

**LEAVE NO
ONE BEHIND**



**FOR A JUST
SOCIETY & A
SUSTAINABLE
FUTURE**



ALL TOGETHER IN DIGNITY

ATD FOURTH WORLD - IRELAND

ANNUAL REPORT 2020





**All Together in Dignity
(ATD) Ireland**

*"Poverty is not
inevitable ...
human beings
can end it"*

- JOSEPH WRESINSKI

WHO WE ARE?

Seeking eradication of poverty



Working together with people in poverty



Working to overcome poverty
through a human rights based approach



Offering volunteering opportunities



WHAT WE DO?

Reaching out to and supporting people



Marking UN End Poverty Day 17 October



Campaigning against socioeconomic
discrimination



Promoting the SDGs and the Leave No
One Behind Promise



"With all the members and team of All Together in Dignity ATD Fourth World - Ireland CLG, the Board is proud to present this 2020 Annual Report. The year of course will not be forgotten easily with the challenges and predicaments related to Covid 19, which continues to have a devastating impact throughout the world and most especially to people, communities and countries experiencing poverty. ATD Ireland under the wonderful leadership of Dann Kenningham has managed to face these challenges in creative and dynamic ways which is depicted in this Annual Report. The heart of our work continues to be meeting, interacting and understanding the experience of poverty and the effects of socio-economic discrimination so that a better world can be created where no one will be left behind. As expanded upon on the acknowledgements section, we are very grateful to all of the supporters of ATD Ireland - the people and families we meet online or in person, the funding bodies, community groups, volunteers, friends, the wider ATD Fourth World community, the ATD Ireland team and the company members. We hope you enjoy this summary of 2020 activities and appreciate your continued support so that the objectives of ATD Ireland can be further met in 2021 and beyond."

- Elaine Phelan, Chair of the Board, May 2021

Keep Connected

During this period of lockdown, we as the ATD team have managed to maintain a connection in a world that seems to be broken down and where physical connection is not possible. We reached out; we needed to be connected to our ATD network of friends and supporters as much as they may have needed us. We benefited greatly through maintaining our connection here in Ireland, the UK and around the world. We have been through some of the darkest days in our lives ... lonely, afraid, and sad ... but we managed to scrape through together with our humor and our many different talents, arts, crafts, music, writing, photography, etc. Most importantly, it helped us realize that the world was still there. We kept our humanity with dignity even though we were battered and confused by the whole surreal situation. Even the word 'isolation' - it doesn't bring up any positive connotations, does it? Just being told you are in isolation makes you feel alone and it can really get into your head.

The **#KeepConnected** page we set up on Facebook was so important just as an outlet. The name itself says it all. It was so important just to get out of this bubble, this isolation, a chance to look out into the world to be able to reach out and see that our friends and colleagues were there.

We tried to maintain connections and it might have seemed small at times, not overly important, but it was vital and the fact that people were thinking of you brought in the human element. The isolation was like been put into solitary confinement, like a prison ... the **#KeepConnected** page broke this space, like a clinch of light through the window.... being surprised by the sight of the sun or a flower. These moments were so important.

The gesture of reaching out was critical. We hope this initiative helped break the isolation.

Recognizing the sterling work done by the people who make up the community is so important. I've seen people stepping up to support others, ensuring people are getting food, medical supplies, and looking out for neighbors, the elderly and the homeless... people doing truly amazing things. I feel like I'm learning more from these actions than what I am hearing from the TV and from governments. A lot of this is done voluntary ... we need to tap into this energy.

You can't buy that - it comes from the heart!

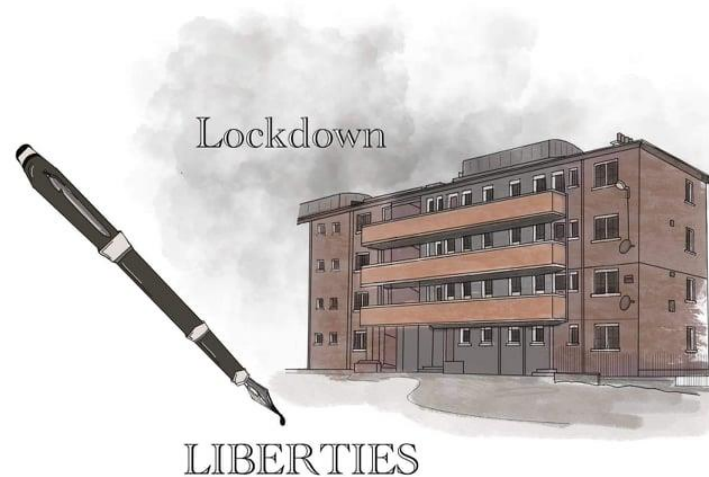
– Words by ATD activist Paul Uzell





"Each contact with a human being is so rare, so precious, one should preserve it."
- Anais Nin

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Lockdown Liberties

The Keep Connected page also led to the creation of a private writer's corner online called '**Lockdown Liberties**' – where a small group began to share personal writings, poems, hopes, dreams and reflections on life. The peer support nurtured between the writers was really strong. We encourage each other to write and continue to share some very powerful poems.

This smaller group was formed as a result of people reaching out to others outside of their usual circles due to originally being part of the Keep Connected Facebook page. Through this, we discovered a lot of people who were experiencing a sense of being left behind during the lockdown situation – and so in reaching out to others within our community, the writers corner was setup. This small action in itself adheres to the Leave No One Behind principle and has led to an increasing amount of interaction with people who were in isolation and being over looked in the midst of the restrictions imposed upon society during this covid period.

