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LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Is the entreaty of all who fight a daily battle against poverty and social exclusion, and who refuse to accept that the most vulnerable be abandoned. In so doing they also carry with them the absolute requirement for people to be able to live in peace.

NO

Means reaching out to those who are the most isolated and marginalised, getting alongside them, building long-term trusting relationships and drawing them into a community dedicated to the eradication of poverty and social exclusion.

ONE

Means inviting new people to join the struggle against poverty and in particular attracting new members to the ATD International Volunteer Corps who can make a long-term commitment to work with those who are left behind.

BEHIND

Means getting involved with other community groups, organisations, networks and institutions, and working together with them to change policies and promote access for all to their human rights.

THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT ATD FOURTH WORLD

The INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT ATD FOURTH WORLD (All Together in Dignity) is a human-rights organisation comprising a network of around a hundred community groups in thirty-five countries around the world. These groups are made up of individuals and families with a lived experience of poverty and social exclusion alongside others from every social class. With limited finances but a passionate commitment to human dignity, they run activities inspired by a set of shared ambitions which are agreed on and updated every 5 years.

ATD Fourth World initiated the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty which is marked every 17 October and was recognised by the United Nations in 1992. It contributed to securing the adoption by the United Nations of the 2012 'Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights' and also in 2015 to ensuring that 'Leave No One Behind' would be a focus for 'Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'.

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BUILDING A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND BEGINNING WITH THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY

STRATEGIC AMBITIONS 2019 – 2023

International Movement ATD Fourth World



TURNING THE COMMITMENT TO 'LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND' INTO A REALITY

ATD Fourth World believes in giving priority to people living in the worst conditions of persistent poverty in our world. One of our major goals for 2019-2023 is 'Leave no one behind', an ambitious aim that also forms part of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



OUR STRATEGY HAS FOUR MAJOR AMBITIONS:



MAKING THE MOST OF EVERYONE'S CAPACITY AND KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO MEET THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

For over sixty years, ATD Fourth World has created opportunities for people to bring to light what they know and think about poverty, based on their own experience and convictions.

WE WILL:

- Continue to explore the conditions necessary for people living in poverty to take part in the seats of learning and the democratic decision-making process, notably in the academic world, and in local, national and international institutions and government.
- Continue to develop and disseminate the approach known as **"Merging Knowledge and Practice @"**.
- Publicise the results of **international research into the multi-dimensional nature of poverty** and continue to deepen our knowledge and set up further research and analysis.
- To continue to develop within the community of ATD Fourth World a way of sharing responsibility which makes room for everyone to contribute.

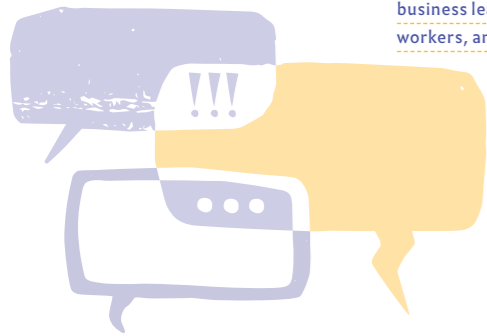
MERGING KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE:

is a programme started in 1995 to help people facing extreme poverty and social exclusion to speak with policy-makers, business leaders, social workers, and teachers.



UNDERSTANDING POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS

is a joint Oxford University-ATD Fourth World international research project involving 6 countries world-wide. Nine poverty indicators were presented at the OECD in Paris in May 2019 which questioned the existing anti-poverty policies and programmes.



WORKING FOR AN EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT RECOGNISES EVERYONE'S POTENTIAL

From the very beginning, ATD Fourth World has worked all over the world with families living in poverty in order to realise their hope for a decent education for all.

