

(Re)Learning Moment

National Coming Out Day

In 1988, activists lead by Robert Eichberg and Jean O’Leary established October 11 as National Coming Out Day (NCOD), an annual LGBTQ+ awareness day focused on celebrating coming out and the civil rights of this community. While the first decades of this celebration focused on individuals telling their communities (both private and public) about their LGBTQ+ identity, more recent NCODs, especially in the United States, present an opportunity to celebrate. Additionally, the October 11th date coincides with the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. In the United States, the Human Rights Campaign sponsors many NCOD events through their National Coming Out Project.


(Re)Learn About NCOD

- [Coming Out](#) – guides curated by the Human Rights Campaign centering the coming out experience
- [Dear Closeted Reader...](#) – an article by Jessa Powers (2020) dedicated to those unable to come out
- [Documents of the LGBT Movement](#) – online book by Chuck Steward (2018); see pages 111-112 for the NCOD entry
- [National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights](#) – journal article by Denise Kulp (1987)

National Coming Out Week Tea Party

Join the Pride Center for a tea party celebrating identity and community! This event is open to all. We will have free teas to try, fun conversation, snacks, and more. Stop by anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at your convenience!

 Friday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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