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# United Nations Day

United Nations Day is the birthday of the Organization celebrated on 24 October.

Observing UN Day provides an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of the Organization. In every corner of the world, the UN is a living testament of hope. The UN's mission is to end violence and promote tolerance, advance development and ensure equality, protect human rights, and alleviate poverty.

## The United Nations, it's your world!

Learn more about how UN Day is observed at UN Headquarters. [www.un.org/en/observances/un-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/un-day).

## What can you do to celebrate UN Day?

The observance of UN Day serves as a reminder that the world is our common home, and through dialogue and cooperation among all, our problems can be solved. There are many ways you can celebrate the day. Here are a few suggestions:

### In your school:

- Raise the UN flag at a school assembly.
- Hold a school or classroom meeting. Discuss how young people can help the UN.
- If you have students from various countries in your school, ask them to wear national costumes, sing national songs or simply share stories from their native countries.
- Organize an essay contest on the role of the UN.
- Invite a guest speaker with a UN background.
- Design a wall display.
- Watch a video about the work of the UN: [www.unmultimedia.org](http://www.unmultimedia.org)
- Write letters from your class to local newspapers and to your lawmakers explaining why they should support the UN and its work.

## In your community:

- Arrange a seminar, involving civic leaders and media representatives.
- Ask your city or state authority to issue a UN Proclamation or a UN stamp.
- Clean up your neighbourhood.
- Volunteer time to a local charitable organization.
- Make a new friend. Plant a tree.

## Did You Know?

On 24 October 1945, the UN was formally established after a majority of its founding members ratified the Charter setting up the world body.

On 31 October 1947, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution officially designating 24 October as UN Day.

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