Through the medium of writing i.e. poetry, short stories and personal reflection using the creative process – we were able to reach out to and engage with a lot of new people unknown to us prior to the lockdown. We seized this opportunity to put into practice the promise contained with the SDGS to Leave No One Behind, which has proven to be a successful learning process. As small as our action was at the start – it has really grown into something far bigger than first thought. It has inspired others both in Ireland and further afield to reach out and to build connections within their own networks using social media platforms etc.

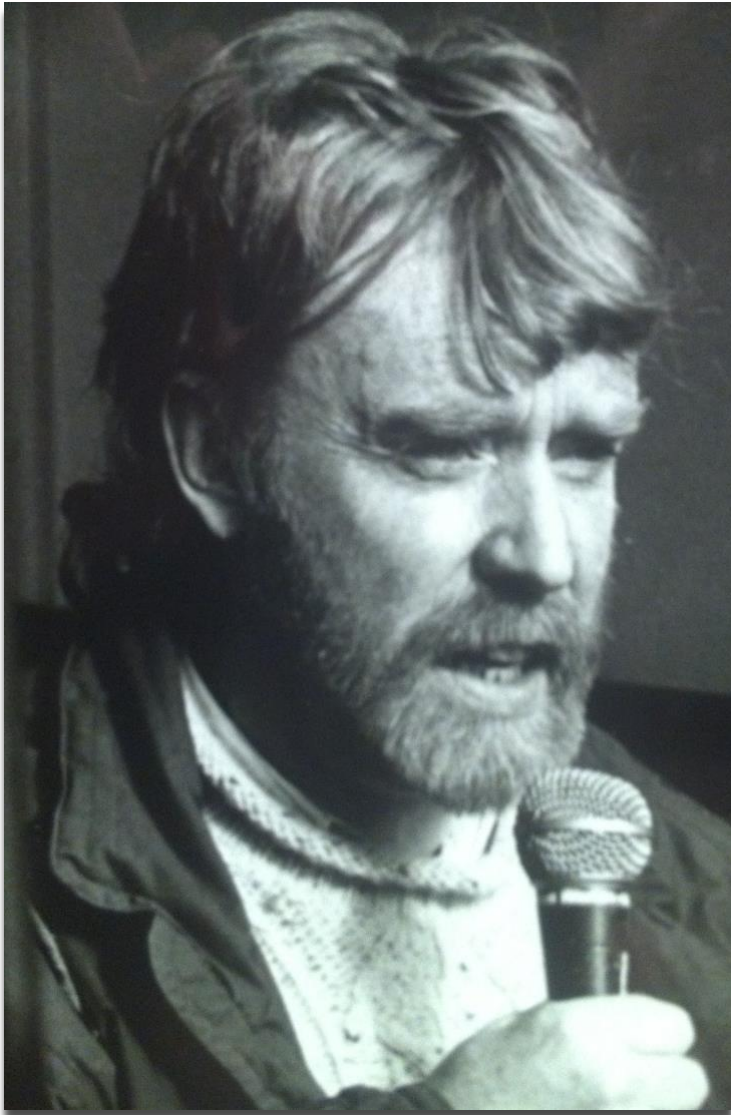
We discovered by practising the promise of LNOB and reaching out to others that we have grown a small but reasonable sized virtual village, that is increasing its contacts through social media on a global scale. This shows the importance of practising what you preach. **The promise works, if you work with it!**

Andrew one participant says: *"With the Keep Connected page and the lockdown liberties group; I developed a new skill and a love for writing poetry. Writing poetry – it got me out of my head where I was imprisoned for a while and it let me focus on what matters in my life. Without these two groups, I would have been a prisoner to my mind"*

These projects are a way to put into action the 'Leave No One Behind Promise' in a context where many are struggling with isolation and hardship. Let us keep hold of the hope and belief that the SDGs and the Promise to Leave No One Behind can be a way to improve life for all – here in Ireland and in the wider world.



Friends Remembered - Fergus Mc Cabe



This year saw the sad passing of **Fergus McCabe**. We marked the passing and celebrated the life of this acclaimed *social worker and community activist* who died on 8th October 2020, suddenly and without pain after a long illness. Fergus was a valued member of ATD Ireland.

He will be truly missed by his family, neighbours and many friends across the voluntary, community, and statutory sectors - in the inner city and abroad, in Belvedere FC and, of course, in the Neighbourhood Youth Project which he founded.

Committed to social justice and equality, Fergus recognized and supported the potential of all young people, developed others through sport and music, and brought his family and community so much joy.

Hope over cynicism!

Prevention over cure!

Humanity over dogma!

Spurs over everything 😊



Pictures from our talented ATD community created for our Leave No One Behind Art Project

Words from our Community

ATD home visits are a core aspect of maintaining and building relationships within ATD Ireland. Little by little, these relationships allow people to develop mutual trust and respect at their own time and pace. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic restrictions, our visits in 2020 were limited. We did, however, keep in regular contact with those within our community through phone calls, letters, zooms and social media e.g. our Facebook Keep Connected initiative. Currently, we are very excited to be slowly and safely making a return to in-person visitation and participation.

