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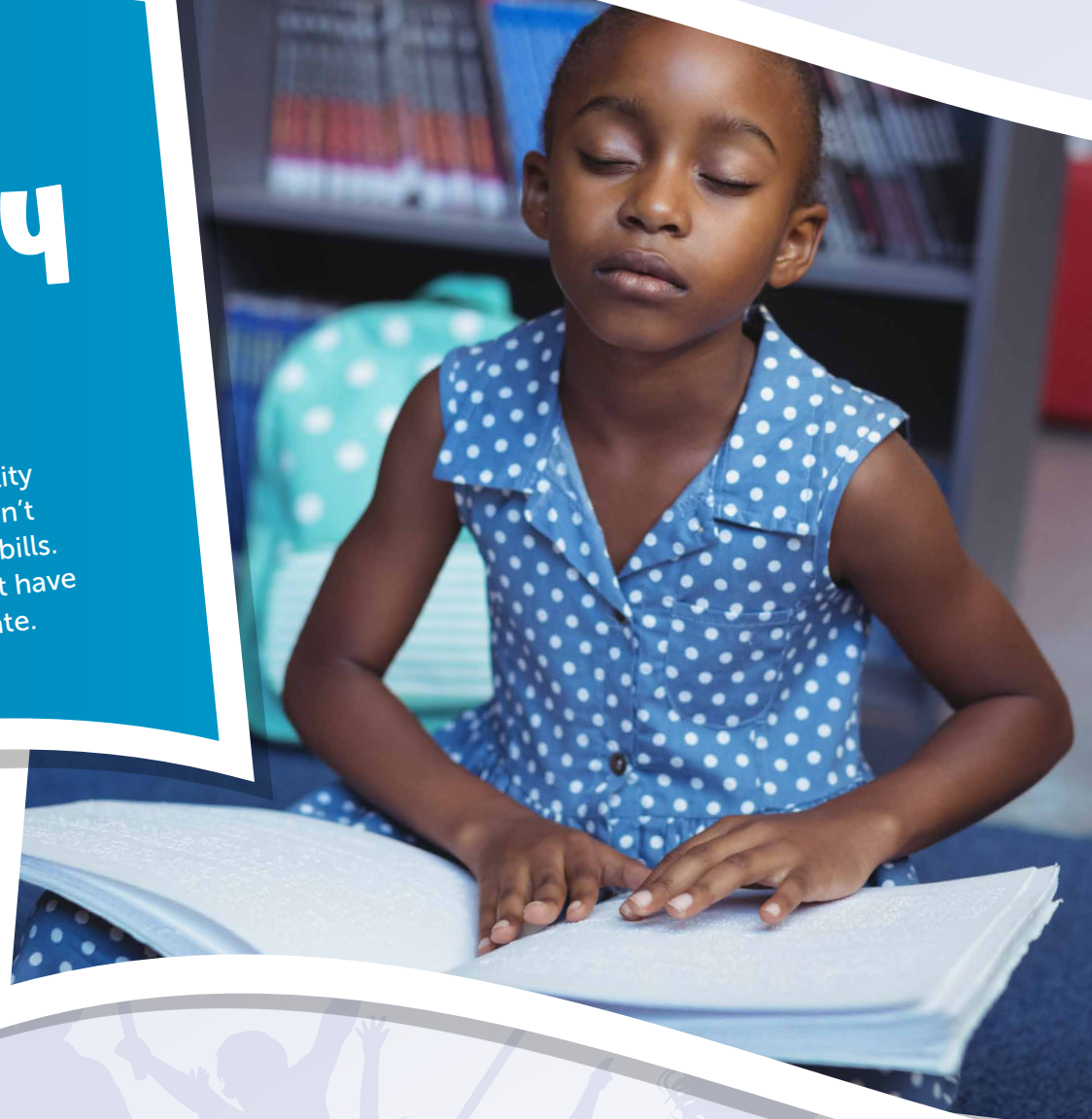
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World Braille Day

4 January 2022

World Braille Day is a reminder of the importance of accessibility and independence for people who are blind or visually impaired. Today's reality is that many establishments such as restaurants, banks, and hospitals don't offer braille versions of their print materials like menus, statements and bills. Because of this, people with blindness or visual impairments often don't have the freedom to choose a meal on their own or keep their finances private.



