

## 9 August International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People falls on August 9. It is observed each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. Activities may include educational forums and classroom activities to gain an appreciation and a better understanding of indigenous peoples.

Indigenous peoples, or Natives, are ethnic groups who are native to a land or region, especially before the arrival and intrusion of a foreign and possibly dominating culture. They are a group of people whose members share a cultural identity that has been shaped by their geographical region.

A variety of names are used in various countries to identify such groups of people, but they generally are regarded as the "original inhabitants" of a territory or region. Their right to self-determination may be materially affected by the later-arriving ethnic groups.

Despite the diversity of Indigenous peoples, it may be noted that they share common problems and issues in dealing with the prevailing, or invading, society. They are generally concerned that the cultures of Indigenous peoples are being lost and that indigenous peoples suffer both discrimination and pressure to assimilate into their surrounding societies. It is also sometimes argued that it is important for the human species as a whole to preserve a wide range of cultural diversity as possible, and that the protection of indigenous cultures is vital to this



**Pocahontas, famous Native American woman.**



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International Youth Day was first set up on 12th August 2000 by the United Nations. Each year International Youth Day has a different theme to help to draw attention to different youth issues around the world. International Youth Day 2017 is dedicated to celebrating young people's contributions to conflict prevention and transformation as well as inclusion, social justice, and sustainable peace.

## 19 August World Humanitarian Day

World Humanitarian Day falls on August 19, 2017 and is a global celebration of people helping people.

The awareness day was designated by the United Nations in an effort to raise public awareness of humanitarian assistance worldwide and the people who risk their lives in order to provide it. Every day humanitarian aid workers help millions of people around the world, regardless of who they are and where they are.

Humanitarian aid is material or logistical assistance provided for humanitarian purposes, typically in response to humanitarian crises including natural disaster and man-made disaster. The primary objective of humanitarian aid is to save lives, alleviate suffering, and maintain human dignity.

The funding and delivery of humanitarian aid is increasingly international, making it much faster, more responsive, and more effective in coping with to major emergencies affecting large numbers of people. (



A plane delivering aid.



26 August is the designated Women's Equality Day in the United States of America. In 1971, the American Congress designated August 26th the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote without needing to submit to possible conscription. This date has been certified into law as Women's Equality Day. Each year, the President of the United States proclaims it Women's Equality Day to commemorate the anniversary.

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