

## (Re)Learning Moment

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### 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)

### Paint the Rock for National Coming Out Day

Join the Pride Center to paint the Rock! All are welcome to join, and we will bring all the needed supplies. We recommend wearing clothes that you don’t mind getting a little paint-y, just in case of accidents! Check out our guiding design above based on artist Keith Haring’s famous work.

 Tuesday, October 11  
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. EDT

 The Rock