

Gender-based Dates Calendar

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In Canada, we have an overwhelming amount of commemorative dates recognized by our government. However, while most Canadians are aware of notable holidays, many gender-based dates don't receive the same amount of visibility. In this calendar, you will find a list of national and international commemorative dates that look to raise awareness of gender-based issues still prevalent worldwide. We have also provided ways to get involved for any dates that interest you.

- ★ **DISCLAIMER:** This is a partial list of all gender-based commemorative dates due to the limited space within our textbook. The author has chosen to exclude things such as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 'Movember', and racial awareness holidays in order to give attention to lesser-known events from a gender-based perspective. We encourage you to continue to look into additional dates using our calendar as a starting point. For readers with an electronic copy of *Gender: Reflections and Intersections* we have provided hyperlinks with further information; readers with a hard copy can access these links as well, but we have also provided additional ways to get involved that do not require the provided links.
- ★ **TRIGGER WARNING:** Many of these dates have been created in need to call out misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, and other forms of gender-based discrimination and violence. This calendar brings awareness to topics such as sexual assault, gendered violence, hate crimes and other global practices that are violent and oppressive to females and the LGBTQ2+ community alike.

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 6

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE TO FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

- ★ In 2012, the UN General Assembly designated this day to increase visibility toward the elimination of female genital mutilation practices. Approximately 52 million women and girls worldwide have been impacted by female genital mutilation, and 30% of those affected are under age 15 (United Nations, 2022.). While this practice is primarily concentrated in African and Middle Eastern countries, female genital mutilation is also practiced among immigrant populations in Europe, North America, Australia, and New Zealand. On February 6th, join in the conversation by engaging with the #InvestDontRest hashtag across all social media platforms.

FEBRUARY 11

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

- ★ This day was created to address the ongoing gender inequality in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines on a global scale. Women in these advanced industries are underrepresented; only 1 in 5 professionals are women (United Nations, 2022). The International Day of Women and Girls in Science aims to bring awareness to this discrepancy and recognize full and equal access for participation in science, technology, and innovation. Check out the YouTube video below for more information and events at your local Science Center to get involved!

[International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

MARCH

MARCH 1

ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY

- ★ Zero Discrimination Day celebrates the right of all people to live healthy and full lives with dignity despite sexually transmitted infections status (WHO, 2022). Originally, Zero Discrimination Day was enacted to provide light on the experiences of those living with HIV. More recently it has expanded the focus towards ending all forms of discrimination that impact an individual's quality of life, health, and well-being. This day brings awareness to the stigma and discrimination faced by those living with STIs, specifically men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who use drugs, and the transgender community.

MARCH 8

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

- ★ International Women's Day was created in 1977 to celebrate and reflect on advocacy towards achieving gender equality while also acknowledging current issues being faced by women (United Nations, n.d.). The primary mission of this day is to celebrate women's achievements and visibility while calling out the inequality women still experience. You can get involved digitally by checking out [#BreakTheBias](#) on social media platforms. Additionally, events are hosted globally, and the International Women's Day website provides links to events for different countries and cities. Check out ways to get involved locally at:

[International Women's Day Events](#)

MARCH 31

INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

- ★ This day is marked to celebrate Transgender people while also recognizing the struggles and achievements of the Trans community worldwide. Transgender Day of Visibility brings awareness to Trans communities and aims to fight the continued discrimination, transphobia and oppression that still persist today. Rachel Crandall, a transgender activist, created this annual day in 2009 to respond to the lack of uplifting LGBTQ2+ celebrations (The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity, n.d.). At the time, transgender dates were centred around calling out violence towards the trans community and were not joyous occasions. Queer Events has put together a website that provides information to local Canadian LGBTQ2+ events throughout the year to help increase trans visibility. Click the link below!

[Queer Events](#)

APRIL

APRIL 17

EQUALITY DAY

- ★ On February 14, 1981, roughly 1300 Canadian women came together to march into Parliament buildings demanding more substantial equality rights to be defined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (CBC, 2006). Because of these women's advocacy for gender equality, Sections 15 and 28 of the Charter were implemented to provide equal protection of the law regardless of race, origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental/physical disability (Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 1985).

