

Diversity Calendar Resources for June 2025



National Indigenous History Month

Officially recognized in 2009 and renamed in 2017, this month is dedicated to learning about and celebrating the cultures, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. It is a time to honour Indigenous histories, achievements, and the continued impact Indigenous peoples have on Canada today.

Pride Season: June-September

Pride Season celebrates the resilience, talent, and contributions of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities through events across Canada. It began with early rights protests in 1971 and has grown into a nationwide movement for equality and inclusion.



Queen City Pride Parade: June 14, 2025

As part of the University's 50th anniversary, we're proud to celebrate our 2SLGBTQIA+ and allied communities at the 2025 Queen City Pride Parade. We invite students, staff, faculty – and your families, friends, and parade-loving pets – to join us!

Parade Starts: 12:00 p.m.

Arrival Time (if walking with us): By 10:30 a.m.

Register by: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Everyone is welcome! Let's walk together and show our pride.

Registration link

National Deafblind Awareness Month

Deafblind Awareness Month is designed to help Canadians develop an understanding of the experiences and challenges faced by people who identify as Deafblind. Each June, people who are Deafblind, service providers, and supporters come together to 'Make a Wave from Coast to Coast', with a passion to making a difference and raising awareness. This year the Growing Understanding Campaign aims to foster empathy and awareness about the Deafblind community through an innovative blend of digital learning kits and hands-on gardening activities.

This is no ordinary garden.

We've partnered with CNIB Deafblind Community Services to grow this sensory garden in honour of Deafblind Awareness Month this June.



Scan the QR code or visit <u>deafblindservices.ca</u> to grow your understanding and get involved.

Did you know?

An estimated 466,000 Canadians over the age of 15 are living with some degree of dual sensory loss, and in many parts of the country they don't have access to Deafblind services.







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Intergenerational Day: June 1

A day to celebrate the mutual benefits of relationships between generations and to encourage stronger intergenerational connections in communities. Now more than ever, we need ways to connect. Years of research have shown the lack of care and attention to our elders will leave them feeling depressed and they will experience physical and mental ill health. If a society's elders are neglected, the younger generation will have a lot to lose in the form of culture, history, life experiences, and empathetic skills. By helping the elders and the young connect, we are securing our past, present, and future.

Clean Air Day: June 4

An annual event to promote the importance of clean air for public health and the environment. On this day, we take time to learn about the sources of air pollution, its impacts on our health and what we can do to protect it.

We can also learn about what the Government of Canada is doing to protect air quality. All of us can take action to reduce our own emissions to collectively contribute to cleaner air and reduce the impacts of climate change for everyone.





International Day for Countering Hate Speech: June 18

<u>Proclaimed by the UN</u> to combat the rise of hate speech and promote intercultural and interfaith dialogue. A day to reflect on the power of words and commit to building more respectful communities. According to the UN, hate speech is any speech or writing that attacks or discriminates against a person or a group based on religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, colour, descent, gender, or any other identity factor.





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World Refugee Day: June 20

The World Refugee Day 2025 theme is to show solidarity with refugees, honoring their stories and showing unwavering support to their plight. It means recognizing the rights, resilience, and contributions of refugees and forcibly displaced people. It's a reminder that refugees enrich our communities and deserve safety, dignity, and inclusion. Together, we can champion their right to seek safety, build support for their economic and social inclusion, and advocate for solutions to their plight. This World Refugee Day, solidarity means honouring refugees not just with words but with actions. Above all solidarity means saying, clearly and courageously, that refugees are not alone and that we will not turn our backs.

Solidarity Means Centering Refugee Voices
Solidarity Means Building Community
Solidarity Means Working Together for Peace and Solutions

Watch for World Refugee Day events organized by the Regina Open Door Society.

National Indigenous Peoples Day: June 21

A day to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Each group has distinct languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration. Today, National Indigenous Peoples Day is part of the Celebrate Canada program, which includes other cultural summer celebrations taking place across the country.

National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Victoria Park, 2100 Block Victoria Ave

Regina

This event will feature a Grand Entry, cultural performances, and community activities celebrating the heritage and contributions of Indigenous Peoples.



