



This week, September 20th to September 26th, marks the importation celebration of Gender Equality Week. Canada celebrated its first Gender Equality Week in 2018 after passing *Bill C-309 The Gender Equality Week Act*.

Gender Equality Week is always celebrated in the last week of September and followed by Women’s History Month in October. This Week provides an opportunity to celebrate Canada’s work and improvements on gender equality, to think about the work that remains, and to recognize and raise awareness of the countless contributions women and gender diverse communities have made in Canada.

Each year there is a theme to recognize and celebrate the week. This year’s theme is *#becauseofyou*, recognizing individuals who are leaders in their community to advance gender equality. To learn more about these individuals and Gender Equality Week, please visit: <https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/gender-equality-week.html>