International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT), May 17, 2024

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia has been observed on May 17th since 2004. This date commemorates May 17th, 1990, when the World Health Organization removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.

- Originally called 'International Day Against Homophobia' to reflect the WHO's decision on homosexuality, the name has rightfully expanded to take action against the discrimination faced by all identities.
- It became 'International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia' in 2009, recognizing the specific experiences of trans people.
- In 2015, it expanded again to become 'International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia' to acknowledge the unique issues faced by those who identify as bisexual.

How to participate in IDAHOBIT

- By challenging our prejudices, biases and assumptions about queer and trans community.
- By educating one another and promoting a culture of acceptance, understanding, and respect for all sexual orientations and gender identities.
- Acknowledging IDAHOBIT raises awareness of issues and promotes policies that safeguard queer and trans communities' safety and rights.

Resources, Education, and Support

- It Gets Better Canada
- Care resources for BIPOC women who are gender diverse and 2SLGBTQIA+.
- The 519
- Rainbow Health Ontario
- pflag Canada
- LGBT YouthLine Podcast
- NFB- S2SLGBTQI+ This selection of films features a wide range of stories about identity, family, community, and everyday life, and explores the diversity of 2SLGBTQI+ realities and experiences in Canada and worldwide.

This resource was developed in partnership with 2SLGBTQIA+ ERG and the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Anti-Racism Office (IDEAA). If you have any comments or would like to suggest a resource, please e-mail ideaa@hollandbloorview.ca



