

# DAY of SILENCE®

## Tips for the Last-Minute Organizer

**Day of Silence** is around the corner! Maybe you haven't had an opportunity to organize, or perhaps your school won't support your participation. Don't worry, there are still lots of things you can do to participate in the **Day of Silence**!

### The Style

Wear a **Day of Silence** button, shirt or sticker if your school allows. You can make and wear your own DOS t-shirt or even a simple rainbow ribbon. Every new person who learns about the **Day of Silence** may be a supportive ally in organizing the project next year. Go to [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org) to download the sticker template and print out extra stickers to hand out to anyone who's interested.

### The Silent Lunch

Ask some friends or school groups to join you and gather at a table or area for a silent lunch to recognize the **Day of Silence**. End this period by spending some time discussing how you feel LGBT students and their allies are silenced because of harassment, discrimination and abuse, and brainstorm ways you can help end the silence.

### The Announcement

Ask a supportive teacher to let you talk for five minutes at the beginning of class about what the **Day of Silence** is, and why you think it's important. Or you can ask to include DOS in your school announcements for the day.

### The Workshop

**Day of Silence** is an opportunity to spark conversation about anti-LGBT bullying and harassment. It's helpful to follow up your DOS participation with a workshop for your GSA, fellow students or teachers in your school. You can train your peers on how to respond to anti-LGBT behavior, teach faculty about LGBT history, or facilitate a discussion about bullying and harassment.

### The Assignment

Use the **Day of Silence** as a topic for your school work. You can write a paper on non-violent protest for your Civics class, the impact of social justice movements for American Government, or a story about bullying for Creative Writing.

### The Article

Write a letter to the editor for your school newspaper. You can write about why the **Day of Silence** is important to you, tell a story about your feelings and experiences of anti-LGBT bullying and harassment, or explain the importance of student demonstrations in school.

### The Party

Plan a social event for the evening or the day after **Day of Silence** so that you and your fellow participants can celebrate your hard work!

Start talking to your teachers, classmates and friends about what the Day of Silence is today! While taking a vow of silence may not be possible for you this year, starting to build a base of support will help you in creating a truly awesome **Day of Silence** in your school next year.

**For more resources to organize your Day of Silence activities and events:**

[www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org)

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