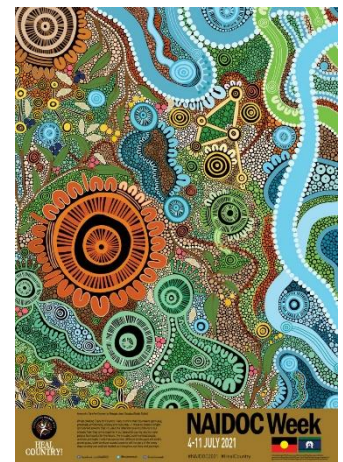


Ideas for Planning NAIDOC Week Activities

Celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week 2021, runs from July 4 – July 11 and host the theme ‘HEAL COUNTRY’

Here are some ideas on how to celebrate NAIDOC week

- Display the National NAIDOC Poster or other Indigenous posters around your ministry space, classroom or workplace. Learn about [the theme and the artwork](#) design.
- Hold an Acknowledgement of Country and pray for your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- The [NAIDOC Week website](http://naidoc.org.au) (naidoc.org.au) has resources you can use to incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content into your playgroup and /or Sunday schoolstyle activities. These include children’s stories, posters, colouring-in sheets, etc.
- Get together with friends and/or family and explore our natural environment, whether it’s a bushwalk, mountain climb or swim in a natural body of water. Lead your group in an Acknowledgement of Country and a time of thanksgiving for our land, waters and sacred sites.
- Invite community members to join you in a NAIDOC Week clean-up day, garden beautification project or tree planting ceremony. Start the day with an Acknowledgement of Country, relevant Bible reading (Psalm 24:1-2, Genesis 2:15, Psalm 95:4-5) and prayer, and hold a barbecue afterwards.
- Start your own hall of fame featuring Indigenous role models.
- Listen to [Indigenous musicians](#) or watch a [movie including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples](#).
- Make your own First Nations trivia quiz.
- Research famous [First Nations Role models](#)
- Study a famous Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian.
- Research the [Traditional Custodian](#) of your area.
- Study Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and crafts.
- Work with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist to produce an artwork representing the theme.
- Run an art competition for your ministry space, school or community.
- Research [First Nations history](#) online or visit your library to find books about Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples.
- Find out about and visit local First Nations sites of significance or interest.
- Learn the meanings of local or national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names and words.
- Invite local Indigenous Elders to speak or give a Welcome to Country at your special event.
- Invite an Indigenous sportsperson or artist to visit you.
- Invite Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander dancers to perform.
- Hold a flag raising ceremony.



Helpful Teaching Resources

- NAIDOC website: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/news/naidoc-week-teaching-resources>
- SBS NAIDOC Week learning Resources: <https://www.sbs.com.au/learn/resources/celebrate-naidoc-heal-country>
- Australians Together website: <https://australianstogether.org.au/resources-2/naidocweek/>
- Salvation Army NAIDOC Theme video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66Cj26hWq7k>