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**WORLD FREEDOM DAY – 9 NOVEMBER** 

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White balloons to be launched for peace and freedom...

The fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989 marked the victory of freedom over tyranny and totalitarianism, and was one of the most significant events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It serves as a reminder that vigilance is the only safeguard of freedom. The Transatlantic Institute has coordinated a worldwide effort to commemorate this date, and a number of organizations throughout Europe, central Asia, and America will be gathering for commemorative balloon launches. The Transatlantic Institute will be commemorating this date by launching one hundred white balloons "for peace and freedom" at 11.00 AM on Wednesday 9 November, from the raised garden (adjacent to café area) at St James's church Piccadilly, central London. It is our hope that the battle which was won then, in the Velvet Revolution, is not one which we are forced to fight again in Europe. And it is with those thoughts in mind that we support those around the world celebrating World Freedom Day today.

## Information:

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