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WHAT IS NATIONAL WEEK OF DEAF PEOPLE?

The National Week of Deaf People (NWDP) is a week-long national celebration of Deaf individuals and the Australian Deaf community. This includes celebrating the International Week of Deaf People (IWDP) and International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) which are initiatives of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD).

These two events are traditionally held during September and are based on the founding date of the WFD (23 September 1951). It is an opportunity for Deaf people to celebrate their communities, language, culture and history; make the public aware of their local, state and national Deaf communities; and to recognise their achievements.

It is also an opportunity for organisations involved with or wishing to be involved with the Deaf Community to build and maintain relationships with Deaf people and be recognised as an ally to the Deaf community.

The 2022 National Week of Deaf People takes place between **19 - 25 September**.

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National Week of Deaf People Theme for 2022:

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL

We adopt the World Federation of the Deaf's daily themes for the International Week of Deaf People for use throughout NWDP. This year's daily themes are:

Monday, 19 September 2022 | **Sign Languages in Education**

Tuesday, 20 September 2022 | **Sustainable economic opportunities for deaf people**

Wednesday, 21 September 2022 | **Health for All**

Thursday, 22 September 2022 | **Safeguarding deaf people in times of crisis**

Friday, 23 September 2022 | **Sign Languages Unite Us!**

Saturday, 24 September 2022 | **Intersectional Deaf Communities**

Sunday, 25 September 2022 | **Deaf Leadership for Tomorrow**

How to get involved?

Watch out for events, videos and resources that will be posted to Deaf Connect and Deaf Australia's website and social media channels.

Happy National Week of Deaf People!

