



International Women's Day - March 8, 2023



International Women's Day (IWD) is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8. Every year on this date, people worldwide celebrate International Women's Day that recognizes and celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

The theme for International Women's Day is **"DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality."** IWD 2023 will examine the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities.

IWD in 2023 is more important than ever before as in the last year there have been many threats on the rights of women in Canada, the United States and in all countries around the world. In the last three (3) years women have experienced a disproportionate effect of the pandemic, increases in domestic violence and sexual assaults, increased lack of job security and the erosion of reproductive health services.

International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the collective efforts of women and serves as a reminder that there is still a lot of work to be done in order to achieve gender equality.

International Women's Day should be more than a celebration but rather a day for everyone to come together as allies who are striving to achieve gender equality.

COPE Ontario asks all COPE members their family and friends to join in celebrating the achievements of women in the workplace, in the community and at home by attending IWD events in your region.