APRIL 26

LESBIAN VISIBILITY DAY

- ★ Lesbian Visibility Day kicks off the beginning of Lesbian Visibility week and was initially established in 2008 to acknowledge and celebrate lesbians and their diversity. This day also aims to raise awareness around stereotypes and lack of representation of the lesbian community and encourage closet lesbians to embrace coming out and reclaiming their authentic selves within a supportive community. The DIVA awards are an annual celebration that takes place during Lesbian Visibility Week that honours LGBTQ2+ and non-binary individuals, as well as their allies across business, media, politics and other avenues (DIVA, 2022). This awards show is available to stream for free

via YouTube, and previous shows can be watched at any time. Click the link below to view the 2022 DIVA Awards.

DIVA AWARDS 2021

MAY

On May 1, 2018, the Canadian government launched a commitment to raise awareness around sexual assault and declared May as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The goal is to raise awareness around consent, and the advancement of gender equality, as sexual violence disproportionately impacts women and girls globally. Women are five times more likely than men to be victims of sexual assault, and account for 92% of police-reported sexual violence (Cotter et al., 2019). Additionally, those who identify as homosexual or bisexual experience sexual violence rates that are six times higher than those people who identify as heterosexual (Cotter et al., 2019). Yet, less than 5% of sexual assaults are reported to the police, which shows that our society must shift our ideas of supporting survivors beyond reliance on the criminal justice system (Illingworth, n.d.). Part of raising awareness during Sexual Assault Awareness Month requires us to challenge our own narratives around entrenched rape myths within our society; our culture must change to support survivors and not blame victims for what happened. During May, we encourage you to continue the conversation around consent, sexual assault, and gender equality. Additionally, you can donate to local trauma-informed survivor services or volunteer your time at a sexual assault awareness organization. Below, we have provided a YouTube video that breaks down consent in easy-to-understand language.

Tea and Consent

MAY 5

NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS (RED DRESS DAY)

- ★ In Canada, Indigenous females are disproportionately impacted by gender-based and racialized violence; Indigenous women only contribute to 5% of the Canadian population, yet they account for 24% of female homicide victims (Gwiazda, 2022). Additionally, the rates of sexual assault against Indigenous women are 3 times higher than those of non-Indigenous women (Howard, 2022).. This day initially started when Metis artist, Jamie Black, started the REDress Project, where she hung red dresses to visually represent the missing and murdered Indigenous women; she chose the colour red to represent both vitality and violence as well as honouring the Indigenous knowledge that red is the only colour that spirits can see (Gwiazda, 2022). The most popular way to get involved with this day is by hanging a red dress outside to demonstrate solidarity; however, the University of Saskatchewan has curated a list of ways to get involved with the MMIW movement, as well as providing resources to related activities.

The National Day of Awareness & Action for Missing and Murdered Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People

MAY 17

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND BIPHOBIA (IDAHOT)

- ★ The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia brings awareness to the violence and discrimination experienced by individuals in the LGBTQ2+ community. It is recognized in over 130 countries worldwide. This day was created in 2004, and May 17th was chosen to commemorate the decision of the World Health Organization in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder (United Nations Population Fund, 2022). The main goal of IDAHOT is to mobilize LGBTQ2+ communities globally and simultaneously; this mobilization of the movement provides opportunities to engage in discussions with media and policymakers simultaneously across the world while raising awareness around public opinion. Queer Events has created a list of Canadian events you can attend to help raise awareness and support the LGBTQ2+ community on May 17th and ways to become an ally to the community throughout the year.

