

# United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

## 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**“Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty.”**

These words were expressed by Father Joseph Wresinski on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1987 at Tracadéro Plaza, Paris, the place where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948. Since then, on the 17<sup>th</sup> October each year, all those who reject poverty and exclusion mark this day throughout the world to express their solidarity and their commitment to ensure that everyone’s dignity and freedom are respected.

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## PUBLIC AWARENESS FUNDING

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Since 1992, 17th October has been recognised by the United Nations as the *International Day for the Eradication of Poverty*.

The Department of Social Protection would like to provide funding to support anti-poverty groups to organise local or national activities to promote awareness of the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

### **Purpose of the Funding**

“The UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a day to express friendship and solidarity with people who have to live with poverty and social exclusion every day of the year, in Ireland, Europe and around the world. It is an occasion to recognise the lived experience of so many children, young people and adults, and also the part they play in their daily lives to support human rights in countless gestures of resistance and solidarity. It is a chance

to listen to their voices. It is a day to renew our determination to act all year long against poverty, learning how to do this in partnership with those whose lives are the hardest” ( ATD 4<sup>th</sup> World, 2005).

## What Activities Can Be Funded

Once-off initiatives with a national/regional or local focus and aim:

- to create public awareness of the *UN International Day for the Elimination of Poverty*;
- to create public awareness of poverty in Ireland;
- to involve people at risk of, or experiencing poverty;
- to express solidarity with the fight to eradicate poverty globally.

A broad range of activities, or combination of activities, will be considered for funding, including:

Events	Publications
❖ Exhibitions	❖ Leaflets
❖ Artistic & cultural initiatives	❖ Posters
❖ Media events	❖ Postcards

Activities **MUST** take place on or around **17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**

## What activities cannot be funded?

Please note that the scheme cannot fund:

- Annual reports, newsletters or other promotional materials;
- Annual conferences;
- Research or policy analysis;
- Salary costs for core staff;
- A group’s ongoing project or running costs;
- Work that has already happened.

## What funding is available?

Total funding available is up to €30,000. The maximum amount of funding available under this initiative is €3,000 per proposal.

## Who can apply for funding?

This funding is open to anti-poverty organisations and groups working with people experiencing poverty at national or local level.

The Department of Social Protection will **NOT** accept applications from profit making or trading companies, individuals, local and community development programme companies, local authorities or statutory bodies or any bodies outside the Republic of Ireland.

*Please note: groups that have received funding from the Social Inclusion Division under previous initiatives need to have all associated requirements satisfactorily **completed**. Otherwise funding for 2012 may not be considered.*

## How decisions are made?

The Department of Social Protection will assess each application against the following criteria:

- Will the work promote *17<sup>th</sup> October, UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty*?
- Is the work related to tackling poverty in Ireland?
- Does the work involve people experiencing poverty?
- Does the work have a solidarity dimension, i.e. make the connection between people experiencing poverty in Ireland and the rest of the world?
- Are the costings realistic?
- Is the proposal clear, well planned and thought-out?

The Department of Social Protection will give regard to geographical spread in awarding funding.

Full compliance with Tax Clearance Procedures as laid down by the Department of Finance is a condition of awarding this funding.

### Deadline

The deadline for applications is **12.00pm, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012**. Late applications **will not** be considered.

## Application Forms

Application forms can be obtained from Elaine O'Neill, Social Inclusion Division, Tel: 01 7043968 or email: [elaine.oneill@welfare.ie](mailto:elaine.oneill@welfare.ie) Applicants are encouraged to return their completed forms electronically.

### For further information or advice on applications contact:

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### Where to get information on 17<sup>th</sup> October UN Day

<http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/en.html>

<http://www.oct17.org>

<http://www.hrea.org/feature-events/poverty-day.php>

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