

PINK SHIRT DAY

In Canada, Pink Shirt Day is celebrated the last Wednesday of February

What is Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after their schoolmate was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. In solidarity, they bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their classmates to wear the next day. The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink, some from head-to-toe, to stand together against bullying.

This year Learning Through the Arts (LTTA) invites you take **ACTION** in a new and creative way by bringing the 6 Social Student Engagement process to your classroom.

The topic of bullying carries risks, as it can divide the classroom into two camps. The 6 Social Pink Shirt Day project uses an inquiry model designed to bring all students together as they explore the causes of bullying as a class, and find ways to enhance connections between all students, building a stronger sense of community in the classroom. The emphasis is on encouraging empathy and empowering students to be the solution.

We suggest having your class go through the stages of the 6 Social process in a condensed way with the **bullying** topic already selected:

- Clearly identify the problem and those affected by it
- Brainstorm solutions
- Present those solutions to others
- Act on those solutions
- [Click here](#) to begin



The whole process takes anywhere from 1-4 hours, depending on the time available and the level of buy in from your students. For those who dig in the most, it's possible to arrange to have a team member or community volunteer visit virtually to listen to the pitch presentations. Contact LTTA Program Leader [Shelley MacDonald](#) if this is of interest to your class. Visits can take place over the week following Pink Shirt Day.