

*Are there activities that the
Department engages in to
acknowledge 'International Men's
Day'?*

Yes, there are a few activities that take place in order to acknowledge International Men's Day locally such as:

Launching of International Men's Day by the
Minister



A worship at a selected Church



International Men's Day Award Ceremony



Visit to the various work places on the island



Visit to the various schools on the island



*Ways you can support
International Men's Day*

- Run an event celebrating men to raise awareness for gender equality
- Participate in local activities and campaigns
- Wear blue and white clothing
- Use creative arts
- Whatever you do - celebrate men, call for equality

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**INTERNATIONAL
MENS DAY
November 19**

You were put on this
earth to achieve your
greatest self, to live out
your *purpose*, and to
do it *courageously*.

- Dr. Steve Maraboli

What is International Men's Day?

International Men's Day (IMD) is an annual event. Inaugurated in 1992 on 7 February by Thomas Oaster, the project was re-initialised in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago. The longest running celebration of International Men's Day is 'Malta', where events have occurred since 7 February 1994. "This is an excellent idea and would give some gender balance".

When is it celebrated?

International Men's Day is celebrated on November 19th of each year.



Is there a theme and what is it?

"Make a Difference for Men and Boys"

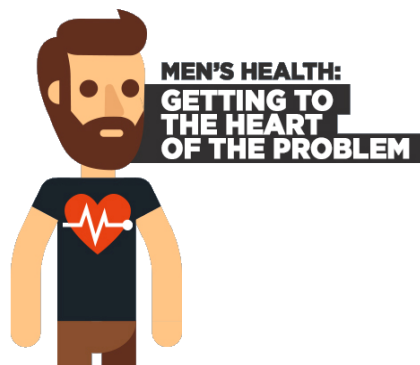


International Men's Day History

International Men's Day was created in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago. The main purpose of the day is to focus on the health of males. Other aspects of the day includes improving gender relations, showing that men can be positive role models, and promoting gender equality. Over eighty countries celebrate Man Day, but it's not always been like this. Most countries on the list such as the United States and the United Kingdom have only recently started to promote the day.

Objectives

Objectives of International Men's Day includes a focus on men's and boy's health, improving gender relations, promoting gender equality, and highlighting positive male role models. It is an occasion for men to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular their contributions to community, family, marriage, and child care while highlighting the discrimination against them.



Countries that celebrate International Men's Day

International Men's Day is celebrated in some Caribbean countries including Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis and the Cayman Islands on November 19th. It is an occasion to highlight discrimination against men and boys and to celebrate their achievements and contributions. International Men's Day is followed by Universal Children's Day on 20 November, forming a 48-hour celebration of men and children, respectively.



Department of Gender Affairs Programme Areas

Working with Victims of Domestic Violence



Empowerment of men and boys



Ensuring the education of teen mothers



Public Awareness of Gender Based Violence



Economic empowerment of Women

