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Play your part
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becoming a partner in 2015**



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right to information day 2015

Right to Know Day is held annually on 28 September across Australia and throughout the world. The event commenced in 2002 when countries around the world created a network of Freedom of Information Advocates (FOIA Network) and agreed to collaborate in promoting individuals' right of access to information and open, transparent governance. The FOI Network proposed that 28 September be nominated as international "Right to Know Day" in order to symbolise the global movement for promoting the right to information.

Right to Know Day has become much bigger than a right of access. It is a day on which citizens, governments and organisations around the world promote open, accountable and transparent government. Queensland marks this occasion as **Right to Information Day**, in acknowledgment of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld) (RTI Act) and its contribution to facilitating greater and easier access to government-held information, including datasets. The Right to Information improves public administration and increases community participation in government.

About us

The Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) is Queensland's independent statutory body established under the RTI Act and the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld) to promote access to government-held information, and to protect people's personal information held by the public sector.

OIC provides information, assistance and advice to support Queensland public sector agencies to comply with the law, reviews agency decisions regarding access and amendment applications, monitors and reports to the Queensland Parliament on agency performance and mediates privacy complaints.

Need assistance? The OIC Enquiry Service is can be contacted on:

(07) 3234 7373 - 1800 OIC QLD (1800 642 753)
enquiries@oic.qld.gov.au

Extensive information resources are also available on our website.



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become a right to information day partner

This year the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC), Queensland, is encouraging agencies and private sector organisations to become a **Right to Information Day** partner and in the lead up to 28 September help promote information rights and responsibilities in Queensland.

The theme this year is:

A right to information. Play your part.

This is a great opportunity to highlight your organisation's commitment to right to information including greater openness, transparency and accountability in government.

Becoming a partner is easy **and it's free.**



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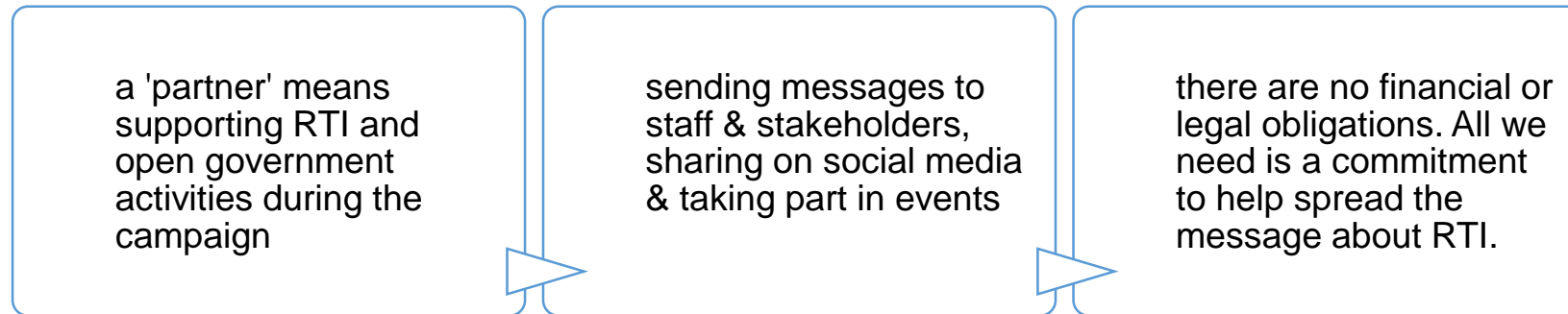
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what does it involve?



partners pledge to:

- share RTI and open government messages with staff and stakeholders through their website, intranet and other channels during the RTI Day 2015 campaign
- promote their commitment to the principles of open government during the campaign
- remind staff of their responsibilities and obligations under the RTI Act
- inform OIC of the activities conducted for **Right to Information Day 2015**



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partner benefits

Right to Information Day partners will be acknowledged wherever possible, for example:

- partner logos will be displayed on OIC's website and include a link back to the partner's website
- partners can display an official **Right to Information Day** partner logo on their website or promotional material
- partners will be referred to collectively in media releases and editorial
- partners will receive a letter of thanks from the Information Commissioner

We will provide 'Official Partner' identifiers to partner agencies for use on their website and on any printed promotional material during their **Right to Information Day** activities.

