

# Days of recognition for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse communities

There are many opportunities throughout the year to raise awareness and celebrate the diversity of same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse communities. Below are some established days of action that you can use to create events and awareness raising strategies – or just discuss in your student group.

You don't need to recognise them all, but it's a great idea to select some at the beginning of the year and to put them in your calendar. Same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse people exist in all communities and cultures and there are many opportunities for you to demonstrate your support and respect for other minority groups. This is important because meaningful inclusion involves everyone. We've included some of these events in the calendar but there are many more.

TERM 1		
March 31	<b>International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV)</b>	A day to raise awareness and celebrate gender diverse people in our communities. It is a positive day that focuses on the achievements, success and value of trans and gender diverse people. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Transgender_Day_of_Visibility">en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Transgender_Day_of_Visibility</a>
April See website for details	<b>Day of Silence</b>	A day of action in which people take a vow of silence to call attention to the silencing effect of homophobia and transphobia. <a href="https://dayofsilence.org">dayofsilence.org</a>
March 21	<b>Harmony Day</b>	Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. <a href="https://harmony.gov.au">harmony.gov.au</a>
TERM 2		
May 17	<b>International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia</b>	This day is about recognising the effects of homophobia, biphobia and transphobia and advocating for communities and spaces that are safe and inclusive. It celebrates the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental illness. <a href="https://idahot.org.au">idahot.org.au</a>
First week in July	<b>NAIDOC Week</b>	NAIDOC celebrations are held each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. <a href="https://naidoc.org.au">naidoc.org.au</a>

<b>TERM 3</b>		
<b>Last Friday in August</b>	<b>Wear it Purple Day</b>	Using a purple theme, this day is used to raise awareness and visibility, and to send the message to same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse young people that they can feel good about who they are. <b>wearitpurple.org</b>
<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>Celebrate Bisexuality Day</b>	This day is a call for the bisexual community, their friends and supporters to celebrate bisexual history, bisexual communities and culture. <b>glad.org/tags/celebrate-bisexuality-day</b>
<b>Last week in September</b>	<b>Ally Week</b>	This week is about understanding how to be an awesome ally for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse people. It's more than just support; it's about being proactive, listening and advocating. <b>glsen.org/allyweek</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>		
<b>October See website for details</b>	<b>Asexual Awareness Week</b>	Asexual Awareness Week is an international campaign that seeks to educate about asexual, aromantic, demisexual, and grey-asexual people. <b>asexualawarenessweek.com</b>
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>Intersex Awareness Day</b>	Educating the community about what intersex means and the experiences of people with intersex variations is an essential part of reducing discrimination and unfair treatment against people with intersex variations. <b>oii.org.au</b>
<b>November TBA</b>	<b>Adelaide Pride March</b>	Adelaide's official pride march – one of the best places to celebrate and have fun with the rest of Adelaide's LGBTIQ+ communities. <b>prideadelaide.org</b>
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>International Day of People with a Disability</b>	This day aims to increase public awareness and understanding of people with disability and celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disability. <b>idpwd.com.au</b>
<b>Term 4 TBA</b>	<b>Same Sex Gender Diverse Formal</b>	The same sex gender diverse school formal is for young people 14–21 to have the night of their lives wearing what they want, hanging out with who they want and being who they are. Join heaps of SA students for the best formal ever! <b>minus18.org.au</b>