



Diversity Calendar Resources for September 2024

International Literacy Day – September 8, 2024

This year's International Literacy Day will focus on advancing policies, learning systems, governance, and practices that contribute to lasting peace. The celebrations will take place both in-person and online, spanning global, regional, national, and local levels.

For more details, visit UNESCO's International Literacy Day page:
<https://www.unesco.org/en/days/literacy>



International Day of Peace – September 21, 2024

The theme for 2024 is "Cultivating a Culture of Peace". This year marks the 25th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace. The declaration emphasizes that true peace is not merely the absence of conflict but requires active participation, dialogue, and cooperation to resolve conflicts with mutual understanding.

For more information, visit the UN's International Day of Peace page:
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2024



This day honors the children who never returned home from residential schools, survivors, and their families and communities. With 140 federally run schools operating in Canada from 1867 to 1996, acknowledging the harms inflicted is a crucial step in the healing process.

September 30 also marks Orange Shirt Day, where wearing orange recognizes survivors' experiences. The slogan "Every Child Matters" serves as a poignant reminder of the significance of each child's story.

Learn more at Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation page:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>