



Each person who gets involved constitutes a hope in the fight against poverty

The International Movement ATD Fourth World is a non-governmental organization with no religious or political affiliation which engages with individuals and institutions to find solutions to eradicate extreme poverty. Working in partnership with people in poverty, ATD Fourth World's human rights-based approach focuses on supporting families and individuals through its grass-roots presence and involvement in disadvantaged communities, in both urban and rural areas, creating public awareness of extreme poverty and influencing policies to address it.

Founded in 1957 by Joseph Wresinski, ATD Fourth World works in thirty countries in Africa, Asia, America and Europe in order to:

- Unite and learn from the experience of people living in extreme poverty
- Promote access to knowledge, culture and education
- Create pilot projects to guarantee access to fundamental rights for all
- Inform and mobilize citizens, civil society, authorities and institutions

- Investigate and raise awareness of extreme poverty
- Promote the participation of, and representation for, the most disadvantaged communities with respect to local, national and international agencies.

At the heart of our work is **the daily struggle of the poorest people for a fairer world and the commitment of more than 100,000 people** who are devoting their skills and time to serve the struggle against poverty. **You too can participate. Come and join us!**

Find your own way of participating

Thousands of people around the world are joining in our work to fight poverty, working alongside people and communities living in poverty or supporting those who do so.

- share your creative abilities during a Festival of Learning or your passion for books in one of our Street Libraries
- lend a hand towards the upkeep of our premises and meeting rooms
- help us to raise funds

- take part in a feasibility study
- support excluded marginalised families
- help in our offices
- support teachers committed to ensuring that all children can learn
- help us to enter into dialogue with local leaders and political representatives

These are just some of the ways you can participate. **Many are already doing it. Come and join us!**

Discover full-time volunteering

The full-time volunteer corps brings together 400 men and women – from 40 countries and an array of social backgrounds, trades and professions – pooling their resources to build a world without poverty.

- they go out to **meet the most vulnerable**, often abandoned by aid and development programmes
- they try to learn from the experience and knowledge of **the poorest communities and to devise with them pilot projects to combat poverty**

→ **they work as a team which allows a long-term presence**, taking the time necessary to enable deep and long-lasting positive change.

Full-time volunteers who take up a commitment with ATD Fourth World– often living side by side with very poor communities – all receive the same modest wage regardless of their position or responsibilities, which is ethically consistent with life in the country where they work.

Full-time volunteering is an original way of making a commitment. **You too can play a part in the building of a world without poverty. Come and join us!**

Help us to bring it about – support us financially!

ATD Fourth World strives to give **priority to the poorest people**. Each donation, however small it may seem, is vital in carrying on the struggle against extreme poverty.

Make a donation!

- **to buy books** for the street libraries in the most forgotten areas of Peru
- **to support the commitment of full-time volunteers** around the world
- **for a programme to improve child health** in Haiti
- **to support very poor families** in France
- **to support advocacy work with international agencies**

Your donation will allow us to continue to work alongside the poorest people in society and set up partnership projects with them. **Thank you for your support.**

Raise funds!

- In the Philippines a group is **producing and selling art work to finance** projects with disadvantaged families
- In the United Kingdom friends are finding **sponsors to support them to cycle 30 km** to fund respite for families living in poverty
- In France a group of friends organised a **concert to raise money for our projects**

→ In Peru hundreds of our friends are raising money from the **sale of Christmas greetings cards**

Regular fundraising is vital to make possible our priority to the world's poorest people. **Thank you for helping.**

“Poverty is not inevitable, it's the work of people, and only people can destroy it.”

Joseph Wresinski, founder of the International Movement ATD Fourth World.



I was a boy who used to go to the street library run by ATD Fourth World in my town, San Jacinto. Passionate about art and creativity I became a teacher and devoted myself to the carrying out of activities with the poorest families in the area, walking for up to two hours to get to some local villages.

In 1994 I was marked by a journey to the town of Guatemala City. I could not imagine that there were families in the capital living in shacks made of sheet metal or cardboard. Five years later I left my teaching job to become a full-time volunteer and to live in the City. It wasn't easy to leave my former way of life and many questioned the depth of my commitment, especially when, in 2002, I left my country for the first time to join the ATD Fourth World team in Peru.

The distance involved and the cultural differences almost led me to go back, but Fourth World families gave me the strength to stay. I understood just how important the presence of full-time volunteers is for these families and the potential for change inherent in the mutual trust we are building together. **Guillermo Díaz Linares, full-time volunteer, Guatemala.**

Despite our difficulties, we are not considered to be failures. We are accepted as we are and our efforts to succeed in changing things are recognised and supported by people to whom we really matter. Meeting ATD Fourth World means that we are no longer alone, so we can now dare to dream of a better future for ourselves, for our children and for the rest of the world and work together in order to bring it about.

Maria Smith, grassroots member, ATD Fourth World, UK



Today more than ever poverty has no place. Let all of us continue to strive against it.

Martin Alain, Canada

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