

Celebrating International Day of The World's Indigenous People 9th August



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International Day of the World's Indigenous people is held on the 9th of August annually and is celebrated internationally. This day honours and recognises the first meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva, 1982. This day raises awareness globally of the importance of protecting the rights of the world's Indigenous population.

There are an estimated 476 million Indigenous people in the world living across 90 different countries which makes up 5% of the world's population. Within Australia there are almost 800 000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people making up 3% of Australia's population. International Day of the World's Indigenous people is a chance for all Australian's to learn the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate the culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and explore the contributions of Aboriginal people to Australia's history. We can acknowledge the traditions and cultural nuances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people in the community and continue to build relationships.

The Good for Kids team suggest two ideas (below) that may support your service to explore and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Work with local Aboriginal community and organisations to develop activities that are authentic and meaningful for children attending your service.

Activity 1. Taba Naba

Sing a long to [Taba Naba](#) with The Wiggles and Christine Anu as a group time experience to learn the Torres Strait Islander language and traditional dance moves through song. This activity also explores the bilateral skill of crossing the mid-line.

Activity 2. Little Yarns by ABC Kids

Little Yarns is a co-listening podcast series for pre-schoolers. Ideal for families listening together at home or as a listening resource in early learning centres, Little Yarns is all about the diverse languages, stories and Countries of Indigenous Australia. Click [here](#) to listen.



*Artwork: 'Heart of a child'
Worimi Artist Lara Went*