Links

[What is World Braille Day? - Braille Works](#)

[World Braille Day - timeanddate.com](#)

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LGBTQ+ History Month

February 2022

LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. It was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson. Its aim is to provide education and insight into the issues that the LGBTQ+ community faces. The primary aim of LGBTQ+ History Month is to teach young people about the history of the gay rights movement and to promote an inclusive modern society.

LGBTQ+ History month is not the same as Pride Month which is dedicated to the observance of community visibility and the movement toward equality, while LGBTQ+ History Month is an observance of the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements.



Links

[LGBTQ+ History Month - lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk](https://lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk)

[LGBTQ+-History-Month-Pack-2021.pdf](#)

[Schools Out](https://schools-out.org) | [Working towards equality in education for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people since 1974 - schools-out.org.uk](https://schools-out.org)



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Chinese New Year

1 February 2022

Chinese New Year, also called Lunar New Year, is an annual 15-day festival in China and Chinese communities around the world that begins with the new moon that occurs sometime between 21 January and 20 February according to Western calendars. Festivities last until the following full moon.

As 2022 will be a year of the Tiger, decorations related to tigers will be commonly seen. Look out for red tiger dolls and New Year paintings of tigers.



Links

www.britannica.com/topic/Chinese-New-Year

[Chinese New Year: What you need to know - CBBC Newsround](#)

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World Hearing Day

3 March 2022

World Hearing Day is a campaign held each year by the Office of Prevention of Blindness and Deafness of the World Health Organization. Activities take place across the globe and an event is hosted at the World Health Organisation on 3 March.



Links

World Hearing Day 2021: Hearing care for all (who.int)

Exploring Sounds Kids Can Make With Shakers | Peace but Not Quiet | Preschool music activities, Preschool music theme, Music activities for kids (pinterest.com.au)

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International Women's Day

8 March 2022

Marked annually on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for female-focused charities

Purple, green and white are the colours of International Women's Day. Purple signifies justice and dignity. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity, albeit a controversial concept. The colours originated from the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), the arm of the suffragette movement who were pressed for direct action and whose motto was "Deeds Not Words".

"We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves."
Marie Curie

Links

[IWD: About International Women's Day \(internationalwomensday.com\)](https://internationalwomensday.com)

[International Women's Day 2021 | UN Women – Headquarters](#)

WOMEN'S DAY for
WOMEN'S RIGHTS
all over the
WORLD



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British Sign Language Week

13 -19 March 2022

Sign Language Week is celebrated each year in March to coincide with the anniversary of the recognition of Sign Language by the British Government in 2003. The goal for the week is to show that Sign Language is for everybody and is shared and enjoyed by many children, people, families, groups, and communities.



Links

[Sign Language Week - signature](#)

[Sign Language Week 2022 - Event Info and Resources \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)



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International day for the elimination of racial discrimination

21 March 2022

Organised by the United Nations, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, often shortened to the International Day Against Racism, annually recognises the feats made by equality campaigners. It also highlights the instances of discrimination that continue to undermine our society, whether in work, the home, or our everyday lives. The day aims to remind people of racial discrimination's negative consequences. It also encourages people to remember their obligation and determination to combat racial discrimination.



Links

www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day

Event Guide: [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination \(champions-speakers.co.uk\)](https://champions-speakers.co.uk)



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International Transgender day of visibility

31 March 2022

International Transgender Day of Visibility (also called TDOV, Transgender Day of Visibility) is an annual event dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

Links

[International Transgender day of visibility - Google Search](#)

[LGBTQ+ Foundation - Trans Day of Visibility 2021](#)



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World Autism Awareness Week

29 March – 3 April 2022

World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognised day on 2 April every year, encouraging Member States of the United Nations to take measures to raise awareness about people with autistic spectrum disorders including autism and Asperger syndrome throughout the world. Autism Awareness Week aims to improve people's understanding of autism and help make the world friendlier to those who are affected by it.



Links

World Autism Awareness Week:
5 things everyone should know



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Ramadan

2 April – 1 May 2022

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The exact dates of Ramadan change every year. This is because Islam uses a calendar based on the cycles of the Moon.

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink during the hours of daylight. This is called fasting. Children are not expected to fast until they reach puberty, usually around the age of 14.