WE WILL:

- Continue our **informal education programmes** for children and young people to stimulate their curiosity and sense of joy in learning and to release their creative capacity.
- Create spaces where families and parents can interact with the educational environment and be recognised as essential players and partners in the success of their children's education.
- Support families in developing their own understanding of their circumstances in order to see how this can complement what is taught in schools.
- Promote a co-operative as opposed to competitive learning environment in order to prevent discrimination.
- Encourage the international spirit of friendship between children by expanding the network of **Tapori** Groups.
- Develop training tools for everyone including professionals who wish to learn from the work of the ATD Fourth World.
- Open a dialogue with academics and professionals in the field of education.

STREET LIBRARIES bring books, art and other learning resources to disadvantaged children and their families. This activity is accessible to all and takes place where they live. It invests the time to respond to children's thirst for knowledge and seeks to mobilize the educational community and first of all parents.

The **INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S NETWORK, TAPORI**, connects children around the world aged 7 to 12 years. There is an interactive newsletter; they exchange letters and write about what they do to make sure that no child is alone and without friends. Their messages are in the form of games they play, puppets they make or different activities that they share with other groups.



PROMOTING A SOCIETY RESPECTFUL OF ALL PEOPLE AND OF THE EARTH AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR PEACE

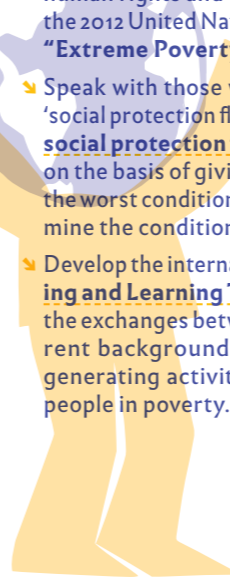
Through pilot projects that give priority to people in the worst conditions of poverty, ATD Fourth World is looking at how to bring into being a model of economy producing social and economic capital and respectful of the earth's resources.

WE WILL:

SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOOR: providing access to essential health care for all was made possible in Haiti by ATD Fourth World acting in conjunction with other agencies and international funders to protect the most vulnerable families by providing them with a health insurance card.

The **"WORKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER"** social enterprise programmes were launched by ATD Fourth World in Madagascar, Guatemala and France. Not having work leads to a sense of alienation and a lack of recognition can destroy lives. These projects aim to change that.

- Improve our understanding of the initiatives taken by people living in extreme poverty to support their families and communities, protect their environment and be artisans of peace.
- Challenge people who create innovative projects about how they can try to involve people in the worst conditions of poverty.
- Understand how, and within what context, countries strive to combine the implementation of their anti-poverty strategies with those to combat climate change and environmental degradation.
- In order to protect the most vulnerable populations, ensure that action on climate change includes an obligation to respect human rights and to continue to promote the 2012 United Nations Guiding Principles **"Extreme Poverty and Human Rights"**.
- Speak with those who seek to promote a 'social protection floor for all'. Appraise the **social protection floor** developed in Haiti on the basis of giving priority to people in the worst conditions of poverty and to examine the conditions for its sustainability.
- Develop the international initiative **"Working and Learning Together"** and promote the exchanges between people from different backgrounds involved in income-generating activities that give access to people in poverty.



BUILDING A MOVEMENT CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

Putting an end to poverty requires an ambitious long-term commitment to policies and programmes of action which respect the dignity of all people. Breaking down social exclusion therefore requires people's life-long commitment.

WE WILL:

- Continue to develop a culture of resistance around the world by all who refuse to accept the inevitability of poverty. Key to this is the **United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** on October 17.
- Offer long-term volunteering possibilities, particularly for young people.
- Organise international meetings and exchanges for members of ATD Fourth World across the world to strengthen solidarity and the capacity for direct action in moving from shame to pride.
- Continue to make known the vision and approach developed by **Joseph Wresinski** for a participatory, human-rights based understanding of poverty. This is an important reference point for developing a new way of thinking about poverty and inspiring all those who come together to combat it.

JOSEPH WRESINSKI founded the International Movement ATD Fourth World in 1957 with families from a camp for those with nowhere to live at Noisy-le-Grand on the outskirts of Paris. Having spent his childhood in poverty, he drew on his experience and understanding to develop a programme of action rooted in the equal dignity of all people.

