

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

"A child is a discoverer. He is an amorphous, splendid being in search of his own proper form."
- Maria Montessori -

Why do we mark this day?



After adopting the resolution on December 14, 1954, the General Assembly recommended that all countries institute a Universal Children's Day to be observed as a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding among children. This day is observed also as a day of activity devoted to promoting the ideals and objectives of the UN Charter and the welfare of children around the world. November 20 is a day to remark in many ways as the Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child on the day in 1959, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the same day in 1989.

World Children's Day promotes and celebrates children's rights and is aimed to continuously build a friendly environment for children in the world through dialogue and actions. All, including governments, civil society, parents, teachers, religious and community leaders, as well as young people and children themselves are important actors to make this day more meaningful and relevant to communities and societies.

Questions for Discussion

✓ What are your basic rights as a child?

✓ Explain why this day is being celebrated.

Meet Today's Global Citizen



Mayerlín Vergara Pérez

As the director of Fundación Renacer, a Colombian NGO, she has rescued numerous children from the yoke of sexual violence and assisted them to recover from the trauma for 21 years. As the number of refugees and migrants fleeing from the neighboring Venezuela increases, she has opened a new residential home for children who were in danger of sexual exploitation and violence. She was named the laureate of the 2020 Nansen Refugee Award for her contribution to supporting forcibly displaced and stateless children.