

23 SEPTEMBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGES

**"If I, deaf, blind, find life rich and interesting,
how much more can you gain by the use of your five senses!"
- Helen Keller -**

WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



The UN General Assembly has proclaimed September 23 as the International Day of Sign Languages. This day is an opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf and hard of hearing people and other sign language users. It promotes the use of sign language by local, national, and global authorities as part of the human rights of hearing-impaired people to have access to information.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

**Do we live in an inclusive society for all people?
Give some examples of an inclusive society.**

MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZENS



Hellen Keller

Keller was an American woman who was born deaf and blind. She was a prominent writer, educator, and activist who advocated for the rights of people with disabilities as well as women's rights and social equality. She was the co-founder of the American Civil Liberties. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a BA degree.



Nyle DiMarco

DiMarco advocates for children learning sign language at an early age.

He participated in the first International Day of Sign Languages in 2018. The Nyle DiMarco Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports organizations, institutions, and individuals working to improve the welfare of deaf persons worldwide.

DiMarco and the Foundation are guided by the principle that every child deserves love and language.