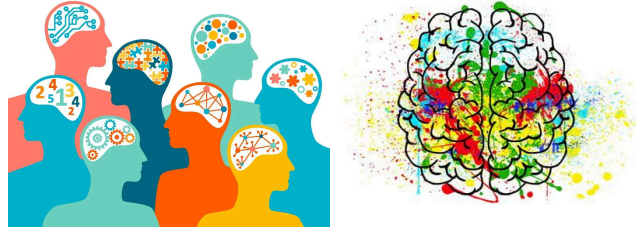


# Neurodiversity Celebration Week

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The term neurodiverse was first introduced when an Australian sociologist, Judy Singer, coined the word to acknowledge the idea that everyone's brain develops uniquely. Since then, the neurodiversity advocacy movement has seen dramatic progress. This year, Neurodiversity Celebration Week (NCW) took place from March 18th to March 24. It is a week where advocacy is at its highest and emphasizes the importance of embracing neurodiversity in our community.

In 2018, NCW was founded by Siena Castellon, who strived to change how people perceived learning differences. The week celebrates the achievements and contributions of neurodiverse individuals in various fields. Many see it as a week to challenge neurodiverse stereotypes and misconceptions. This week helps raise awareness, promote acceptance, and celebrate the strengths of neurodiverse individuals.

Through workshops, seminars, and educational programs, this week aims to advocate and celebrate neurodiversity. By providing insights into the experiences of neurodiverse individuals, we are able to dispel myths about the neurodiverse community and foster understanding. The week also provides advocacy in education by promoting supportive learning environments and encouraging the implementation of inclusive practices that accommodate diverse learning styles and needs.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a significant step in advocacy as it promotes awareness and celebration. Events are hosted throughout the week with talks from experts, Q&As, and discussions. Talks range from introductions to neurodiversity to in-depth conversations about neurodiversity in the workplace, the experiences of girls, and mental health. Researching and participating in the numerous events, along with the word about NCW can help support and spread awareness for neurodiversity.

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