

National and International Commemorative Dates - BPW Canada

Commemoration	Month	Day/Week	Website	Start Date	Hashtag	Comments
International Education Day	January	24	https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/educationday	2018		
Women's March Canada	January	TBA	https://www.facebook.com/womensmarchcanada/	2017	#WomensWave	International: https://womensmarchglobal.org
International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	February	6	https://www.un.org/en/events/femalegenitalmutilationday		#EndFGM	
International Day of Women and Girls in Science	February	11	https://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/	2015	#WomenInScience	
National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.	February	22	https://bpwcanada.com/en/advocacy/priority-issues/traf.html#htday	2012 ON: 2017	#KnowHumanTrafficking	Feb. 22 because on that day in 2007, Parliament made a unanimous declaration to condemn all forms of human trafficking and slavery.
International Women's Day	March	8	https://www.internationalwomensday.com	1911	#IWD #IWDYear	
Equal Pay Day - Canada	March	18	https://bpwcanada.com/en/advocacy/priority-issues/gender-wage-gap.html	2012	#EPD #EPDYear	
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	March	21	https://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/	1979	#FightRacism	
National Volunteer Week	April	varies	https://volunteer.ca/		#NVW #NVWYear	
Victim and Survivors Crime Week	May	Last Week of May	https://www.victimsworldweek.gc.ca/home-accueil.html	2017		
Sexual Assault Awareness/Prevention Month (SAAPM)	May					In most provinces
World Day Against Child Labour	June	12	https://www.un.org/en/events/childlabourday/	2002		Launched by International Labour Organization (ILO)
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	June	15	https://www.un.org/en/events/elderabuse/	2006	#AgeofInclusion #WEAADYear	
PTSD Awareness Day - Canada	June	27	https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-425/first-reading	2019	#PTSDAwareness	On the 27th day of June, people are encouraged to wear the colour teal to indicate their support for people suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and to promote public awareness of the disorder.
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	July	30	https://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/	2013	#HumanTrafficking #EndHumanTrafficking	
BPW Day	August	26	https://bpwcanada.com/en/resources-links/commemorative-dates.html#aug26		#BPWDay #BPWDayYear #BPWPride	On BPW Day, wear yellow, post photos on social media. BPW International was founded August 26, 1930.
Women's Equality Day	August	26	https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/resources/commemorations/womens-equality-day/10-ideas-for-womens-equality-day/	1971	#womensequalityday #equalityday	Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting the right to vote to women. The amendment was first introduced in 1878. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day.
Take Back the Night	September	3rd Thursday or Friday	https://takebackthenight.org	1981 (1975 - USA)	#TakeBacktheNight #TBTNYear	Date and often month varies across Canada. September is the most common.
Gender Equality Week	September	4th Week in September	https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/commemoration/gew-ses/index-en.html	2018	#EveryoneBenefits	
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Day Sisters in Spirit Vigils	October	4	https://www.nwac.ca/policy-areas/mmiwg/		#SISVigils #MMIW #MMIWG	Honour the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Sisters in Spirit (SIS) Vigils.
International Day of the Girl Child	October	11	http://www.un.org/en/events/girlchild/index.shtml	2011	#DayoftheGirl	
International Day of Rural Women	October	15	https://www.un.org/en/events/ruralwomensday/	2008		
Person's Day	October	18	https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/commemoration/whm-mhf/persons-personne-en.html			Marks the day in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of "persons" was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal. This gave women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women's increased participation in public and political life.
Women's History Month	October		https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/commemoration/whm-mhf/index-en.html			
National Child Day	November	20	https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/childhood-adolescence/national-child-day.html	1993		United Nations' adoption of two documents centered on children's rights: the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1959, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1989.
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	November	25	http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/end-violence-against-women			
International 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence	November	November 25 - December	http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action		#16Days #OrangetheWorld	November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; December 10 International Human Rights Day Canadian government assigns annual theme.
National 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence	November	November 25 - December	https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/index-en.html		#16Days	
Women Abusive Prevention Month	November					In most Canadian provinces
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	December	6	https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/remembrance-commemoration-en.html		#December6	Anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women, engineering students at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal.
Human Rights Day	December	10	https://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/	1948	#StandUp4HumanRights	Day the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Resources
International Days Observed by the United Nations
International Weeks Observed by the United Nations
Canadian Important and Commemorative Days
National Status of Women Commemoration

Resource Websites
https://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-days/index.html
https://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-weeks/index.html
https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/important-commemorative-days.html
https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/commemoration/index-eng.html

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