

# Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of National Aboriginal Day

Each year, June offers a special opportunity for all Canadians to gain a greater knowledge and understanding of First Nations, Inuit and Métis cultures, traditions and their contributions to Canada. Since 2010, Canada has recognized June as [National Aboriginal History Month](#). This year, on June 21 National Aboriginal Day celebrates 20 years of strong and vibrant cultures and traditions across the country.

Canadians are encouraged to honour the shared history of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada through respect and healing and build an understanding of how the past has shaped our present. Together we can move forward to a better future for all Canadians. Share National Aboriginal Day messages with your colleagues and memberships, as well as invite them to participate in National Aboriginal Day events and activities.

## What can you do for National Aboriginal Day?

- Post your [event](#) at [NAD.gc.ca](http://NAD.gc.ca)
- Order NAD information [products](#) for kids (activity guide, poster, puzzles, temporary tattoos and more) for distribution;
- Display a National Aboriginal Day [poster](#);
- Download a [ringtone](#) or [wallpaper](#) on your digital device to show your support;
- Use #NADCanada to join the conversations on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and tag their photos on Flickr to share their celebration;
- Watch National Aboriginal Day information videos on the INAC [YouTube channel](#);
- Visit [Flickr](#) to see National Aboriginal Day from across Canada; and
- Learn more about [Canada's Gestures of Reconciliation](#).

Consult [NAD.gc.ca](http://NAD.gc.ca) for more information, including a list of 2016 events, downloadable resources and suggestions for activities.

National Aboriginal Day is part of the [Celebrate Canada](#) program, which also includes Saint-Jean Baptiste Day (June 24), Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27) and Canada Day (July 1). As a country, we will celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary as a confederation on July 1st, 2017 – Canada Day! Let us use the momentum and energy from this year's celebration to begin planning toward this wonderful milestone as a nation.

Join in this celebration! Regularly check [NAD.gc.ca](http://NAD.gc.ca) and follow [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to participate in the conversation and share your celebration.

## Indigenous Book Club Month

Canadians are invited to pick up and read a book written by an Indigenous author or related to an Indigenous subject. All book clubs in Canada are encouraged to select an Indigenous author or book this month. If you're not in a book club yet, now is the perfect time to start one!

Indigenous titles are among the world's best reading today. The idea behind Indigenous Book Club Month is to celebrate and promote First Nations, Inuit and Métis authors and books. Book clubs, parents, teachers and all Canadians are encouraged to join on the path to the reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Share on social media which book you've chosen, using #IndigenousReads.

It's an exciting time! Reconciliation is well underway. From coast to coast to coast Canadians are wanting to do their part!

Follow Indigenous and Northern Affairs [social media pages](#) so you can share the #IndigenousReads graphic. Send your ideas on how to encourage #IndigenousReads at [AADNC.Lecturesautochtones-IndigenousReads.AANDC@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](mailto:AADNC.Lecturesautochtones-IndigenousReads.AANDC@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca).