unite"



The making of the bust of Wresinski



"When Voices Unite" marking The End Poverty Day

The Stop Poverty Campaign

2017 was an important year for ATD as it marked the organisations 60th year of existence, 30 years since the first 17th October gathering and the centenary of the birth of Joseph Wresinski, who founded ATD. The significant year was marked by a global “Stop Poverty” campaign launched at the start of the year. Throughout the year, people took action to say that, like slavery or discrimination, poverty is not inevitable and can be overcome.

People from all over the world were encouraged to sign a global call to action. Fr Peter Mc Verry, Sister Stan, Hugh Frazer, Anastasia Crickley and Fintan Farrel were among the first Irish signatories.

(See atd-fourthworld.org/stop-poverty/)

In Ireland, several projects (including the “stories of change” project) took place as part of the **Stop Poverty campaign** launched on the 12th February 2017.

A series of workshops were organised to raise awareness of the **legacy of Joseph Wresinski**. He initiated the UN Day for the eradication of poverty and is the inspirational figure behind the UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty (adopted in 2012). In connection with these workshops, Long Weng, an ATD volunteer, created a bust of Wresinski unveiled in June 2017 in the library of the Alliance Française in Dublin. (See facebook.com/MandelaWresinskiMLK2018/)

A second project **“When Voices Unite: Breaking the Silence to Leave No One Behind”** saw the organisation of several events. A first concert combined the choirs of Les Petits Chanteurs de Strasbourg - Maîtrise de l’Opéra National du Rhin (the children’s choir of the Strasbourg Opera) and Irish music groups including young people from NYP2, the Swan Youth Service and CrossCare who joined in by responding to the French performance with songs of their own. The event culminated in the groups singing together. After a few sing along evenings at ATD’s office another major event took place on the UN End Poverty Day with a group of ATD volunteers and singers from Br Kevin’s Choir. Video and photos 17october.ie/gallery2017/

These projects were supported by a small grant from **Impact Joe Lucey Fund** and by the **French Deputies and Senator** (Deputy Christophe Premat and Senators Hélène Conway-Mouret and Jean-Yves Leconte).

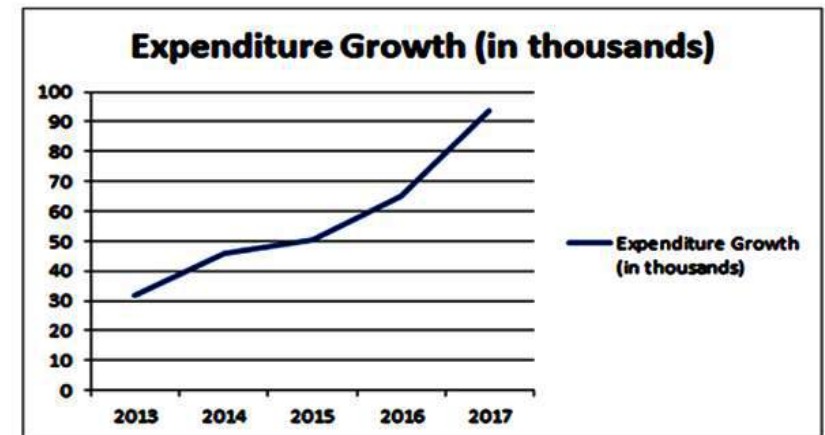
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ATD Ireland Expenditure 2016 and 2017			
	2017	2016	
	€	€	
Staff Costs	39580	20110	
ATD Office Rent Costs	14400	14400	
Training and overseas meeting costs (mainly travel costs to continental Europe)	8830	7347	
Electricity/Heating	3208	2515	
Telephone/Broadband	1085	1215	
Postage, Stationery & Activity Materials	19733	12640	
Insurance	2334	1774	
General Expenses (office supplies)	644	941	
Bank Charges	90	131	
Memberships	478	581	
Transport costs in Ireland	3315	2719	
Audit & Accountancy	500	500	
	94197	64873	

The sustained growth in financial activities in ATD Ireland has likely peaked. Although expenditure is likely to continue to increase in 2018 and 2019 ATD International Volunteer Corps staff cost previously covered by ATD International will gradually be absorbed by the ATD Ireland Payroll resulting in a significant growth in staff costs. ATD International continues to support the strategy to recruit people from within Ireland to join ATD Internships, the Discovery Programme, and the ATD International Volunteer Corps.

In 2017 the Volunteer Corps monthly stipend was €730 in Ireland. All the members of the team in Ireland received this same stipend regardless of seniority and responsibilities. A Housing support allowance was added to the stipend depending on each individual situation.