Ramadan remembers the month the Qur'an (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as Lailat ul-Qadr ('The Night of Power').



Links

[What is Ramadan? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Ramadan 2021: 9 questions about the Muslim holy month you were too embarrassed to ask - Vox](#)

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Holy Week - Easter

Palm Sunday - 10 April 2022

Holy Week 10 - 16 April 2022

Easter Sunday - 17 April 2022

Palm Sunday recalls an event in the Christian Scripture (The New Testament) of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into their hearts and of their willingness to follow him

Maundy Thursday

This is from the Latin "mandatum" which is the command to love one another. In England the Queen hands Maundy Money to people representing charities.

Good Friday

This is a solemn day when we remember the death of Jesus and the promise of hope and new life.

Easter Sunday

This is the most holy and important day in the Christian calendar (not Christmas!) and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Throughout Holy Week special food and symbols remind us of new life, hope and love - it's a special time for many families to get together.



Links

[Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter | A Guide to Religious Observances | Centre for Spiritual Life | Brandeis University](#)

[The riddle of Palm Sunday - KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize](#)

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Passover

15 April 2022 at sunset to 23 April 2022 at nightfall

Passover, Hebrew Pesah or Pesach is a celebration of the story of Exodus. During Passover, Jews remember how their ancestors left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses. Passover is celebrated with a series of rituals. Each ritual symbolises a different part of the story.

Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew) is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish year. It is a Spring festival that begins on the 15th day of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish calendar. The celebrations last for seven or eight days, depending on where you live.



Links

History Behind 7 Passover Traditions:
Seder, No Bread, More | Time

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Stephen Lawrence Day

22 April

Stephen Lawrence Day is held on 22 April each year to commemorate the life of Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered in a racially motivated attack in 1993.

At a service to mark the 25th anniversary of Mr Lawrence's death in 2018, then prime minister Theresa May announced that Stephen Lawrence Day would become an annual national commemoration. Stephen's death marked a watershed moment in cultural life and race relations in the UK. Since 1993, wide-ranging changes have been made to policing and the law thanks to the tireless efforts of Stephen's parents, Baroness Doreen Lawrence and Neville Lawrence.



Links

Stephen Lawrence Day 2020: How you can support the national commemoration | The Independent | The Independent

EYFS & KS1 : Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation

Stephen Lawrence Day - A Legacy of Change - FULL VERSION - YouTube

Who was Stephen Lawrence? - CBBC Newsround<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/discrimination/hate-crime/how-to-report-a-hate-incident-or-hate-crime/>

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UK Deaf Awareness Week

4 – 9 May 2022

Deaf Awareness Week is an annual event that will be taking place in May. The event's focus is to raise awareness of deafness and hearing loss. It aims to celebrate exceptional individuals and showcase what you can do to champion inclusivity and be more deaf-friendly.



Links

www.ndcs.org.uk/deaf-awareness-week/

Deaf Awareness Week: How can you support people with hearing loss? - CBBC Newsround

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International day of Families

15 May 2022

International Day of Families is annually observed by the United Nations across the world. The day is commemorated to highlight the important affairs central to the welfare of families, such as health, education, gender equality, rights for children and social inclusion among others.



Links

[International Day of Families 2021 -
Event Info and Resources \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)

[International Day of Families | United Nations](#)

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International day against Homophobia, biphobia and Transphobia

17 May 2022

The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBTQ+ rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBTQ+ rights work worldwide. By 2016, the commemorations had taken place in 132 countries.



Links

[International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia | UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund](#)

[International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia - Transparency.org](#)



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International Pride month

June 2022

On a hot summer's night in New York on June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village, which resulted in bar patrons, staff, and neighbourhood residents rioting onto Christopher Street outside. Among the many leaders of the riots was a black, trans, bisexual woman, Marsha P. Johnson, leading the movement to continue over six days with protests and clashes.

The message was clear — protestors demanded the establishment of places where LGBTQ+ people could go and be open about their sexual orientation without fear of arrest.

Pride Month is largely credited as being started by bisexual activist Brenda Howard. Known as 'The Mother of Pride,' Brenda organized Gay Pride Week and the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade a year after the Stonewall Riots. This eventually morphed into what we now know as the New York City Pride March and was the catalyst for the formation of similar parades and marches across the world.

