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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It has been observed with varying degrees of success around the planet.

The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of people with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

It was originally called 'International Day of Disabled Persons' until 2007. On the 2012 International Day of Persons with Disability, the United Kingdom government introduced mandatory work for disabled people who received welfare benefits in order to "Improve disabled people's chances of getting work by mandatory employment".

The theme for International Day of Persons with Disability for 2018 is 'Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality'. According to the United Nations, 2018's theme focuses on empowering people with disabilities for an inclusive, equitable and sustainable development as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Today, countries all around the world celebrate the day.