A review of the Volunteer Corps pay policy in Ireland was conducted in March 2018. Full-time team members will now receive an annual salary of €18,000 (36h/week on the legal minimum wage). In the context of ATD International Volunteer Corp pay policy this can be seen as €780 monthly stipend plus €670 as monthly housing support.



ATD Ireland Income 2016 and 2017

	2017	2016
	€	€
Social Inclusion Division DCEGA	7250	6690
EU for CITIZENS "Our Voices"	13400	3000
French Parliament Grants	4200	0
Erasmus+ & other EU Fundings via ATD intl	642	2258
Impact's Joe Lucey Fund	1250	300
Small Grant One World Week NYCI	0	300
Tesco Community Fund	470	767
Saol Project "Our Voices" Grant	0	500
Donations incl. Women's Mini Marathon	10363	7741
ATD Foundation	55000	43000
Cork Street Fund	1550	0
Community Platform Grant	877	0
Joe Lyons Trust	500	0
	95502	64556

In 2017 financial activity increased by 45% from 2016. 2017 also produced a balanced budget with a small surplus at years end.

Public Money Grants received in 2017 totalled €18,250 the majority of which was from EU funding with €7,250 coming from public money in Ireland.

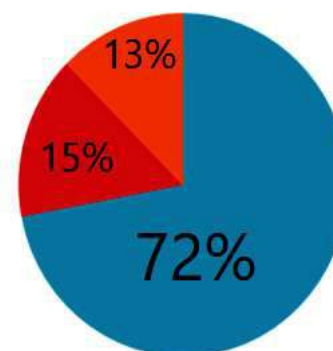
ATD were successful in three major funding applications in 2017 including; The North East Inner City Programme €3500, Coca Cola Thank You Fund €5000, and Concern €10,000. The funding will go towards to operation cost of three significant ATD projects in 2018.

In 2017 we were also successful with funding applications to private trusts including the Cork Street Fund €2000 (€1550 used in 2017) and the Joe Lyons Trust €500.

ATD were unsuccessful with funding applications to the Irish Aid Development Education programme (2017 and 2018) and IHREC (2016 and 2017). In Europe we were also unsuccessful with an application to the EU Europe for Citizens Fund.

Private donations increased by 33% in 2017. The 2018 target for donations is €15,000.

DETAILS STAFF COSTS



- Salaries: 28,505
- Rent CT: 6,120
- PAYE, USC, PRSI...: 4,955

Full audited accounts are available on our website www.atdireland.ie

	2017	2016
	€	€
Income	95502	64556
Expenditure	94197	64873
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	1305	-317



CONCERN
worldwide



CAN

IMPACT

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project



Coimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission



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**Joe Lyones
Fund**



**North West Inner City
Training Development
Programme**



ERASMUS+
2014 - 2020 programme for Education,
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In this report we would like to thank all the 50 friends who volunteered for ATD in 2017. Nothing is possible without them. A big “Thank You” goes also to the two projects which are always supportive and ready to join our initiatives: the SAOL project and the North Inner City Training and Development Project (NWICTDP).

We would also like to thank the French branch of ATD for the funding and administrative support to the members of our Overseas Volunteer Corps in Ireland in 2017, namely: Charlotte Tiffoin, Fabienne and Pierre Klein. ATD France covered the costs of overseas volunteers at a cost of approximately €50,000 in 2017 (administration costs included). **The total financial cost of the life of ATD in Ireland in 2017 was, therefore, approximately €145,000.** The challenge for ATD Ireland in the coming years will be to gradually cover this full cost (including costs of Irish staff members and posted volunteers) from resources raised nationally (through EU, national or local grants, sponsors, network of friends who donate, etc.). **We are also especially grateful** to the Irish people who accepted in 2017 the discovery programme of the ATD International Volunteer Corps: **Elaine Phelan, Laoise Talty and Senan Coughlan.** We also value the choice of **Mark Hogan** who decided in 2017 to support full time the work of ATD International. **We are also grateful to all the people** who did an internship in the ATD Dublin team in 2017: **Daulet Nurmukhanov, Lisa Allemand, Samuel Penny and Delara Moein.** They made a real difference.

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Get involved in 2018

VOLUNTEER, ADVOCATE _____

Our Friends and Volunteers' Network is a means for everyone to get involved in the fight against poverty. In 2017 around 10 new people joined our Friends and Volunteers' Network.

Friends and supporters help us in many ways from the running of our projects, fundraising, translating English/French texts to preparing special events, office administration, general maintenance, 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!

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

They agree to live on the same basic salary regardless of their seniority and responsibilities (close to the legal minimum wage of the country they work in - €18,000 gross annual salary in Ireland) and to be 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.

Contact us: volunteering@atdireland.ie

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

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. All around the world, 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.

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