In 2020, we conducted interviews with those within our extensive community to ask what ATD support means to them:

Martin: *'When they go they're not coming with a course, they're not coming expecting them to turn up at 4 o'clock on Tuesday evening, they go to where the family is and they probably have a cup of tea. They are skilled listeners rather than say, for example, in Cherry Orchard here there would be lots of struggling families and there would be lots of good agencies whether it's addiction, whether it's family problems, to give you three examples, Barnardos, Family Scope, Star Ballymun... you have plenty of good agencies but the difference maybe with when ATD come and knock at the door they're not an agency, they don't have a programme, they're not going to give you a leaflet and say this is where you should move...they have time, they don't have a mental agency to say 'ok we need to put this person in touch with the county council to get that done but they have time to listen. That is hugely important.'*

Paul: *"We would go and we would try and take that dignity approach. There's nothing forced, we don't force ourselves upon them. You're trying to build a bond and a friendship. You don't want to push people away or frighten them off, rather just walking alongside people and to support and just be there. If they want to talk, they want to talk, if they don't, they don't. We can't force the agenda."*

Mark: *"I think the key to good family visitations is an engagement, a willingness to learn and to develop a shared knowledge and then to invite people where appropriate into actions that would give them the experience of meeting other people in poverty and also give them the opportunity to participate and to express their life experiences."*

Isabelle: *"The people who are trodden upon, who are overlooked, who are not written about, are the ones who lead us."*

Stuart: *"Built on the conviction that the very poorest people are vital is the source of all energy and effort that ATD puts into putting them in contact with people with similar experiences. Many people feel alone and guilty for what they're going through, and bringing them into contact with people from other walks of life, and among others, people who are in a position to change the way our societies work, is so important."*

Marking the UN End Poverty Day

This year due to covid restrictions, ATD Ireland and the Irish 17 October Committee had to make changes to our usual programme for the day. Instead of hosting a large event at the Human Rights and Poverty Stone in Dublin as usual, we held a very limited and intimate private (socially distant) event there on the 16th October. This consisted of several close friends and allies of ATD and the Committee sharing testimonies, poems and speeches, and joining in for a jolly sing-song led by Cathal Holland.

On the 17 October itself, a very successful online zoom event (hosted wonderfully by Maureen O' Sullivan) was organized to celebrate the International Eradication of Poverty Day. All went smoothly and over 60 people joined in to hear the 3 powerful testimonies of those with a lived experience of poverty, as well as words by Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, President Michael D Higgins, Belinda Nugent, among others who together expressed the importance of this event marked around the globe. The other 17 October events around the country were also presented. Songs were sung and ATD Ireland's new video (shared below) was premiered. Tears, warmth and laughter were all exchanged virtually.



The important and topical theme of the UN World End Poverty Day this year was 'Acting Together to achieve social and Environmental Justice for all'. In Ireland, we additionally created our own title by popular vote which was 'For a Just Society and a Sustainable Future'.





Irene (Justice for the Undocumented, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland)

“As a community, we are currently facing many different challenges which have been heightened during covid 19. This has impacted badly on our members, including job losses, cutting of working hours, risking working through the virus, unfair dismissal, poor working conditions. Working as a carer – no time off, no extra pay, lack of rest, risk to underlying health problems, kicked out of accommodation, death of family members back home, emotional and physical stress and heightened fear and anxiety. Being undocumented, you face many barriers in accessing support, particularly financially.”

Folashade (Living in Direct Provision, Dominican Justice Project)

“Direct Provision is not good for us because it deteriorates our mental health. When you live in these centers, you repeat the same things, in the same way, day in day out until you leave. Like my family, people can stay in this system for many years. Having no hope and nothing to do is damaging our minds. If care is not taken, the people who leave the system will still struggle day in day out. People who move out find it hard to adjust to life outside in the community because of all the hardships they experienced during the years they lived in Direct Provision. It leaves a mark on us.”

Mary Brigid (Pavee Point)

“Our ways weren’t respected and we were forced to settle. That took away the best part of how we made our living. As we’ve struggled to keep our way of life – we’ve been forced to live in places that are overcrowded and bad for us. There are not enough places for us to live. We are just 1 percent of the overall population but 9 percent of the homeless population. Discrimination and racism, means it’s hard for us to get jobs or if we do we have to hide our Traveller identity. Our health is bad. Travellers don’t always get to go to the doctor or health services. We don’t get the information, some of us don’t get post and we miss appointments. And some of us experience discrimination when we go to the doctor, nurse or the hospital. With all that’s going on its no wonder suicide in the Traveller community is 7 times the national average.”

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A.T.D
FOR LEAVING NO
ONE behind
WE STAND TALL
WE STAND together
Link BY Link
A.T.D

by Annmarie Fay
18th April
2020

DO NOT Follow
Where the path
MAY LEAD.
INSTEAD, Where there
IS NO PATH AND
LEAVE A TRAIL
FOR OTHERS.
LEAVE NO ONE
BEHIND,

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‘Does it Only Happen to Me?’

The project entitled **‘Does it Only Happen to Me?’** contributes to the wider campaign to have socioeconomic discrimination recognized as a tenth ground of discrimination in the Irish Equal Status Act. Our Socio-Economic Status (SES) project offers a platform for members and volunteers of ATD’s network to provide a space for people who experience socioeconomic discrimination to communicate their stories. We are beginning to see our hard work pay off as the campaign to end socioeconomic discrimination continues to be picked up and spread by individuals and agencies throughout Ireland. An example of this movement was shown through the article printed in the Irish times below. We have new funded projects in the works that we hope will further the campaign’s dissemination to the public. These will concentrate on empowering those who suffer from this form of discrimination to tell their side of the story through creative means e.g. art and film. Whilst the need for this legislation is currently being ‘reviewed’ by government we will continue to fight until it is ‘implemented’ in law.

Equality must prevail! #10thground

Parties mull social status ‘discrimination’

Colin Coyle

Socio-economic inequality may become grounds for discrimination under equal status legislation, the new programme for government suggests. Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Green Party have promised to “examine” its inclusion in equality legislation.

All Together in Dignity (ATD), an anti-poverty non-governmental organisation, has lobbied in favour of its inclusion for several years, arguing that many people are being discriminated against because of their backgrounds and socio-economic status.

There are already nine grounds for discrimination in equality legislation in Ireland: gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion, and membership of the Traveller community.

