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## **DFES CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

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### International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) is held on 8 March each year, with events and activities taking place around the globe to demonstrate our commitment to gender equality and to celebrate the contributions women make to our communities.

It is a time to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

The IWD 2024 theme is **Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.**

The theme recognises that women's economic empowerment is central to a gender-equal world. When women are given equal opportunities to earn, learn and lead – entire communities thrive.

There are many ways that individuals, groups and organisations can get involved in IWD 2024 and share the message of Count Her In.

For example, the Western Australian Government developed *Stronger Together: WA's Plan for Gender Equality* as a framework for government, business and the community to take action towards a better, fairer and more equitable community in Western Australia.

One initiative from the second action plan has seen the Western Australian Government extending a ground-breaking 12-month procurement pilot to raise awareness of the benefits of gender equality in the workplace. DFES is proud to be one of 19 State Government agencies participating in the Pilot. Further information and a summary evaluation is available at "[Gender equality in procurement](#)."

This International Women's Day, I invite you to celebrate the remarkable contributions that women make to our communities and the emergency services.

DFES will hold an event at the Cockburn ESC on Friday, 8 March 2024, from 10:30am to 11:00am, followed by a morning tea. All are welcome.

For other events hosted across Perth please visit [WA.gov.au](http://WA.gov.au).

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