

DATES



17 OCTOBER

WORLD DAY TO OVERCOME EXTREME POVERTY

On October 17, 1987, in reply to Joseph Wresinski's appeal, 100,000 defenders of human rights gathered together on the Trocadero Plaza in Paris to express their refusal of extreme poverty, and to call on humankind to unite and ensure the respect of human rights.

A Commemorative Stone proclaiming this message, was inaugurated on this occasion on the Plaza of Human Rights and Liberties (formerly Trocadero Plaza), at the place where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948.

Since then, on the 17th of October each year, the poorest and all those who reject extreme poverty and exclusion gather throughout the world to express their solidarity and their commitment to ensure that everyone's dignity and freedom are respected. This is the origin of the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty.

On October 17, 1992, Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, former Secretary General of the UN, called for the recognition of October 17.

On December 22, 1992, the General Assembly of the United Nations declared October 17 the "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty". Ever since, initiatives to observe this day have been constantly increasing.



24 OCTOBER

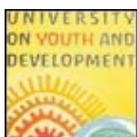
UNITED NATIONS DAY

United Nations Day, proclaimed in 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly, is held annually on 24 October, the anniversary of the coming into force of the UN Charter on 24 October 1945. United Nations Day is devoted to making known to peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations Organization. United Nations Day is part of United Nations Week, which runs from 20 October to 26 October.

United Nations Day has traditionally been marked throughout the world with meetings, discussions and exhibits about the achievements and goals of the organization. In 1971, the General Assembly recommended that Member States observe it as a public holiday.

Several international schools throughout the world also celebrate the diversity of their student body on United Nations Day (although the event is not necessarily celebrated on 24 October). Celebrations often include a show of cultural performances in the evening and a food fair, where food is available from all over the world.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



8th University on Youth and Development

Some 300 young people and youth organisations from different regions of the world are gathering in Molina, Spain, from 30 September to 7 October to participate in the 8th University on Youth and Development.

The week-long event aims to determine the international youth's contribution to the Alliance of Civilisations process and intercultural dialogue.

Participants will be trained in inter-religious dialogue and anti-discrimination in the Euro-Mediterranean region, and learn more about global youth education and participation. They will also attend music and theatre sessions and take part in sports events that will contribute to team building and strengthen social skills. The event, entitled "Alliance of Civilisations, Intercultural Dialogue", is hosted by the Spanish Youth Institute and organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, in collaboration with other partners.

Launched in 2000, the University brings together representatives of youth organisations and youth movements from all over the world to the Euro-Latin-American Youth Centre to discuss, train and be trained, and also to take political action on the main global issues. For more information about the conference, visit

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/default_EN.asp

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



EURplace26 - See Europe through the Eyes of Young Europeans!

Young people under 30 years old and from around the world are invited to upload photos reflecting their experiences of tolerance and intolerance in Europe on the theme of All Different - All Equal campaign from the Council of Europe.

The deadline for sending photos is **15th December 2007**.

For detailed information on the themes, guidelines and rules, prizes, please visit:

<http://www.eurplace26.org>

NGO's REVIEW



The International Network for Education for Democracy, Human Rights, and Tolerance

The network consists of several NGOs, scientists, and experts from different countries in West and East Europe, Israel, Philippines, South America and the USA. The aim of bringing together this international group is to provide an infrastructure and build a platform for intercultural exchange, projects, and research on issues of tolerance education.

In many countries around the globe the network finds organizations or initiatives, mostly NGOs, who have developed interesting and original approaches towards fostering tolerance, democracy, and human rights. In addition, these organizations have created successful training programs which are often rooted in the specific cultural backgrounds.

More information you can find here:

<http://www.tolerance-net.org/contact/index.html>