



November 20th

National Child Day is celebrated to mark two historic events: the 1959 signing of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

There are many ways to celebrate National Child Day. **You can create your own celebration to best suit your family, community, or organization. No effort is too small or too large!**

The activities you choose are up to you.

All Children have the Right to

Belong

Celebrate!

Organizations & Communities

- Consider** ways you can make your nation, city, community and home a better place for children. Light city spaces in blue on November 20th.
- Look and Listen** for examples of children's rights being protected and promoted in your family and community.
- Organize** a fundraiser to support activities for children.
- Create** times, spaces, programs, and activities for children which celebrate young people and belonging.

Educators & Schools

- Ask** young people what is important to them, and what is important to them about children's rights.
- Tell** someone you know about National Child Day and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Educate** others about children's rights. Promote awareness of children's rights and the importance of belonging.
- Organize** special activities or an event to celebrate National Child Day and the Right to Belong. Engage local media to highlight children's rights.
- Promote** activities, programs and community opportunities for children and youth.

Home & Family

- Spend time** with a young person. Plan or attend a special outing, event or activity with a child.
- Read** a recommended book about belonging with a child.
- Be There:** Be part of children's lives, spaces, and activities to show you value them. Plan a special visit to your child's class or child care setting.
- Reflect:** Think about childhood: what encourages 'belonging' for you and others?
- Volunteer/Donate** time, goods, or money to a charitable organization benefitting children.

Everyone

- Include** children as full participants in spaces and conversations.
- Wear** a royal blue ribbon or wear royal blue to show your support for children's rights in decisions that affect them.
- Listen** to what young people say about what is important to them.
- Empower** young people to use their voice: give children an opportunity to be heard and others an opportunity to listen.
- Give** children and youth an opportunity to belong, feel included and get involved.