

17 OCTOBER 2013

World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty



**Working together towards
a world without discrimination**
Building on the experience and knowledge of people
in extreme poverty

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Different kind of activities: theatre, dancing, singing, creative and writing workshops, exhibitions....

Plant a tree

Debate around a film: "Extreme poverty is violence", "Joseph the indignant", "I bear witness to you"

Meeting children at a reception centre

Survey questionnaire on the theme of the year



Information stand in the market

A walk through the town or neighbourhood

Facilitate awareness raising workshops



Playing music in the street

Fun run for overcoming exclusion

Making and handing out 17 October keepsakes

Publicising the day: press conferences, radio broadcasts, social networks...



Organising a collective project

Visiting people who are isolated or unwell

Community building or renovation projects

Taking the time to talk with people about how the day went



The "Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty" is a network of committed people who want to develop friendship and exchange knowledge about what poor and very poor people teach us, i.e. people who suffer from multiple disadvantages in the areas of education, housing, employment, health and culture; those who are criticised and rejected the most. This forum invites people to join a worldwide movement to overcome extreme poverty, to rebuild communities with people living in extreme poverty, inspired by their lives. This movement expresses itself in the **Letter to Friends Around the World**, which publishes the texts written by its correspondents three times a year, in French, English, Spanish and Portuguese. The Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty is run by the International Movement ATD Fourth World, an international NGO whose headquarters are in Pierrelaye, France. Those who join the Forum do so in their own right, and do not have to become members of ATD Fourth World.
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SPECIAL EDITION - 17 OCTOBER

Dear Friends,

In this special edition for 17 October of Letter to Friends Around the World, we will be sharing with you experiences from Forum correspondents about how they celebrated the World Day in 2012.

The important thing isn't to organise big events, even if several did take place in different countries last year. What's more important is to reach out to those who aren't normally noticed, and to take time with them; to let them to speak, and listen to what they have to say.

This day is an opportunity for us to share our long term commitment to build a world where everyone's dignity is recognised, and where everyone can find their place and give the best of themselves. This is a day for festivity, joy, friendship and meeting others.

Please tell us about your own projects for 17 October 2013 and what you will be doing on the day. You can write to us directly via the website, or send us a letter or email. This year, the International theme of the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty is:

Working towards a world without discrimination

Building on the experience and knowledge of people in extreme poverty

You will find a poster is on the back of this Letter to Friends.

The Forum on Overcoming Extreme Poverty Team

**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.**

F. Joseph Wresinski



If you would like to know more about 17 October, the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, please click on the following link:
<http://overcomingpoverty.org/rubrique/26>



in a neighbourhood - Beirut (Lebanon)

in a village - Kibaha (Tanzania)
Boulwando (Burkina Faso)

in a public park - Manila (Philippines)

at the United Nations - Geneva (Switzerland)
New York (United States)

at the Alliance Française - Bangui (Central African Republic)

in a school and an association - Agbodrafo (Togo)
Port-au-Prince (Haiti)

at a historic place in memory of the poorest - Marseille (France)

in a quarry - Kunduchi (Tanzania)

in Parliament - Namur (Belgium)

a parade on the main square - Cusco (Peru)

in front of a train station - Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland)

at the peace courtyard where "the white rose of peace" is placed - (Guatemala)

You too can share your comments, and experiences via the website:

www.overcomingpoverty.org or by email: overcomingpoverty@atd-fourthworld.org

1- Add an event

2- Add a report

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