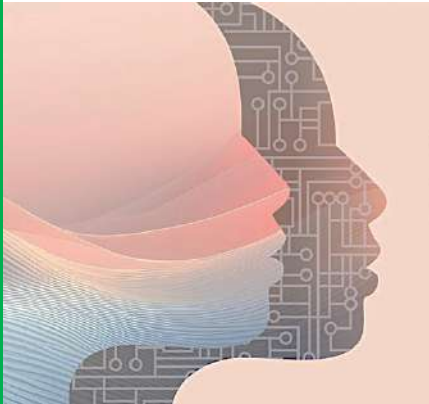


# Doing Justice Being Peace

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April 27 is **International Girls in Information Communications Technology (ICT) Day**, spotlighting the underrepresentation of women in software development, engineering and technology research. Often confined to junior or support roles, this day encourages the leadership development of girls for a more equitable future within the ICT sector.

Annually observed in Canada on April 28, the **National Day of Mourning** commemorates those who lost their lives on the job, suffered injuries, faced work-related incidents or became ill from their place of work. At 11 AM, a moment of silence will be observed to remember those who have died, experienced injury, illness or a work-related tragedy.



**World Press Freedom Day** on May 3 emphasizes journalism's vital role amidst the current global environmental crisis. In an era of disinformation, accurate, transparent and comprehensive reporting is indispensable for upholding the public good and promoting peace. This day also honours journalists who have risked their lives for the truth and their courageous commitment to informing the public.



May is **Asian Heritage Month** in Canada, a celebration of the diverse cultures, languages, artistic achievements and activism of Asian communities, particularly within the labour movement. It highlights racial injustice and urges Canadians to promote inclusion and equity, encouraging everyone to act against oppression and discrimination in all aspects of society.



May 5 is the **National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People**. Initiated by Métis artist Jamie Black's "REDress Project" in 2010, she hung hundreds of empty red dresses in public spaces, making the alarming numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women visible.

Despite Canada's 231 *Calls to Justice*, progress remains slow, with only 2 implemented after 4 years. In 2023, the *United Nations Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples* voiced concern over high rates of sexual assault, exploitation and sex trafficking among Indigenous women, calling on the government to take prompt and fair action.

***We realize the importance  
of our voice when we  
are silenced.***

***~Malala Yousafzai  
Nobel Peace Prize laureate***



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