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia (IDAHOT)

MAY 24

PANSEXUAL VISIBILITY DAY

- ★ May 24th is Pansexual Visibility Day, also known as Panromantic Visibility Day. This day was created because of the common misconception that pansexual and bisexual individuals are one and the same. Pansexuality differs from bisexuality; while bisexual individuals are attracted to more than one gender, pansexuality is the attraction to all gender identities. The misplaced notion that pansexuals and bisexuals are the same results in less visibility for the pansexual community and further stigmatization. You can join in the celebration of Pansexual Visibility Day by joining local awareness events and posting or sharing pansexual awareness materials on social media. The Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity has created a downloadable package where you can find more information on pansexual awareness which can be found below.

[Pansexual Awareness](#)

JUNE

June is known globally as LGBTQ2+ Pride Month. June was selected for the LGBTQ2+ movement due to events that took place in June 1969 in New York City (Wallenfeldt, 2022). The Stonewall Inn was a popular meeting place for the LGBTQ community at the time, and on June 29, 1969, the bar was targeted and raided by NYPD (Wallenfeldt, 2022). This resulted in the Stonewall riots, which sparked the LGBTQ rights movement and solidified June as Pride Month (Wallenfeldt, 2022). In the years following the Stonewall uprising, cities began to hold annual protests outside local city halls to raise awareness of the denial of LGBTQ human rights. In Canada, the first demonstrations of Pride gatherings took place in Ottawa and Vancouver in 1971. By 1973, many more cities joined in on the protests. Pride Month has evolved throughout its history; what began as protests and marches to denounce homophobia and raise awareness for gay rights has emerged into Pride festivals and parades that demonstrate resilience and showcase the gay liberation movement. Pride is one of the most notable LGBTQ2+ event in most major cities in Canada which provides tons of ways to get involved. Pride rallies typically consist of parades, after-parties, and daily local events. You can also donate to organizations who have committed to making a difference in the LGBTQ2+ community, such as the Human Rights Campaign, GLAAD, and the Anti-Violence Project. While having conversations with friends may seem simple, these conversations are also a meaningful way to get involved. Additionally, you can support local businesses that are allies of the LGBTQ2+ community.

JUNE 19

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

- ★ The United Nations proclaimed this day on June 19, 2015, as a way to bring awareness to conflict-related sexual violence and honour victims and survivors who have been impacted worldwide (United Nations, n.d.). Conflict-related sexual violence refers to rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, forced pregnancies and abortions, forced sterilization, forced marriages and any other forms of sexual violence in connection to conflict (United Nations, n.d.). Often, female peacebuilders and human rights defenders working in conflict-inflicted countries are targeted to limit their advocacy efforts from public view, and intimidation tactics are used to prevent further awareness. June 19 was chosen to commemorate the day when the UN condemned sexual violence as a tactic of war on the same date in 2008. (United Nations, n.d.). The Stop Rape Now initiative encourages individuals to get involved on this day by creating social media posts, hosting community events to raise awareness, and sending letters to local elected officials calling for increased efforts to address sexual violence in conflict. Click or search the link below to learn more!

[Stop Rape Now](#)

JULY

JULY 30

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- ★ Human trafficking happens in every country worldwide and has been declared a global crisis. In 2014, in order to raise awareness and end the practice of human trafficking, the United Nations declared July 30 as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (United Nations, 2022). Female victims account for roughly 65% of all human trafficking victims, and 1 in 3 victims is a child (United Nations, 2022). Human trafficking takes on many forms, such as sexual exploitation, forced labour, servitude, and the removal of organs (Compassion, n.d.). To get involved on an individual level, the United Nations has created the Blue Heart Campaign. They encourage people to wear a blue heart, place blue heart banners on social media accounts and spread the word about the Blue Heart Campaign throughout their own personal network. To read more about the Blue Heart Campaign, click the link below!