Contacts in partner agencies will also receive direct communications about **Right to Information Day** through a partner email list.



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partner resources

A range of **Right to Information Day** resources will be available, such as:

- RTI infographics
- YouTube animation
- Posters
- Brochures
- Web badges and banners
- Social media images
- Internal and external communication material

Sample of badges and logos:



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right to information day events

The Solomon Lecture

Right to Information Day includes the Solomon Lecture named in honour of Dr David Solomon, the Chair of the Independent FOI Review Panel appointed by the State Government to review Queensland's Freedom of Information laws in 2007 – 08. Dr Solomon delivered the inaugural 2009 lecture. The Solomon Lecture has been given by Don Watson, regarding the “Accessibility of public language”, Dr Nicholas Gruen on “Government in the age of Web 2.0: Connect, Engage, Innovate” and Professor Geoff Gallop on “Is integrated government possible?” Professor Anna Stewart presented a lecture entitled “Finding gold in mountains of administrative data” and in 2014 Ms Anni Rowland-Campbell explored government in the age of the “social machine”.

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2015 Solomon Lecture

This year the lecture will be delivered by Professor Richard Mulgan on “**Government resistance to greater transparency: rational or self-defeating?**”. Professor Mulgan holds the status of professor emeritus in the Crawford School of Public Policy at The Australian National University where he continues to do research and teach in the area of public sector management. Professor Mulgan joined The Australian National University in 1994, having previously held chairs in Political Studies and Classics at the Universities of Otago and Auckland in New Zealand.

Professor Mulgan has specialised in the area of accountability, which includes transparency and performance information. This area of expertise has led to consultancy work with a number of mainly government organisations, including New Zealand Treasury; New Zealand Law Commission; Australian Local Government Association; South Australian Auditor-General; Metropolitan Ambulance Service Royal Commission (Victoria); AusAID; and the Business Council of Australia. Professor Mulgan has also published a number of books and articles on the topic of accountability and related fields including two papers as part of OIC’s and Australian and New Zealand School of Government’s Transparency Series. The Transparency Series of occasional papers are available at www.oic.qld.gov.au/transparency and Professor Mulgan’s latest book is called **Making Open Government Work** (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014).

The lecture will be launched online at the OIC’s website for **Right to Information Day**.

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right to information day events

RTI practitioners forum

OIC will hold a practitioners forum on 8 September featuring a number of presentations about developments in right to information practices across Queensland government.

Right to Information Day partners will be acknowledged at this event.

We will share more information and updates about the program, resources and partner agencies.

Host your own event

You may wish to organise your own event for **Right to Information Day**. We have printable posters, brochures and other resources to support agencies' activities.



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key messages

The RTI Act requires Queensland government agencies to make information available to the community, unless there is a good reason not to.

Making access to information easier can help deliver better government services and improve outcomes for Queenslanders.

Play your part by knowing your information access rights.

Play your part by knowing your information access responsibilities.



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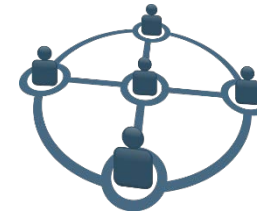
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RTI practitioners network



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how you can get involved

spread the message

to staff and stakeholders – through website, intranet, email or other communication channels

attend or host events

to mark **Right to Information Day** – either in person or online

distribute material

such as posters, brochures, infographics, and information sheets

join the discussion

on social media – by posting your own RTI and open government messages and using the official **Right to Information Day** hashtags #RTID2015 and #RTKD2015 (*some jurisdictions refer to it as Right to Know Day*)



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become a partner or find out more

All you need to do to become a **Right to Information Day** partner is send an email to: events@oic.qld.gov.au requesting to join the 2015 RTI Day partner program. Include the contact details of an agency representative so we can communicate with you about RTI Day activities and send you exclusive RTI Day partner resources and information.

Also you can attach your agency's logo for display on our dedicated partner's webpage. Logos should be provided in colour jpeg format at 300 dpi (hi-res).

Need more information?

Please contact Odette Ward at the Office of the Information Commissioner on (07) 3898 0647 or odette.ward@oic.qld.gov.au



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