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World Day for Cultural Diversity and Dialogue 2025

12pm - 5pm, 22 May



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Pictured: World Day of Cultural Diversity and Dialogue performance stage (2024)



What is World Day for Cultural Diversity and Dialogue?

Tuesday May 21 is recognised as the United Nations (UN) World Day for Cultural Diversity and Dialogue (WDCDD).

Here at UQ, UQ Wellbeing and the UQU International Collective will be recognising WDCDD at the St Lucia campus with a community-wide event on May 22nd.

This celebration brings together multiple elements of cultures and traditions from various cultural groups. There will be activities and workshops introducing you to different cultures, languages, traditions and lifestyles, so don't miss this opportunity to celebrate and appreciate the multiculturalism and diversity across the UQ community.

Event details

Date: Wednesday 22 May 2025

Time: 12pm – 5pm

Location: The Great Court, St Lucia

Pictured: Belswagger Morris Maypole Dancing workshop (2024)



Performances

Our cultural stage will showcase cultural performances through music and dance from across the UQ Community, including students, staff and alumni.

(Please note: Whilst ever effort has made to ensure the accuracy of this program it is subject to change.)

Pictured: A stage performance (2024)



Program: Performances

Time	Performance	Presented by
12.15 - 12.30pm	Welcome to the event and Acknowledgement of Country	UQ Wellbeing
12.20 - 12.30pm	Indonesian Horse Dance	Gatut
12.30 - 12.40pm	Llamerada	Bolivia Marka Dance Group
12.40 - 12.50pm	The Indonesian Horse Dance	Gatut
12.40 - 12.50pm	The Contradanza	Tarpuy
12.50 - 1pm	Colombian Traditional Dance	Colombian Dance Group Queensland
1 - 1.10pm	Mexican Dance	Mexican Dance Group Queensland
1.10 - 1.20pm	Looking at homeland from afar (Chinese Folk Dance)	UQ Chinese Cultural Dance Club
1.30 - 1.45pm	Stage Break	
1.45 - 2pm	"Solid Rock" by Goanna (UQ Version)	Reconciliation Australia Voices for Reconciliation Choir
2 - 2.10pm	Ancient Chinese poem	Dong-Yue Su
2.10 - 2.20pm	Indian Cultural performance	UQ Naatak
2.20 - 2.30pm	Tamil Cultural dance	UQ Tamil Society
2.30 - 2.40pm	Japanese Drumming taiko performance	UQ Taiko
3 - 3.10pm	K-pop dance cover performance	UQ K-pop Dance Club
3.10 - 3.20pm	Theri Ungli Pakadke chala: Sri Lankan Performance	Al Ameen Sehi Mohamed
3.20 - 3.40pm	Two dance performances	UQ Dance

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Time	Performance	Presented by
3.40 - 3.50pm	"Lenggang Nyai" Indonesian dance	UQISA
4 - 4.10pm	Official Welcome	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Kris Ryan
4.20 - 4.30pm	A Glimpse of Nusantara (Indonesian cultural dance and live music)	Australian Awards Student
4.50 to 5pm	Thank you and closing remarks	UQ Wellbeing
5pm	Monkey Mode	UQ Japan Exchange (UQJX)
4.50 - 5pm	Thank you and closing remarks	UQ Wellbeing

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Dialogue

Join one of our drop-in workshops to allow you to reflect on yourself, your identity, language and culture. Our dialogue section will provide a space for activations and workshops that promote community awareness about the benefits of multiculturalism through intercultural dialogue.

Pictured: Cultural Weaving Workshop with Auntie Jeannine (2024)



Program: Dialogue

Time	Workshop	Presented by
12 to 3pm	Badges of Belonging and A World In Our Hands	UQ Library
<p>Badges of Belonging Choose a badge or decorate your own to pledge your support for celebrations of diversity and inclusion. All materials will be provided.</p> <p>A World In Our Hands Make your mark and contribute to a series of art installations that will be displayed across the various UQ Library locations.</p>		
12 to 5pm	'Who We Are' Art Workshop	Heart and Soul Sisters
<p>This creative art workshop encourages participants to creatively paint a canvas which is their own interpretation about who they are, their personality, beliefs and culture.</p>		
1 to 5pm	Wear Your Story: Brooch Making	UQ Counselling
<p>Create a unique brooch that visually represents your personal identity. Using a variety of materials, explore the symbols, colors, and textures that tell your story and proudly wear a piece of your heritage and individuality.</p>		
12 to 4.30pm	Pastoral dialogue bench	Multi-Faith Chaplaincy
<p>Reaching out to international students to chat about wellbeing in their emotional and spiritual space cultivated in an open and friendly campus atmosphere. Free snacks provided</p>		
12.30 to 3pm	Cultural Weaving Workshop	Aunty Jannine
<p>Expand your cultural knowledge by joining our Cultural Weaving Workshop. Have a yarn with your peers while learning how to weave special momentos from Aunty Jannine, to bring home for yourself or as a gift to others.</p>		
12.30 to 5pm	Vietnamese Coffee: Stronger Than Your Monday Mood	Minh Le, Chau An Pham
<p>Welcome to the world of Vietnamese coffee: rich, unapologetically slow, and packed with bold character. In this hands-on workshop, you'll meet cà phêphin - Vietnam's humble yet legendary drip filter - learn to brew like a local, and discover why condensed milk is the country's sweetest secret.</p>		
12 to 5pm	Maypole Dancing	Belswagger Morris Dancers
<p>Come learn to dance Maypole! A pan-European tradition of uncertain origin, Maypole dancing is simple, yes, fun. Learn a handful of basic English Maypole dances to live traditional music.</p>		

World Expo with UQU International Collective

Visit stall holders representing student clubs and global interests to learn about their culture, taste some food and buy some wares.



Pictured: Dumpling Master food truck (2024)

Food trucks

Indulge in food of different cultures and countries with a variety of food trucks and vendors including:

- **Nanaya Brisbane** | Matcha and sweets
- **Bimm’s BBQ Chargril** | Filipino street food
- **Cairo Eatery** | Egyptian Vegan
- **Djakarta Eat Indonesian** | Indonesian street food
- **Dumplings** | Master Dumplings

Come early to receive a \$6 food truck voucher!

(Please note: Vouchers are limited to the first 500 students and 1 voucher per student. Food vouchers can be used at food truck and expo stalls)

Acknowledgements

UQ’s World Day of Cultural Diversity and Dialogue celebration is only possible due the collaboration of our UQ Community, in particular:

- UQ Wellbeing
- UQLife
- UQ Union
- UQU International Collective.

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all those involved in World Day of Cultural Diversity and Dialogue, including performers, workshop facilitators, volunteers, stallholders, organisers, staff, students and community members.

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