[Blue Heart Campaign](#)

AUGUST

THE THIRD WEEK IN AUGUST PUBLIC SERVICE PRIDE WEEK

- ★ In 2018, Canada created Public Service Pride Week as a commitment to making public service sectors diverse, safe, respectful and healthy workplaces for LGBTQ2+ individuals (Public Service Pride Network, 2022). To help celebrate Public Service Pride Week, the Government of Canada created the Public Service Pride Awards, which celebrates the achievements and initiatives of individual public servants who continue to work towards a more inclusive and diverse public service (Government of Canada, 2022). These awards include the Agent of Change award, Pride Network of the Year award, Workplace Pride award, and the Career Impact award (Public Service Pride Network, 2022). You can get involved with Public Service Pride week by nominating individuals within your own network who work in public service or by tuning in to the award show. The Public Service Pride Awards are streamed free via YouTube annually, and previous shows can be replayed. Check out the 2022 Pride Awards below!

[Public Service Pride Awards 2022](#)

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 16 - 23

BISEXUAL AWARENESS WEEK / BI-VISIBILITY DAY

- ★ Bisexual Awareness Week kicks off on September 16th and ends with Bi-Visibility Day on September 23rd each year. While people may think bisexual people are represented during LGBTQ2+ Pride in June, those who identify as bisexual are continually impacted by challenges, marginalization and stereotypes from the straight, gay and lesbian communities. Recent studies have shown that members of the bisexual community face "double discrimination"; not only are they targeted by straight individual's homophobia for being gay, but they face additional marginalization and isolation from within the LGBTQ2+ realm as well (Childress Burneson, p.66). Bisexual Awareness Week and Bi-Visibility Day were conceived to counter the impacts of double discrimination and reduce the prejudice and marginalization experienced by bisexual individuals. University Libraries has curated lists of books, films, and organizations that help educate people on the experiences of bisexual people, their history, and ways to show your support.

[Bi Week - Books/Journals - LGBTQ Studies](#)

[Bi Week - Films - LGBTQ Studies](#)

[Bi Week - Organizations/Additional Resources - LGBTQ Studies](#)

THIRD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

- ★ In 1981, the Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centers announced that the third Friday in September would be annually dedicated to Take Back the Night marches across Canada (Take Back The Night, n.d.). The name came from a 1980s text written by Laura Lederer, titled Take Back the Night: Women on Pornography, which addressed the prevalence of gendered violence at the time (Take Back The Night, n.d.). TBTN consists of evening marches and candlelight vigils for victims of sexual violence and places calls of action to organizations to help eliminate sexual violence. There are many ways to get involved with Take Back the Night; you can attend local TBTN marches, sign up to hold your own event, register as a volunteer or intern with the Take Back the Night Foundation, or even write an empowering song or design a t-shirt! Check out the Take Back the Night Foundation for more ways to get your community involved!

[Take Back the Night Foundation](#)

OCTOBER

The entire month of October is recognized as both Women's History Month and LGBT History Month. In 1992, the Government of Canada designated Women's History Month as an annual celebration of female achievement in Canadian history (Government of Canada, 2020). Chatterhigh has created an online Canadian Women in History course with free enrollment to learn more about women in Canadian history. To learn more, check out:

[Canadian Women in History Course | ChatterHigh](#)

LGBT History Month celebrates the diversity and inclusion of LGBTQ2+ identities while reflecting on the history and discrimination still seen today in the community. LGBT History Month originated in Missouri in 1994 and was created by a high school history teacher, Rodney Wilson (LGBT History Month, 2022). Rodney believed that teachers and educators should dedicate this month to teaching students about LGBT history in an effort to raise awareness around equality and ongoing discrimination (LGBT History Month, 2022). October was chosen for two different reasons; students would be in school throughout the entire month, meaning more history could be covered (LGBT History Month, 2022). Secondly, October was chosen to coincide with National Coming Out Day (LGBT History Month, 2022). Each October, the LGBT History Month website honours 31 icons of the LGBT community for their achievements, one for each day of the month. They have created a list with all their icons throughout the years, which can be accessed at:

[Icons from All Years | LGBTHistoryMonth.com](#)

OCTOBER 11

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

- ★ October 11th has been declared International Day of the Girl to order to continue the fight for girls' rights around the world (United Nations, n.d.). This day aims to recognize the ongoing challenges girls face concerning education and physical and mental well-being and to address inadequate protection from violence (United Nations, n.d.). The International Day of the Girl also promotes girls' empowerment around the globe and brings support to fulfilling their human rights. The UN encourages participation on October 11th by suggesting individuals engage with positive female influencers on social media platforms who are helping continue this global conversation, as well as reaching out to local government and requesting targeted investments towards combating inequalities.

