

A photograph showing two young women in casual clothing high-fiving each other. They are standing on a paved area in front of a large, modern, metallic sculpture that represents the Prime Meridian. The sculpture consists of a circular frame with a large, curved, metallic band passing through it. In the background, there is a black metal fence and some trees. The sky is clear and blue.

Today in History

October 13, 1884

▲ **Greenwich was established as the universal time meridian of longitude from which standard times throughout the world are calculated**

1999: France gave unmarried cohabiting couples, whatever their sex, the same rights as a married couple

2006: South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki Moon was confirmed as the UN's next secretary general

2016: Bob Dylan became the first songwriter to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature

2016: Nigeria's Islamic militant group Boko Haram released 21 of 276 schoolgirls kidnapped from Chibok