



News of the week

Count Her In: International Women's Day 2024

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Friday 8 March is International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Find out about the theme this year and our special guest speaker Shalailah Medhora who will join us on Wednesday 13 March.

2024 theme: 'Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.'

The theme for [International Women's Day](#) (IWD) this year is 'Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.' Based on the priority theme for the [United Nations 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women](#), 'Count Her In' will examine the pathways to greater economic inclusion for women and girls everywhere.

Women's economic empowerment is central to a gender equal world. When women are given equal opportunities to earn, learn and lead – entire communities thrive.

About International Women's Day

IWD is a day that seeks to recognise all women for their achievements. It was first born out of labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe. Since those early days, IWD has grown in prominence and reach, touching women in every corner of the world.

The growing international women's movement has helped IWD a central point for action, to build support for women's rights and their full participation in the economy, politics, community and in everyday life. It is a day to celebrate women's achievements, and both highlight and work to address barriers that continue to perpetuate gender inequality.

Today, IWD has become a time to reflect on progress, to call for change and to celebrate the courage and determination of the women who changed history, and those who will advance gender equality into the future. IWD is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change.

2024 guest speaker: Shalailah Medhora



To celebrate IWD at the ACMA, we will be joined by guest speaker **Shalailah Medhora at 10 am to 11 am on Wednesday 13 March** from our Canberra office – look out for an invite in your inbox. Shalailah is a cross-platform political journalist with experience in online, television and radio journalism. Currently a journalist for triple j's current affairs program [Hack](#), Shalailah has also worked for The Guardian, SBS and ABC News.

Shalailah will share insights into what happens when women get a seat at table, and the impact to workplaces and industries when they don't.

MS Teams background

You can show your support and celebrate at every meeting by using one of the IWD MS Teams backgrounds available now.

To set it up as your background, go to MS Teams, hover your mouse on the screen of a video call, select the three dots (...) and then 'Apply background effects' and choose the background you wish to add from the default options. If you can't see them, you may need to go to your system tray at the bottom right-hand corner of your screen, right-click on the MS Teams app icon and select 'Quit', then reopen the app.

Find out more about IWD and gender equality in Australia

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C)

- [National Strategy to Achieve Gender Equality](#)
- [Status of Women Report Card - 2023](#)
- [Office for Women](#)

United Nations (UN) Women Australia

- [IWD 2024: How to get involved](#)
- [IWD 2024: Key messages](#)
- [UN Women Australia](#)

A reminder that this year we will launch our *ACMA Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-26*, which we [consulted on with you late last year](#) and are looking forward to finalising and launching in the coming months!