

World Down Syndrome Day





3.21

WDSD First Observed:

2006





Why is WDSD March 21?

People with Down Syndrome
have 3 copies of the 21st
chromosome

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About Down Syndrome

Down syndrome (or Trisomy 21) is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition, being universally present across racial, gender or socioeconomic lines in approximately 1 in 800 live births, although there is considerable variation worldwide.

Down syndrome usually causes varying degrees of intellectual and physical disability and associated medical issues.





UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



The United Nations in its general principles, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) calls for:

“full and effective participation and inclusion in society”





This year's theme:

Inclusion Means...





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But around the world, today's reality is that people with Down Syndrome and disabilities do not benefit from full and effective participation and inclusion in society.

Why is this?

Many reasons. But one reason is a lack of agreed understanding about what inclusion is and what inclusive systems look like in practice.





What can we do?

We need to share our collective understanding of inclusion. In doing this, we can get a global conversation going, which will empower people around the world to advocate for full inclusion in society for people with Down syndrome and for everyone. March 21 is the ideal opportunity to share, with the world watching! #InclusionMeans



I ask council to feature World Down Syndrome Day on
their social media channels on March 21!

#worlddownsyndromeday
#WDSD2022
#inclusionmeans





Rock Your Socks

One way we can show our support for people living with Down Syndrome on March 21 is to wear exciting, colourful and bold socks!