Bill Clinton was the first U.S. President to officially recognise Pride Month in 1999 and 2000. Then, from 2009 to 2016, Barack Obama declared June LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

The New York Pride Parade is one of the largest and most well-known parades to take place, with over 2 million people estimated to have taken part in 2019.



Links

[Pride Month](#)

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Gypsy, Roma Traveller History Month

June 2022

Since 2008, GRTHM has been celebrated throughout the UK over the month of June. GRTHM shares the history, culture and language of Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities, as well as other Travelling communities including Showmen and Boaters. Through celebration, education and raising awareness GRTHM helps to tackle prejudices, challenge myths and to raise the voices of Gypsies and Travellers in wider society.



Links

www.gypsy-traveller.org/heritage/celebrating-gypsy-roma-and-traveller-history-month/

Policy & Publications | [Friends, Families and Travellers](http://Friends, Families and Travellers.org)
(gypsy-traveller.org)

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History and Culture

Pavee Ceilidh website NATT+ London GRTHM

Open Society Foundations Tower Hamlets Schools Libraries

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Windrush Day

22 June 2022

Established in 2018, Windrush Day is marked on the 22 June, when Caribbean migrants on board the SS Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in London.

Taking place every year, Windrush Day is an opportunity to celebrate the Windrush generation, and acknowledge the contributions of British Caribbean communities.



Links

www.windrushday.org.uk

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Eid al Adha - also known as Tabaski

Sundown on 9 July to sundown on 10 July 2022

Eid ul-Adha ('Festival of Sacrifice') is one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar. The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to.

Eid ul-Adha celebrates the time when Ibrahim had a dream which he believed was a message from Allah asking him to sacrifice his son Isma'il as an act of obedience to God. The Devil tempted Ibrahim by saying he should disobey Allah and spare his son. As Ibrahim was about to kill his son, Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to sacrifice instead.

In some countries, Muslims sacrifice a sheep or goat (in Britain the animal is killed at a slaughterhouse). The meat is shared equally between family, friends, and the poor.

Eid usually starts with Muslims going to the Mosque for prayers. They dress in their best clothes and thank Allah for all the blessings they have received. It is a time when they visit family and friends. Muslims will also give money to charity so that poor people can celebrate too.



Links

www.almustafatrust.org

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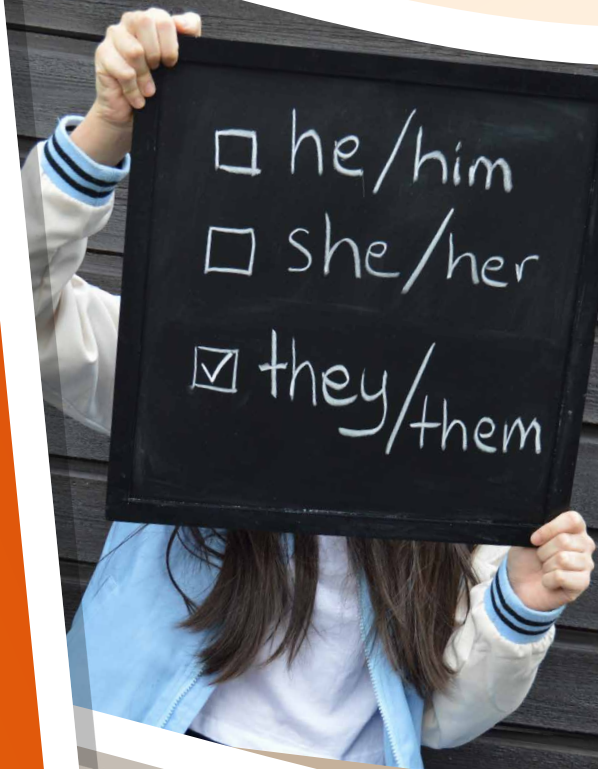
Non-Binary People's Day

14 July 2022

International Non-Binary People's Day is observed each year on 14 July and is aimed at raising awareness and organising around the issues faced by non-binary people around the world. First celebrated in 2012, the date was chosen for being precisely between International Men's Day and International Women's Day.

Non-binary is an umbrella term for people whose gender identity doesn't sit comfortably with 'man' or 'woman'. Non-binary identities are varied and can include people who identify with some aspects of binary identities, while others reject them entirely.

