

Confronting the violence of extreme poverty and building a common future through compiling a history together with the poorest members in society

Two-day study session at Pierrelaye, 12 rue Pasteur, 13 and 14 September 2013

Programme – version as of 23 August 2013

Friday 13 September

From 9 a.m. Welcome – coffee

10 a.m. **Introduction: presentation of the subject, the aims of the study and the programme.**

Marie-Rose Blunsch, full-time volunteer ATD FourthWorld, Joseph Wresinski International Centre (JWIC), and Michèle Grenot, historian, member of the ethics committee, JWIC.

10.40 a.m. **Keeping alive the memory of places where people lived and resisted to poverty – why, and how?** Facilitator: James Jabourek, full-time volunteer ATD Fourth World, JWIC, co-director of the study and research department.

- Video “Your writings concern us”. Produced by Philippe Hamel with ATD activists from the Liège region.
- “What is the heritage from La Campa?” Emmanuel Paris, lecturer in Information and Communication Sciences, University of Paris XIII.
- “Recording the story of the Saphan Put community”, Marjorie Orcullo, full-time volunteer, ATD FourthWorld.
- “The desire for history, and fears relating to history”, Gabrielle Erpicum, full-time volunteer, ATD FourthWorld, JWIC.
- Discussion

1 p.m. Lunch

2.15 p.m. Presentation of two exhibitions: “Territoire d'enfance” (Childhood territory) and “D'une nature l'autre” (Nature's other face), produced by Master 2 students from years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, Paris XIII Villetaneuse.

3 p.m. Workshops

4.30 p.m. Break

5 p.m. **“The taste for archives” - Finding traces of the poorest people in history**

- Arlette Farge, historian, 18th century specialist, Director of research, CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research), seconded to EHESS-CRH (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences – Centre for Historical Studies)
- Discussant: Paule René-Bazin
- Discussion

6.15 p.m. End of programme day 1

6.45 p.m. : Dinner at Pierrelaye

Saturday 14 September

9 a.m. Democracy, slavery, extreme poverty and human rights

- Video: “If we fight, we fight for everyone”
- Michèle Grenot, historian, supporter ATD Fourth World
- Florence Gauthier, lecturer in modern history, University of Paris VI
- Mohammed Aïssaoui, journalist at the Figaro newspaper, author of the book «L'affaire de l'esclave Furcy» (The Furcy Slave Affair)
- Discussion

10.45 a.m. Break

11.15 a.m. Continuation of workshops

1 p.m. Lunch

3 p.m. Faced with the violence of poverty – what history should be written, with whom, and with what objective?

Facilitator: Marie-Rose Blunski, full-time volunteer ATD FourthWorld, JWIC, co-director of the study and research department.

- Video: Retrieving our dignity and holding our heads up high together
- Round table with:

André Gueslin, Professor of Contemporary History at University of Paris VII

Daniel Fayard, full-time volunteer ATD FourthWorld, JWIC

Brendan Coyne, full-time volunteer ATD FourthWorld, historian, co-author of the report “Towards Sustainable Development that Leaves No One Behind The Challenge of the Post-2015 Agenda”)

- Discussion

4.45 p.m.: Conclusions

5 p.m.: End of study session

Simultaneous interpretation English-French for the plenary sessions and one workshop.

“You cannot share the lives of poor people if you do not understand what they have experienced themselves, and what has been passed down to them from their parents, grandparents and ancestors. If you do not understand them, you remain an outsider, and will never live as brothers and sisters.” Joseph Wresinski

“The longer you can look back, the farther you can look forward.” Winston Churchill