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Inaugural Global State of Men and Boys Report 2026 Released for International Men's Day November 19

International Men's Day (IMD) is now marked in more than 110 countries around the world, on November 19. To commemorate the IMD twenty-eighth annual commemoration the IMD team are helping release the historic inaugural Global State of Men and Boys Report 2026. The theme for IMD this year is *The Future Is Everyone*. It is a generous invitation to everyone for the recognition and support of boys and men. The theme echoes real inclusion, genuine equality, and magnanimity. The Global report adds substance to the celebration.

2026 Promo Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SL2_oY-I6iI

Warwick Marsh, communications director for IMD mentioned that pillar 5 of International Men's Day is to "Improve gender relations and promote gender equality". He implored all people to get behind the theme with these words: "Let's work together to make a better world for men and boys, and women and girls." Nat Marsh the CEO of Dads4Kid said that "The goal of Dads4Kids is to help dads be the best they can be. Good men become good dads! That's why we have been supporting IMD for the last 19 years.

Lisa Britton who is a writer and advocate for men and boys from the USA reflected that, "Since the dawn of time, men and women have worked together, not only to survive but to thrive". She continued "Rather than saying the future is female, I believe that the future is for everyone… Hopefully we'll get more women onboard, I hope we get more organisations onboard, I hope we get the UN onboard, and I hope we get more nations onboard for International Mens Day 2026."

David Maywald, author, Chairman of ICMB & Executive Leader for IMD said, "The International Council for Men and Boys (ICMB) has launched the inaugural Global State of Men and Boys Report 2026. This report is a landmark international assessment of 12 major disparities affecting men and boys around the world. Read it **HERE**. More info **HERE**. We encourage you to share the report with your friends and ask them to do the same. Together we can help men and women boys and girls thrive and do well at the same time. Together we can make a difference."

Global Report 6 Minute Promo Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5eh5aE5jHI

The global team at International Men's Day is excited to announce their enthusiastic support for the International Council for Men and Boys public campaign for reform at the United Nations. They have three goals for 2026:

1. Formal recognition of International Men's Day on the UN calendar (the first official day for men or boys, when there are already 13 days for women and girls).
2. Mandatory reporting of outcomes for males and females across UN programs and the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Endorsement of the New York Declaration for Men and Boys, coming 31 years after adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Action Plan for women and girls."

Dr Jerome Teelucksingh, founder of International Men's Day, said, "By drawing together men and women in collaboration, International Men's Day will create positive change at a global scale during 2026. So, on 19 November 2026, let us greet everyone with a big smile and the words, 'Happy International Men's Day."

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