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## **Unite for Harmony**

The incidence of race-fuelled acts of violence and racial discrimination in society suggests we still have a long way to go to achieve harmony. Gains made in the past may become insignificant as advances in telecommunications technology make possible the widespread propagation of racism and messages of hate.

March 21 is Harmony Day, an Australian Government initiative, which coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The day promotes the success of our nation as a multicultural society. It aims to encourage tolerance among racial groups and unity in diversity to eliminate racism.

More than six million people have settled in Australia since 1945 and between us we speak more than 200 languages, according to the Australian Government website. Communities are urged to celebrate this diversity and enjoy the cultural freedom this country provides.

EnhanceTV has an extensive list of resources to facilitate discussion and action on diversity issues. The free feature article [Learning to Say No to Racism](#) discusses the 'Racism. No Way!' campaign, developed to assist students in Australian schools in recognising and countering racism. The [As It Happened: Citizen King series](#) reflects on the final years of Martin Luther's King's life, the man who proclaimed his vision of a nation free of racism. Examine "Australian values" in modern society with [Insight: Aussie Rules](#) and debate the way Islamic culture is viewed by other Australians with [Insight: Asking For It](#). For secondary and tertiary students, we have the free [study guide for Australian Rules](#), the film in which an adolescent boy struggles with family conflicts and inter-racial turmoil.

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