ATD national co-ordinator Mark Hogan believes it is time

to introduce a 10th method of discrimination. “For the countless thousands of people in Irish society who continue to experience this form of discrimination on a daily basis, it is vital this commitment is driven forward by the new government and all political parties into decisive action for legislation,” he said.

Last year ATD, with financial support from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, produced a report based on personal accounts of 60 individuals who believed they were discriminated against because of their status or background. Some claimed their address or accent prevented them from getting a job or accommodation. Others said they were nervous about entering a shop because they might be accused of stealing due to how they dressed. One claimed he was routinely victimised by people who knew that nobody

would listen to his complaints because of his background.

Across Europe, 20 countries have already introduced socio-economic status as grounds for discrimination. The issue was raised here in a 2017 private members’ bill brought forward by Fianna Fail TDs Jim O’Callaghan and Fiona O’Loughlin. The bill was supported by organisations such as the Equality and



Hogan: commitment ‘vital’

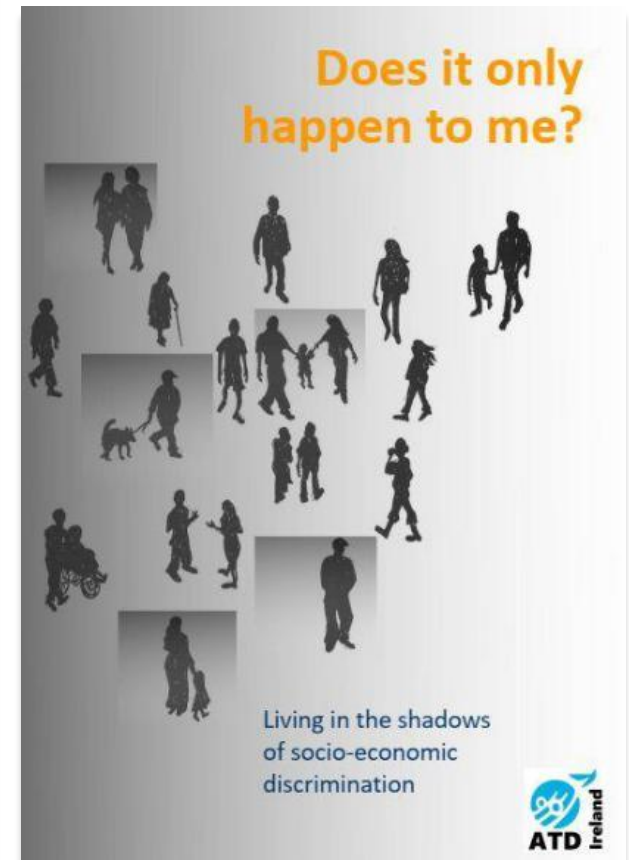
Rights Alliance and the Public Interest Law Association.

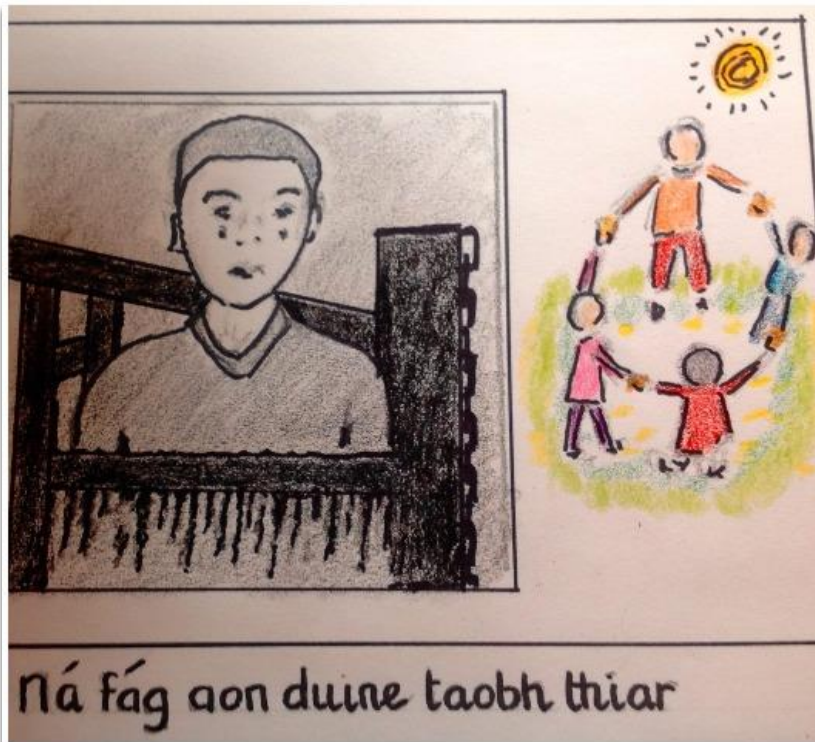
The bill passed the second stage and was due to go to committee stage but was blocked when the government issued a “money message”, a procedural device that allows governments to block legislation that might require expenditure of significant amounts of public cash.

The Department of Justice has also commissioned research to create “a more precise definition of any new potential equality ground”. It says the research, led by Dr Judy Walsh of University College Dublin, “is being advanced, but the deadline for completion has been extended because of delays arising from the Covid-19 pandemic”.

ATD said it was “vitally important that this research informs public debate to pass the legislation from committee stage to enactment”.

@colincoyle





Hidden Dimensions of Poverty

Understanding the Hidden Dimensions of Poverty



As a direct result of the International Hidden Dimensions research in 2019, which brought together people in poverty, academics and professionals to co-create an insightful and dynamic report - in March 2020, ATD Ireland in partnership with 'educational professionals' and people with a direct lived experience of poverty started the development of **a new educational resource called 'Understanding the Hidden Dimensions of Poverty'**.