There are many ways to be inclusive of everyone, regardless of their gender identity. Our language and the way we speak is often embedded with hidden gendered cues. For example, you can introduce yourself with your name and pronoun, and put your pronouns in your email signature and social media profiles. You can also aim to use more gender-neutral language in your day-to-day life: use 'they' if you don't know somebody's preferred pronouns and try to use inclusive language in writing that avoids implying only two genders.



Links

www.stonewall.org.uk/about-us/news/10-ways-step-ally-non-binary-people

transequality.org/issues/resources/understanding-non-binary-people-how-to-be-respectful-and-supportive

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International Day of Friendship

30 July 2022

The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures, and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

The resolution places emphasis on involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.

To mark the International Day of Friendship the UN encourages governments, international organizations and civil society groups to hold events, activities and initiatives that contribute to the efforts of the international community towards promoting a dialogue among civilisations, solidarity, mutual understanding and reconciliation.

The International Day of Friendship is an initiative that follows on the proposal made by UNESCO defining the Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes and behaviours that reject violence and endeavour to prevent conflicts by addressing their root causes with a view to solving problems. It was then adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1997.



Links

[International Day of Friendship](#)

[International Day of Friendship | United Nations](#)

[Culture of Peace](#)

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International Day of Charity

5 September 2022

The International Day of Charity was established with the objective of sensitising and mobilising people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.

The date of 5 September was chosen in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace."



Links

[International Day of Charity](#) | United Nations

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Rosh Hashanah

From Sunday, 25 September 2022 at sunset until
Tuesday, 27 September at nightfall 2022

Rosh Hashanah is a special festival which celebrates Jewish New Year. It literally means 'head of the year'.

The festival lasts for two days and this year it starts on Sunday 25 September. This is because the dates of Jewish festivals come from the Hebrew Calendar, so the Jewish New Year begins in Autumn, as opposed to on 1 January.

Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start. It is a time for people to reflect on the past year and to ask for forgiveness for anything wrong they feel they have done. They can also think about their priorities in life and what is important to them.

The festival also marks a time of judgment, when Jewish people believe that God balances a person's good acts over the last year with their bad acts and decides what the coming 12 months will be like for them.



Links

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/29363650



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Yom Kippur

From Sunset on 4 October 2022
to sunset on 5 October 2022

Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement. It is the most sacred and solemn day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is a day to reflect on the past year and ask God's forgiveness for any sins. Jews do not work or go to school on this day. Yom Kippur is celebrated in September or October in the UK.

Yom Kippur is ten days after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which celebrates the anniversary of the creation of the world.

The Days of Awe

The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are called The Days of Repentance or Days of Awe. During these days, Jews think about everything they have done in the past year. If they've done something wrong, they can try to put it right, ask God's forgiveness, and promise not to do it again. Jews also give money to charity.

The Day of Yom Kippur

Jews mark the day of Yom Kippur by fasting for 25 hours. They also wear white and they don't wear make-up, perfume, or leather shoes. The most important part of Yom Kippur is the time spent in the synagogue. Even Jews who do not go to the synagogue very much will go on Yom Kippur. The day is spent in continuous prayer.



Links

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41337138



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International day of Democracy

15 September 2022

The International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. Democracy is as much a process as a goal, and only with the full participation of and support by the international community, national governing bodies, civil society and individuals, can the ideal of democracy be made into a reality to be enjoyed by everyone, everywhere.



VOTE



Links

[International Day of Democracy | United Nations](#)

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Bi Visibility Day

23 September 2022

Bi Visibility Day or International Celebrate Bisexuality Day has been celebrated since 1999. The day aims to provide a platform to the bisexual community and their supporters and to bring global attention to the social, economic, and cultural prejudices and challenges faced by bisexual people.



Links

[International Celebrate Bisexuality Day](#)

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Inclusion Week

26 September – 2 October 2022

Inclusion Week is designed to celebrate everyday inclusion in all its forms. This is the 9th year Inclusive Employers has brought organisations together from across the globe to celebrate, share and inspire inclusion practices.

Every year National Inclusion Week has a theme and in 2021 it was about unity #UnitedForInclusion. The theme for 2022 is still to be announced.



