# WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL STUTTERING AWARENESS DAY?

NTERACTION: PROFESSIONALS AND CONSUMERS NETWORKING

TALKING

RESPONDING

NOURISHING THE SPIRIT

ASSERTING OUR RIGHTS

TELLING THE WORLD

NVITING PARTICIPATION

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NURTURING NEW PROGRAMS

LISTENING TO EACH OTHER

STRENGTHENING WORLDWIDE EFFORTS TEACHING UNDERSTANDING THINKING IN NEW WAYS TEAMWORK EARLY INTERVENTION REACHING OUT INITIATING DIALOGUE NOW IS THE TIME GLOBAL AWARENESS & ACTION

ADVERTISING WRITING THE MEDIA ALONE NO MORE REPLENSIHING THE SPIRIT EMPATHIZING NEW IDEAS EMPOWERING SHARING ONE VOICE SPEAKING FREELY

DISTRIBUTING HELPFUL INFORMATION ACKNOWLEDGING OUR HISTORY YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE Celebrating the **12<sup>th</sup>** International Stuttering Awareness Day throughout the world



#### A COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF...

The International Stuttering Association (ISA) http://www.stutterisa.org

The International Fluency Association (IFA) http://www.theifa.org

European League of Stuttering Associations (ELSA) http://www.stuttering.ws

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association – Division #4 http://www.asha.org

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# **Suggested Activities**

Here are some activities used by local groups in the past to promote International Stuttering Awareness Day.

#### Sponsor...

...a proclamation declaring October 22, 2009, International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD) in your area.

#### Sample Proclamation

WHEREAS, today, millions of adults and children face the daily challenge of living with a stutter; and

WHEREAS, today, these adults and children who stutter can find help through the combined efforts of speech-language professionals and consumer support organizations; and

WHEREAS, today, countries all over the world will be increasing public awareness and supporting people who stutter through educational workshops as part of the world's largest stuttering event, the annual International Stuttering Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (name of mayor/ governor/ president of city council) of (town/ city/ state/ country) do hereby proclaim October 22, 2009 INTERNATIONAL STUTTERING AWARENESS DAY

WITNESS MY HAND and the Official Seal of (town/ city/ state/ country):

(seal and signature)

#### Share...

...the stated purpose of *International Stuttering Awareness Day* - "to promote awareness and understanding and to show appreciation for people who stutter and the speech language professionals who work with them."

#### Host...

...an ISAD Workshop, Open House or School Information Day. "Guidelines for Organizing Your Own Workshop" by Michael Sugarman can be found at

http://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/kuster/workshop/intro.html

#### Provide...

...your friends and family with information on stuttering from professional and consumer support organizations such as the Stuttering Foundation at 1-800-992-9392 or http://www.stutteringhelp.org

#### Donate...

... to your local or school library a book about a famous person who stutters.

# Write...

...a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about ISAD.

# Speak...

...about stuttering at a Toastmasters meeting, your local PTA or a school class on stuttering.

# Explore...

...support groups' websites from around the world which can be found linked to http://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/kuster/support.html

# Submit...

...an informational ad about stuttering to your local newspaper.

#### Learn...

...words for stuttering from around the world which can be found at

http://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/kuster/kids/words.html

# For children...

Write a poem or article describing how you feel about your stuttering for publication in your support organization's newsletter. Draw a picture showing how you feel. Make a presentation to your class on stuttering. Guidelines for a stuttering presentation can be found at

> http://www.friendswhostutter.org/pdfs/FRIENDS\_S tuttering\_Presentation\_Guide.pdf

# Download...

...the ISAD poster, print it and display it in your school or speech clinic - from http://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/ISAD2009poster.pdf.

# Mail...

...this brochure to 20 people. Download and print from http://www.stutteringhomepage.com

# Turn...

...to the person next to you at noon on October 22 and start a conversation with them about stuttering.

# Join...

...people in 151 different countries who participated the eleven past *ISAD Online Conferences* by reading the conference archives http://www.stutteringhomepage.com

# Participate...

...in the *Twelfth ISAD On-Line Threaded Discussion Conference* from October 1-22, 2009. For more information, contact the Stuttering Homepage website at http://www.stutteringhomepage.com