This is aimed at educationalists, teachers and curriculum development specialists working at all levels of education in Ireland: – formal, informal and community. It provides a learning resource on poverty (including presentations by ATD Ireland community activists) highlighting the important voice of people with lived experience of poverty, that can be used widely.

Link: [Poverty Awareness – All Together in Dignity – ATD Ireland](#)

This educational tool seeks to raise awareness and open minds to the daily realities of poverty, mediated in part through the direct experiences and conversations of people in poverty. It enables a positive learning exchange of views and insights into this important contemporary issue in Irish society. We believed it was of vital importance that the project used real life statements, reflections and expertise from those who have been directly affected by poverty. This is a reflection of ATD's philosophy that those with first-hand experience of poverty are the foremost experts on the issue.

'The whole idea of this training is to bring awareness and to bring the hidden dimensions of poverty that people probably wouldn't associate with poverty...the stigma, the shame, guilt, fear, and an absolute sense of powerlessness.' The most important part of this module is discussion; including the videos from experienced individuals either living in poverty or working closely with individuals affected by poverty, and the involvement of participants which is encouraged from the start'

– words from ATD Ireland community activist

Poverty Aware Practice

Using these resources – we created a **‘Poverty Aware Practice’** module to share with social work students at Trinity Collage Dublin, focusing on the Hidden Dimensions of Poverty. We are excited to continue in our efforts to bring the Hidden Dimensions findings into the forefront of our discussion on poverty - through social media, participation in anti-poverty networks and through our developing links with educational bodies and institutions. Once the lockdown lifts in Ireland we will roll out this resource at the national level for schools and adult education institutions. We are already kindly invited to continue our work with Trinity students in 2021.



Fear

When a social worker comes to the door, you are filled with fear ... fear based on what you have heard from others. You may have done nothing wrong but the fear still comes. I am not sure that even the social workers know how much power they have in the eyes of a parent.

Power is something very important, and needs to be addressed. A parent can feel powerless in the face of a social worker and this can lead to fear, shame, guilt and a backdown in the relationship.

Feeling Judged

People are often judged on their past, you could have gone through a rough patch a few years back and moved on since then, but it can still go against you. It could be on record and turn up and go against you even though you have changed and things are going well.

17 Voices, 1 Message – Stop Poverty!

One of the impactful resources we begun sharing widely in 2020 was our new ATD Ireland films.

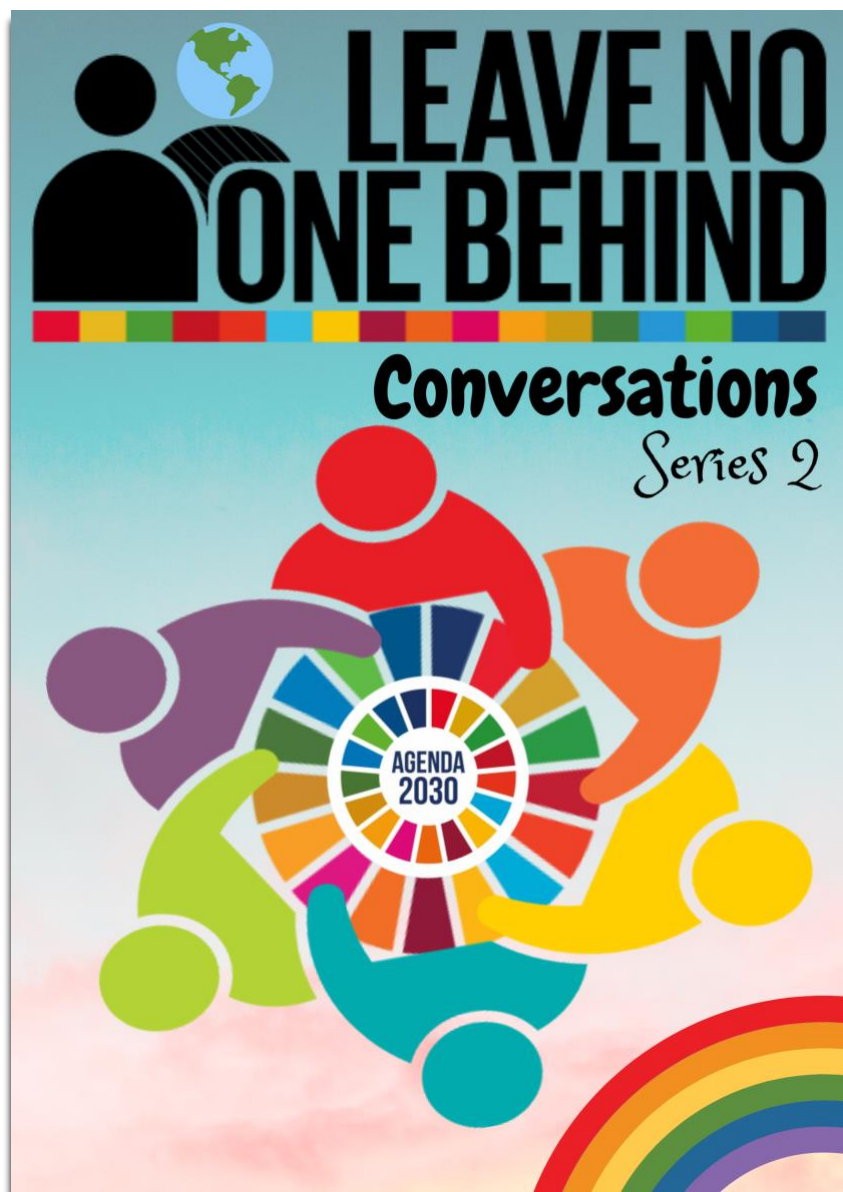
‘What do you think when you hear about poverty? Our views can be influenced by the media, by popular stereotypes, and sometimes by personal experience. All Together in Dignity (ATD) Ireland launched its new film, 17 Voices, 1 Message; Stop Poverty. [#17October](#) this 17th of October. You can listen here to conversations with 17 people, many of whom have lived experience of poverty, about what they think poverty is and what it means to them in the context of the annual UN International End Poverty Day on 17 October. You could be surprised! What they have to say may change how you think and act about poverty.’ [Click here to view '17 voices. 1 message'](#)

We also made a new short film version which focuses on what poverty means to people. [Click here to view 'What does Poverty mean?'](#)!





