

March 8 is [International Women's Day](#), a day we recognize the contributions and achievements of remarkable women around the world.

This year, we're proudly celebrating women and girls in underrepresented fields like science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with our theme, **#InnovateForChange**, and we hope you will consider incorporating International Women's Day activities in your classroom!

As part of this year's celebrations, we are asking everyone to share stories of incredible women and girls. There are countless women and girls in Canada who are making the world a better place with their ideas and innovations, and we want their stories to take centre stage. From now until March 8, we will be highlighting their achievements as inventors, explorers and innovators on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

We know there are many more stories worth sharing! We invite you and your students to collect inspiring stories and photos and display them in your classrooms or share them online using the hashtag **#InnovateForChange**. We also encourage you to visit the Department for Women and Gender Equality's website to view the International Women's Day [Learning Toolkit](#) and [#InnovateForChange poster](#), which is available to download.

As educators, you know firsthand that young people are the leaders of today and tomorrow, and allowing them to share their views and experiences leads to new and exciting ideas. Thank you for your efforts as teachers and mentors of youth in Canada.

**Happy International Women's Day!**