Links

www.inclusiveemployers.co.uk/

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Black History Month

October

October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years. The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations.

Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but to include black people of all backgrounds. Black history month was first launched in London in the 1980s, where the aim was for the local community to challenge racism and educate themselves and others about the British history that was not taught in schools.

Some schools across the UK teach about Britain's black history including the slave trade and important and influential black men and women from history.

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson says it's important to celebrate the influence black people have had shaping Britain's history:

"For countless generations people of African and Caribbean descent have been shaping our nation's story, making a huge difference to our national and cultural life and helping to make Britain a better place to be.

"It is this contribution of black British people that I am proud to be celebrating Black History Month this October," he said.

In 2022 the theme is "Black Health and Wellness"



Links

www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk
[Black History Month 2021](#)



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ADHD Awareness Month

October

October is devoted to sharing reliable information about ADHD based on science and peer-reviewed research.

ADHD awareness is not just for the month October, of course. As people living with ADHD, or working with those with ADHD, we can be leaders in our local and online communities as we shine a light on ADHD, providing trustworthy resources all year long!



ADHD



Links

[ADHD Awareness Month](#)

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World Mental Health Day

10 October 2022

The World Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day on 10 October every year.

This year's theme set by the World Federation for Mental Health is 'Mental Health in an unequal world'



Links

[World Health Organisation](#)

[World Federation for Mental Health](#)

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National Coming Out Day

11 October 2022

National Coming Out Day continues to raise awareness for individuals within the LGBTQ+ community, and champion the idea that homophobia thrives in silence.

On this day, many people who identify as LGBTQ+ will "come out" (a term stemming from the phrase "come out of the closet") to friends or family about their sexuality, which is a very big moment!

Beyond this, the history of the LGBT+ movement is a beacon of light — its champions are honoured, and it underlines the personal being political. It's also a chance to celebrate the liberation spirit — many do this by waving flags associated with LGBTQ+ groups or donning pins.



Links

[National coming out day](#)

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Show Racism the Red Card

15 October 2022

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's largest anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by the then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop.

In 1990s Newcastle, Shaka was at a petrol station near St James Park when he was confronted with a group of young people shouting racist abuse at him. After one of the group realised that they had been shouting at Shaka Hislop, the Newcastle United football player, they came over to ask for an autograph.

It was from this experience that Shaka realised he could harness his status as a professional player to make a difference. Coupled with the power of football and his status as a role model, Shaka thought education could be an effective strategy in challenging racism in society.

To this day SRtRC continues to utilise the high-profile status of football and football players to help tackle racism in society and has also expanded into other sports. The majority of the campaign's work involves the delivery of educational workshops to young people and adults in schools, workplaces and at events held in football stadiums.



Links

Show Racism the Red Card
Educational resources

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A series of white silhouettes of children and adults with their arms raised in celebration, set against a light background. The silhouettes are arranged in a line, creating a sense of movement and joy.



Diwali

24 October 2022

The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas'. Diwali always falls sometime between October and November, but the exact date varies each year as the Hindu calendar is based on the Moon.

For many people this five-day festival honours Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. Lamps are lit and windows and doors are left open to help Lakshmi find her way into people's homes.

Other ways that Hindus celebrate the festival include:

- Spring-cleaning the home
- Wearing new clothes
- Exchanging gifts (often sweets and dried fruits) and preparing festive meals
- Decorating buildings with fancy lights
- Huge fireworks displays



Links

www.diwalifestival.org

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Remembrance Sunday

14 November 2022

Remembrance Day is always 11 November - marking the day the Armistice was signed in World War 1, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.

Remembrance Sunday is the Sunday closest to Remembrance Day the which falls on 14 November in 2022. It is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives because of conflict or terrorism.



Links

www.britishlegion.org.uk

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International Men's Day

19 November 2022

International Men's Day celebrates worldwide the positive value men bring to the world, their families and communities. We highlight positive role models and raise awareness of men's well-being.

The six pillars of International Men's Day include working to improve gender relations, promoting gender equality not only for men but for women too, a focus on the health and wellbeing of boys and men and the importance of positive male role models.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

"If boys don't learn, men won't know."
Douglas Wilson



Links

Welcome to the home of International Men's Day in the UK
(ukmensday.org.uk)

internationalmensday.com

[Men & Boys Coalition \(menandboyscoalition.org.uk\)](http://menandboyscoalition.org.uk)

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World Children's Day

20 November 2022

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

20 November is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Since 1990, World Children's Day also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on Children's Rights.