Leave No One Behind Series 2

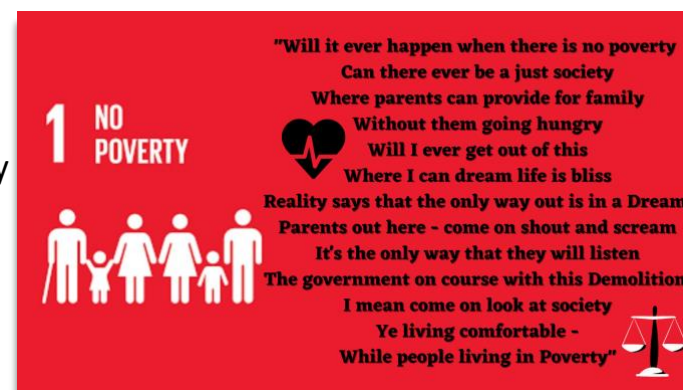


The Leave No One Behind Conversations Series 2 is an ATD project supported by Concern Worldwide. This 3- part workshop series is designed to start an inclusive conversation to raise awareness of the Leave No One Behind Promise of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to involve citizens from all walks of life (children, youths, adults – including people with experience of poverty and marginalization). **We want to empower marginalized groups to actively contribute to SDG dialogue in Ireland by valuing their knowledge of social exclusion issues, based on lived experience.**

We are currently more than half way through our conversations. So far, we have facilitated 14 workshops with 6 different groups from marginalized communities in Dublin, Longford and Cork.

Whilst these came to a pause during lockdown, we are delighted with the insights from participants so far and are excited to continue the rest of our in-depth conversations as soon as possible.

We have begun to write up our report taking into account the completed analysis from the first workshops where we asked people which SDG's were most important to them and why. **The importance and interconnectedness of 'No Poverty' and 'Health and Wellbeing' are strong emerging themes.**



2 ZERO HUNGER



"Zero Hunger has two meanings for me."

1. The people who have money are always able to buy food. They probably never felt a hunger pain or went to bed on an empty stomach - the kind that don't let you go to sleep. Always having food is zero hunger!

2. Zero hunger for the less well off is scraping and borrowing to feed their kids while the mother goes on rations to feed all the family. Running from one place to another - blisters on their feet from always trying to make ends meet."



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



"For me this is the most important - the right to equal education. It says quality but I say equal too because quality education you can get but you will not get it everywhere"



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



"When you break everything down to a foundational level - the very basic needs of a person are water, food, safety and security and if we have those wrong then everything else after it is going to become wrong. Just inevitably."



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



"If you haven't got the right education and the right job - how do you stay out of poverty? Everything is linked together!"



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



"Your health is your wealth so everyone should have equal entitlement to the healthcare and services they need no matter who they are, but in Ireland it's the public verses the private. If someone is waiting for 2 years to be seen on a public waiting list, the stress of that alone is adding to more health issues."



5 GENDER EQUALITY



"Empowering women and promoting gender equality is crucial to accelerating sustainable development. We must not stay silent - we must continue to fight for our equality and to promote women in power"



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



"What's burning now is coal, oil, petrol and wood. The fumes alone are bad to breathe. Animals and birds die in the hundreds - our beautiful woodlands and habitat laid bare."



Time to change the power to wind turbines, water and solar power. Start to help humans and animals have cheaper and cleaner air for the coming generations."



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



"Accessibility has gone out the window! Even here in this building - granted a wheelchair is able to come in but a person in a wheelchair i.e. myself or anyone else - we cannot open doors, the doors seem to always pull out to you and we need them to push in!"



These are a selection of quotes on the Sustainable Development Goals taken from our LNOB Series 2 Conversations

[Click here to watch/share video of SDG quotes!](#)

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



"People have the money but it's just not distributed equally. For example there's communities that people are not educated in - give money to that community so that the people will get educated, their health will be okay and then they can go to work and give back"



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



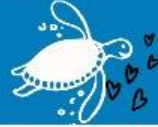
"Clothes - especially cheap clothes are one of the biggest producers in waste! They also violate a lot of human rights in the sense of using workshops where equal pay and sanitation and all that is not met - apparently sometimes they don't even have access to toilets or anything in there. So I feel like we could help those people who are in less fortunate situations to get paid more but also to get better working environments."



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



"When you go near a river these days you can't see the bottom of the river. Years ago you'd go to the river and you would see the fish."



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



"In Ireland we are quite lucky because we don't have war or stuff like that in our faces at the moment - but abroad there's kids being sent to fight wars that they don't want to be in."



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



"We all should be able to have a decent home to live in no matter what culture we are or where we are from"



13 CLIMATE ACTION



"The thing about climate change is that even though Ireland isn't affected in a severe way now - what we are realising is that it is often the people who are the poorest who are most affected by the changes in climate. So a lot of people in Europe, they know about it on an intellectual level but because they are not affected by it directly they feel it's not my concern. It is something that we are waking up to slowly, but we have to wake up quicker for the people who are most vulnerable."



15 LIFE ON LAND



"Deforestation is a big issue. In science we know that trees give us oxygen and co2. We need them in our communities and in our lives."



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



"SDG 17 is a vision for improved and more equitable trade."

