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International Day of Tolerance

On the day of its fiftieth anniversary, 16 November 1995, THE United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopted a Declaration of Principles on Tolerance. Among other things, the Declaration affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. Tolerance recognises the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others. People are naturally diverse; only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the world.

Activity Options

Research Project

What is the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance? Prepare a research paper and discuss the principles and why they are important in society.

Presentation

What is global citizenship? Why is it important and how does tolerance and human rights factor into being a good global citizen.

Resources

[International Day of Tolerance](#)

[Human Rights - Race Discrimination](#)

[What is a Global Citizen?](#)

Talking Points

- Why is International Day of Tolerance Important?
- What does tolerance mean and why is it important?
- What are some ways you can show tolerance in the school yard?
- Discuss the principles of Diversity and Inclusion.

Who might you invite to present the award?

- A leader of a local Ethnic Communities Council or Multicultural organisation.
- The mayor of your community



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National Recycling Week

By 2050 there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish. The ratio of plastic weight to fish weight in the ocean was 1:5 in 2014, which is expected to change to 1:1 by 2050. Apart from fishes being the most affected by this, it has been estimated that nearly all of the world's seabirds have eaten plastic at some point in their life. Plastic recycling is an extremely important value that needs to be taught to kids to engage them in active recycling practice at school and at home.

Activity Options

Plastic Free Lunch

Encourage students to bring lunch that does not have any plastic waste or that minimizes plastic waste. Advise students to bring reusable lunch boxes and water bottles. This would also result in healthier food options for students with less prepackaged snack food and more fresh food.

National Recycling Week was established by Planet Ark in 1996 and they provide links to information and resources in your local areas to support their aim to unite people, businesses and governments through positive environmental actions.

Find your local recycling initiatives [here](#) or read more about Planet Ark suggested [programs](#).



Talking Points



- What can be recycled?
- Where does the plastic go?
- The impacts of not recycling plastic.
- The effects on sea life on consuming plastic.

Who might you invite to present the award?

- A member of the local council
- An environmentalist
- An environmental science student from your local university



Our marine life has been replaced by trash

