

## 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 being silent all day. Don't worry -- there are still lots of things you can do to participate in the Day of Silence!

### Wear your support

Wear a Day of Silence button, shirt or sticker if your school allows it. If need be, you can make and wear your own Day of Silence t-shirt, make a rainbow ribbon pin, or just wear the color red. Each person who learns about the Day of Silence may be a supportive ally in organizing the project next year. Download the sticker template from [dayofsilence.org](http://dayofsilence.org) and print out extra stickers to hand out to anyone who's interested.

### Have a 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. The next day, spend 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.

### Make an announcement

On the day before the Day of Silence, 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. You can also ask to include Day of Silence in your school announcements that day or earlier in the week.

### Hold a workshop

Day of Silence is an opportunity to spark conversation about anti-LGBT bullying and harassment. It's helpful to follow up your Day of Silence 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.

### Get creative

Use the Day of Silence as a topic for your schoolwork. For example, you can write a paper on non-violent protest for your civics class, about the impact of social justice movements for American government, or a story about bullying for creative writing.

### Write an article

Write a letter to the editor of your school's 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.

### Share in solidarity

If you aren't planning on being silent on Day of Silence, you can still tweet, post on Facebook, or take another online action to support those who are taking a vow of silence.

**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.