All the many times that I have prayed. That all these goals will be achieved.

Open the eyes of the deceived.

We have to solve this in a hurry.

Its closely arriving the year 2030.

So this poem comes to a close.

Let's hope we can achieve these goals"



Looking forward to when we can invite everyone to the office again for some cake and celebrations 😊



A mothers fear ...
 Christmas is getting closer each day
 What can I say to those big eyes
 Sorry but I think Santa has 1 surprise ...
 With a smile on my face I take her by the hand
 Mummy can we go to Disneyland
 Once again what can I say to those big eyes
 I'm sorry Santa has just 1 surprise ...
 As it gets darker the days get colder
 wondering please let this year be over ...
 Walking past houses all lit up Christmas trees
 and candles shining so bright everywhere in sight ...
 Mummy why can't we have a house like that
 Mummy why do we not have a tree like that ...
 with those big eyes
 I'm sorry Santa has just 1 surprise ...

As I lay down in my bed
 thoughts going through my head
 sometimes I think would it be easier
 if I just said sorry Santa is dead ...
 Counting the coins under the chair
 thinking what are they going to wear...
 Off to the shop to find a turkey for dinner
 at least that would be a winner ...
 Christmas Day all I can say ...
 aren't we lucky to still have this day.

By Lorraine Kelly



Black 47

The crop is bad.
 No spuds to be had.
 Outlook bleak.
 Hungry and weak.
 The crop is bad.
 The plague is here.
 A sigh and tear.
 For hunger and fear.
 The crop is dead.
 Blackend is the beet.
 Hungry dying in the street.
 With nothing to eat.
 Corn for the rich.
 The impoverished suffer, impoverished suffer.

By Philip Kenny



WORDS BY LOCKDOWN LIBERTIES – VIDEO PROJECT COMING SOON

Sick of sleeping rough
 Never knew it would be so tough
 Throw me a life line here
 I don't want to live my life with fear
 Fear of dying in this cold
 Why was I dealt this, I wasn't bold
 I was a good child, did everything right
 Why has this government lost sight
 All I want is a place to call home
 Don't wanna die feeling all alone
 Empty houses everywhere
 Yet homelessness is the biggest fear
 Open your eyes, why don't ye care
 If anyone feels the same, why don't ye share

By Andrew Kelly



I'm still here....
 Sometimes I find it difficult from under my mask
 To let people know I'm open and up for a laugh
 My face all contorted with this ridiculous task
 I want people to know I'm trying to smile
 sometimes I need absence to escape for a while
 To gather my thoughts
 To pause and reflect
 To try to make purpose of the whole damn mess
 Only to be drawn to anxiety and stress
 A state of affairs I do detest
 So with a polite feck off I voice my protest
 if only for a moment I feel a heaviness leave my
 chest
 Draw deep on this refreshing breath
 Its a hard ask to raise a smile from behind a
 mask

By Paul Uzell

Transparent!!!
 When I look in the mirror I see a figure of hate
 The same old face I wish to obliterate
 All the hurt and pain from a life of rejection
 Shows up so clear in my reflection
 Deep into my eyes memories deliver
 Along my spine they do shiver
 Forever shown a man betrayed
 Oh how I wish these battle scars would fade
 Oh why must you taunt me old murderous
 thought
 Bitter sweet the release of adrenaline you sought
 Calm you beast that inhabits my chest
 Leave me be still my mind screams for rest
 You find on emotions feasting on my pain
 Your constant mocking echoes again and again
 If only to silence let peace begin
 Eradicate your torment with the swipe of my pen
 A little trick learnt while confined to a cell
 How the beauty in a poem can free one from hell

Paul Uzell

Smiling faces from our lovely growing community at our virtual AGM 2020





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



COMMUNITY PLATFORM
CHALLENGING POVERTY & INEQUALITY

NEIGHBOURHOOD YOUTH

NORTH WEST INNER CITY
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Our report would also like to thank the approximately 50 friends who volunteered with ATD during 2020. Nothing would have been possible without them. **A big thank you too to those many organisations and projects** which were ready to join our initiatives, including: **Irish 17 October Committee, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Community Platform, European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland, Irish Coalition 2030, SAOL project, North West Inner City Training and Development Project (NWICTDP), Community Action Network (CAN), Neighbourhood Youth Project 2 (NYP2), Dublin Adult Learning Centre (DALC), the Cork Life Centre, Pavee Point, Granard FRC and the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahais of Dublin.**

We wish to thank **Isabella Spencer Higgins** of A&L Goodbody Solicitors for pro bono legal services provided to ATD Ireland during the reporting period.

The challenge for ATD Ireland in the coming years will be to gradually cover our annual running costs from resources raised by ATD Ireland (through EU, national or local grants, sponsors, network of friends who donate, etc.) and with less corresponding reliance on ATD Fourth World International. We are especially grateful and excited to fully welcome **Dann Kenningham** who left the role of National Coordination of ATD Fourth World UK after 13 years to take on a new leadership position in ATD Ireland, and **Mary and Stewart McMurchie** who also left ATD UK to join our small Irish team as key support workers. We thank **Paul Uzell**, our team member for his conviction and commitment to community activism in our work. We would also especially like to thank **Peter Simpson** who accepted to join the Discovery Programme of the ATD International Volunteer Corps and **Ciara Margolis** who continues in her work as Project Officer. We also value the contribution of our longstanding ally, **Mark Hogan** who worked in the ATD Ireland team on a voluntary basis but has now taken a step back – but will thankfully continue to support us as a friend. We say goodbye for now to our wonderful team members **Charlotte Tiffoin** and **Olga Lacey** who sadly left the Irish team to begin new ventures abroad this year. We miss them already and wish them the very best in their futures.