OCTOBER 11

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

- ★ National Coming Out Day was created by Rob Eichberg and Jean O'Leary in 1988 (Calendar, 2022). The two creators believed that homophobia thrives when the LGBTQ2+ community remains silent and unseen; their goal was to show society that although people may think that they didn't know anyone who identified as homosexual, it was more likely that some of their friends, family members, and colleagues identified as LGBTQ2+ but were too afraid to out themselves (Calendar, 2022). By doing this, Eichberg and O'Leary hoped that the veil of ignorance towards the LGBTQ2+ community would fall once people realized someone they loved was being negatively impacted by the oppressive views permeating throughout society (Calendar, 2022). There are different ways to get involved in National Coming Out Day, regardless of your own sexual

preference. If you identify as LGBTQ2+ and are comfortable doing so, share your personal coming-out story on social media using the #NationalComingOutDay and #ItGetsBetterCanada hashtags. If you are LGBTQ2+ but have not felt safe coming out yet, we encourage you to reach out to local LGBTQ2+ organizations and meet with some LGBTQ2+ members of your community to help create a support network of safe people without fear of judgment. If you are more interested in showing support as an ally of the LGBTQ2+ community, you can take part in marches, protests and demonstrations within your local municipality, as well as donating to LGBTQ2+ organizations.

OCTOBER 26 INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY

- ★ Intersex Awareness Day first took place on October 26, 1996 (Intersex Day, 2011). Intersex individuals and their allies arranged a demonstration outside the American Academy of Pediatrics annual conference to denounce the practice of non-consensual infant genital surgeries (Intersex Day, 2011). At the time, the intersex movement had little visibility in society, and very few people openly discussed their personal intersex status due to stigmatization. Intersex Awareness Day was created to bring to light the abusive and inhumane practices being done in attempts to prevent intersex differences and to bring awareness to the community. Doctors are still currently performing non-consensual intersex surgeries, which are non-lifesaving procedures that are entirely cosmetic in nature and typically done before a child is two years old (InterACT, n.d.). These surgeries are often associated with lifelong emotional and physical consequences, high complication rates, and reduced sexual function (InterACT, n.d.). Even further, the United Nations has ruled that infant genital surgeries are a human rights violation as the infant cannot provide informed consent (InterACT, n.d.). Despite the UN's declaration against infant intersex surgeries, only Albania, Malta, Portugal, and Greece have taken action to ban non-consensual gender-affirming surgeries in children (Lang, 2022). InterACT, an organization of advocates for intersex youth, provides a guide for allies to help further the intersex awareness movement; they suggest checking out the documentary Intersexion as well as the film Ponyboy (InterACT, n.d.). You can also sign petitions to stop the surgical practice in your community and the local hospital. We have provided a link to InterACT's Guide to Allyship for more information.

26 Ways Allies Can Support Intersex Awareness Day on 10/26

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER INTERNATIONAL PRONOUNNS DAY

- ★ Using someone's correct pronouns is one of the fundamental layers of respect and human dignity toward transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals. International Pronouns Day aims to educate, share, and normalize referring to people by their chosen pronouns. Misgendering people is a common form of discrimination felt by transgender or gender-nonconforming individuals. International Pronouns Day was created to combat this oppression and intolerance. You can participate in International Pronouns day, regardless of your gender identity, by posting a selfie to social media platforms using the hashtags #MyPronounsAre and #ShareYourPronouns to normalize discussing and using someone's proper pronouns.

NOVEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER TRANS PARENTS DAY

- ★ Trans Parents Day was established in 2009 to challenge the cis-heteronormativity of Mother's and Father's Day. This annual event is celebrated the same as Mother's and Father's Day, typically by spending the day with family and celebrating parenthood. Before Trans Parents Day, parents who identified as transgender were left without representation and their identity as a parent was discredited. In addition to supporting transgender parents in your lives on Trans Parents Day, we encourage you to support your local transgender-inclusive adoption, fertility, and foster parent services.

THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK

- ★ Transgender Awareness Week seeks to increase visibility and awareness of trans-identities and acknowledge ongoing issues faced by members of the trans community. This week also serves to celebrate the lives of trans and non-binary people and their contributions to the community and society (University of Toronto, 2022). Transgender Awareness Week furthers advocacy towards eliminating the discrimination and violence that affects transgender and non-binary people. You can participate in Transgender Awareness Week by participating in local events and amplifying trans voices speaking about their experiences. Podchaser has put together a list of the best transgender podcasts of 2022 to help educate people about trans-experience, which we have posted below.

Best Transgender Podcasts 2022

NOVEMBER 20 TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

- ★ Transgender Day of Remembrance originated from a candlelight vigil honouring Rita Hester, a transwoman murdered in her own home in 1998 (Sosin, 2020). Weeks before Rita's murder, a young gay man had been killed by acts of violence, sparking national discussions around hate crimes towards gay people. Yet, after Rita's death, there was no response from the public or media outlets (Sosin, 2020). Police reports misgendered Rita and gave her the male name "John Doe" (Sosin, 2020). Trans advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith hosted a vigil in Rita's memory and for others impacted by transphobia and violence across the globe (Sosin, 2022). Since the first vigil in 1999, Transgender Day of Remembrance has become an annual commemoration for all trans lives lost to anti-transgender violence. If you would like to attend a vigil in your area, The Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity assembles an annual list of events within each province, both in-person and virtually, which has been provided below. You can also participate by joining in on the online conversation using the hashtag #TDOR, sharing stories honouring trans lives and calling out anti-transgender violence.

Trans Day of Remembrance

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

Includes:

November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
December 6: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
December 10: International Human Rights Day

- ★ The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an annual international campaign that encompasses various other events within the 16-day time frame. In Canada, one woman is killed every six days by intimate partner violence (Statistics Canada, 2021). Globally, a woman or girl is killed by gendered violence every 11 minutes (UN Women, n.d.). The beginning of the 16 days of activism starts on November 25th to coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; this day was designated by the United Nations in 1999 to commemorate the Mirabal sisters and their fight for female equality (Government of Canada, n.d.). The Mirabal sisters were four political activists fighting for civil rights during the Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic circa 1930-1961 (Pruitt, 2021). The sisters never ceased to stop fighting the oppression and discrimination placed on them by their government despite numerous arrests until November 25, 1960, when three of the sisters were arrested, tortured, and killed by Trujillo's officials (Pruitt, 2021). The start of 16 Days of Activism kicks off with paying tribute to the Mirabal sister's fight for equality and calling for the global recognition of gender-based violence (Government of Canada, n.d.). Moving further into the 16 days, in 1991, Canada declared December 6th as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women; the date was chosen to commemorate the Ecole Polytechnique shooting in Montreal (Lanthier, 2012). On December 6, 1989, an armed male entered a mechanical engineering classroom and killed 14 female students, accusing

them of being feminists before taking his own life (Lanthier, 2012). This event sparked a national conversation about society's anti-feminist sentiments and violence against women in Canada. To take part on December 6th, we are encouraged to wear a white poppy in honour of the 14 women and observe a moment of silence at 11:00 am. The 16 days of activism ends on December 10th, which is also International Human Rights Day, which honours the date the United Nations adopted The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. You can participate throughout the entire 16 days by doing various things. Join the conversation online using the hashtag #16Days and by following and sharing posts that address gender-based violence. The organization, 16 Days Campaign, has put together an information packet containing ways to get involved locally, nationally, and globally. Some of these suggestions include holding community events, writing an op-ed to local or national news media, and signing global petitions to end gender-based violence. Click the link below to find out more information!

[2021 Femicide Advocacy Guide](#)

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