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News release

Moncton march to commemorate International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

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Moncton – The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was adopted by the UN 25 years ago. This year, the theme proposed is: **“Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity.”**

Marilyn Riel, one of the organizers of the day’s activities, informs us that “To commemorate this important day in Moncton, there will be a special activity on October 16th instead of October 17th, the original date set by the UN. We will begin our activity on **October 16th** at 3:00 pm at the Riverfront Park, behind the Rogers building, in front of the monument erected by the Common Front for Social Justice. We will then march towards the St Bernard’s Church, 43, Botsford St., where a presentation on Human Rights will be held and light refreshments will be served.

“The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty’s objective is to acknowledge the struggles of courageous persons, both near and far, who live in poverty. Since their voice has been ignored by governments and ordinary citizens, the participation of the poorest in these activities is an important aspect of this day,” says Riel.

We must point out that 2018 also marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which will be observed by the UN and around the world.

“Defending human rights is at the heart of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. It is important for us in New Brunswick to emphasize the urgency of not leaving any person behind in our efforts to put an end to poverty,” concludes Ms. Riel.

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