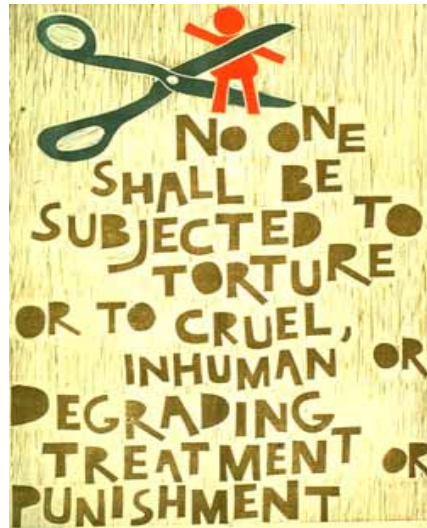


Erase Torture

UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

Programme of Events for Thursday 26th June



- 10.00 At the **SPIRASI building**, poems will be read by students and staff and a symbolic candle will be lit by the South African Ambassador, Her Excellency, Priscilla Jana.
- 12.00-1400 **Mayor Square, Irish Financial Services Centre** – Awareness raising and collection of signatures for a petition to be handed in to the Irish Government calling on them to fulfil their commitments under the UN Convention Against Torture and to provide fully funded rehabilitation programmes for survivors of torture.
- A group of SPIRASI English language students and Rachael Dempsey's Global Harmonies Singing Group will give a singing performance at this event.
- 15.00 Handing in of the petition to **Dáil Éireann**
- 18.00 We will join Amnesty International for their demonstration of a chain against torture on **O'Connell Street**.
- Evening Amnesty International will also host a post-protest celebration in Cassidy's of Westmoreland Street (venue TBC).

Also, at 8pm on the evening beforehand (Wednesday 25th June), Michael Begley from SPIRASI along with Kieran Clifford of Amnesty, will take part in a special post-performance discussion panel on *Death and the Maiden*, a play written by Ariel Dorfman dealing with the issue of torture. The play is currently being screened at the Players Theatre in Trinity College and runs from 23rd June until 5th July with tickets costing €18/€15.