ATD Fourth World – ATD Fourth World – Ireland is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital, registered in Dublin – Company Number 475746 – Charity Number CHY 18678 – Charity Regulations Authority 20072131 – Office: 30 Mountjoy Square East, Dublin 1 – Directors on 31st December 2020: Directors: Elaine Phelan (Chairperson), Juliette Pechenart (Treasurer), Marie Williams (Company Secretary), Isabelle Pypaert-Perrin (ATD International), Bernie Brown, Maurice Hurley, Hugh Frazer, Robbie Gilligan and Pat O’ Gorman.

ATD Ireland has made significant steps in completing its journey to full compliance with the Charity Regulator Governance code.

The 2020 Income and Expenditure Accounts of ATD Ireland have been audited by Nolan and Associates, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, 302/304 The Capel Building, Mary’s Abbey, Dublin 7.

ATD is a member of Coalition 2030, Dóchas, the Children’s Rights Alliance, the Community Platform, the Irish 17th October Committee, IDEA, EAPN Ireland, Social Justice Ireland, the ESC Rights Initiative, The Wheel, and the International Movement ATD Fourth World.

Financial Report 2020



All Together in Dignity - Ireland
Working with those affected by chronic poverty

Expenditure

	12 months ended 31st December 2020	12 months ended 31st December 2019
	€	€
Staff Costs	60183.32	61169
ATD Centre Costs - Rent	18001	20253
Training Costs	0	8145
Electricity/ Heating	1529	3800
Telephone/Broadband	1347	1544
Postage, Stationery & Materials	6337	26928
Insurance	1657	2429
Office Expenses	1977	723
New Computers and email upgrade	2883	
Bank Charges	0	99
Memberships	950	600
Transport	1139	2450
Water	334	334
Overseas Travel	565	
Audit & Accountancy	2370	2138
	99272	130611

Income:

Support from ATD Fondation and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) was up by €18003 – 18%. €20,000 has been deferred to 2021 activity. Other income was down by €31117 – 75%; reflecting the effect of activity cancelled due to Covid19. There is €10,000 income carried over from 2019 not reflected in income.

This is being carried over in the balance sheet as the activity and corresponding expenditure is incomplete. There is €9130.23 included for a reimbursement due from ATD. This will be received in 2021.

Expenditure:

Payroll includes €8233 Revenue support for closure in Nov/ Dec. There were numerous changes in the team during this period.

Our team is made up of local volunteers and full-time paid staffs including members of the International Volunteer Corp. Paid staff agree to work on a very basic income.

Materials costs were reduced due to the lack of activity



Summary of Income and Expenditure

	12 months ended 31st December 2020 €	12 months ended 31st December 2019 €
Income	118609	136785
Expenditure	99272	130611
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	19337	6175

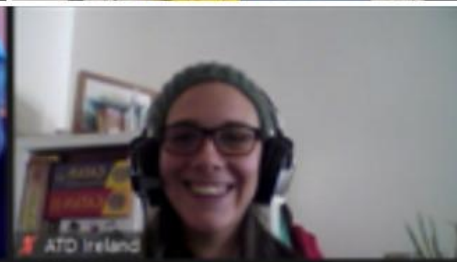
Balance Sheet

	as at 31st December 2020 €	as at 31st December 2019 €
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank	44017	10615
Deposit prepaid	3395	2800
Rent prepaid	4500	4500
Funding Due	9130	997
Grant Regarding Future Projects	-30000	-10000
Audit Fee Due	-1210	-2077
Wages due to UK	-2232	
Taxation Due	-2754	-1325
Total	24847	5510

	12 months ended 31st December 2020 €	12 months ended 31st December 2019 €
ATD Foundation	83130	100000
AFD (French Overseas Development)	25000	997
Social Inclusion Division DEASP	4934	5700
Donations	2676	11294
IHREC	2450	5594
DCC - Stone + IFON	419	5250
Forsa Small grants	0	250
Mini grants (support Poland trip)	0	400
Concern LNOB grant	0	5000
NEIC programme grant	0	2300
	118609	136785

ATD Ireland is funded by grants and donations from the public and like all companies in this sector is dependent on securing sufficient funding. For the past 10 years and the coming 4 years, the French ATD Fondation is committed to support ATD Ireland to balance its annual budgets.

Opening Funds	5510
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	19337



Get involved in 2021!

VOLUNTEER, ADVOCATE

Our Friends and Volunteers' Network is a means for everyone to get involved in the fight against poverty. **In 2020, around 10 new people joined our vibrant 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, accounts support, 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!

Call us or find out more at:

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ATD's work would not be possible without the generous financial support of ATD donors in Ireland and around the world.

ATD Ireland is a registered charity (CRA 20072131

– CHY 18678) committed with ATD International to the highest standard of efficiency and transparency in our financial transactions. You can donate online at:

www.atdireland.ie/wp/donate

JOIN THE DISCOVERY PROGRAMME OF THE ATD VOLUNTEER CORPS

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 - €18,600 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: info@atdireland.ie

“Thanks to hope, we are able to believe that poverty is not inevitable, that it can be overcome, that it is an error of humanity, since it is by definition inhuman. It is anti-humanity. We really believe that all people can work together to overcome poverty — for that is what hope is — that we will be able to eradicate it and that all people, starting from the poorest people, will be able to work to overcome it.”

Joseph Wresinski

Founder of ATD Fourth World.

All Together in Dignity – ATD Fourth World is an international human-rights organization 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.

Since 2000, ATD in Ireland has been close to family members facing persistent poverty and struggling daily to live in dignity. **ATD Fourth World – Ireland CLG** is a company limited by guarantee and is registered for charitable tax exemption (CHY 18 678). Its registered offices are located at 30 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1, Republic of Ireland.