Parents, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as young people and children themselves, can play an important part in making World Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations.

World Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.



Links

www.un.org

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World Aids Day

1 December 2022

World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

Over 103,800 people are living with HIV in the UK. Globally, there are an estimated 38 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.

Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition. Despite this, each year in the UK over 4,450 people are diagnosed with HIV, people do not know the facts about how to protect themselves and others, and stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.



Links

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The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

2 December 2022

The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery marks the date of the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (resolution 317(IV) of 2 December 1949).

The focus of this day is on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery, such as people trafficking, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labour, forced marriage and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern slavery. Although modern slavery is not defined in law, it is used as an umbrella term covering practices such as forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage and human trafficking. Essentially, it refers to situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power.

In addition, more than 150 million children are subject to child labour, accounting for almost one in ten children around the world.

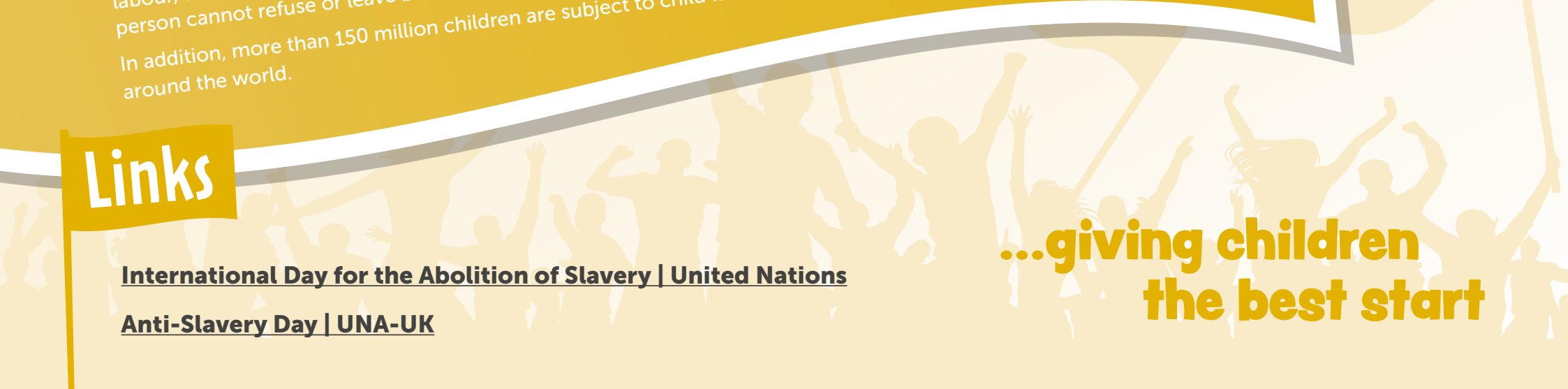


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International day for people with Disabilities

3 December 2022

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPWD) is a day which promotes equality for people with disabilities in all areas of society. This day was first announced by the UN in 1992 with the aim of advancing disability rights and protecting the wellbeing of people with disabilities.

According to the World Health Organisation, around 15% of the world's population are considered to have some form of disability. But all too often, the needs of people with disabilities are not catered for by the society they live in.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is intended to break down barriers to inclusion and fight for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

This year's theme is 'Not All Disabilities Are Visible'. The day aims to raise awareness of disabilities which may not be immediately apparent but can still have an impact on people's lives. These include mental illness, learning differences, chronic pain and sight or hearing impairments among others.



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[International Day of People with Disabilities \(idpwd.org\)](https://www.idpwd.org)

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International Human Rights Day

10 December

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being – regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.

10 December is an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

The theme in 2021 EQUALITY – Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights – related to relates to ‘Equality’ and Article 1 of the UDHR – “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” – with the slogan “All human, all equal”. The 2022 theme has yet to be announced.

Under the UN Human Rights generic call to action “Stand Up for Human Rights”, the aim is to engage the general public and organisations in transformative action and showcase practical and inspirational examples that can contribute to fostering more just and resilient societies



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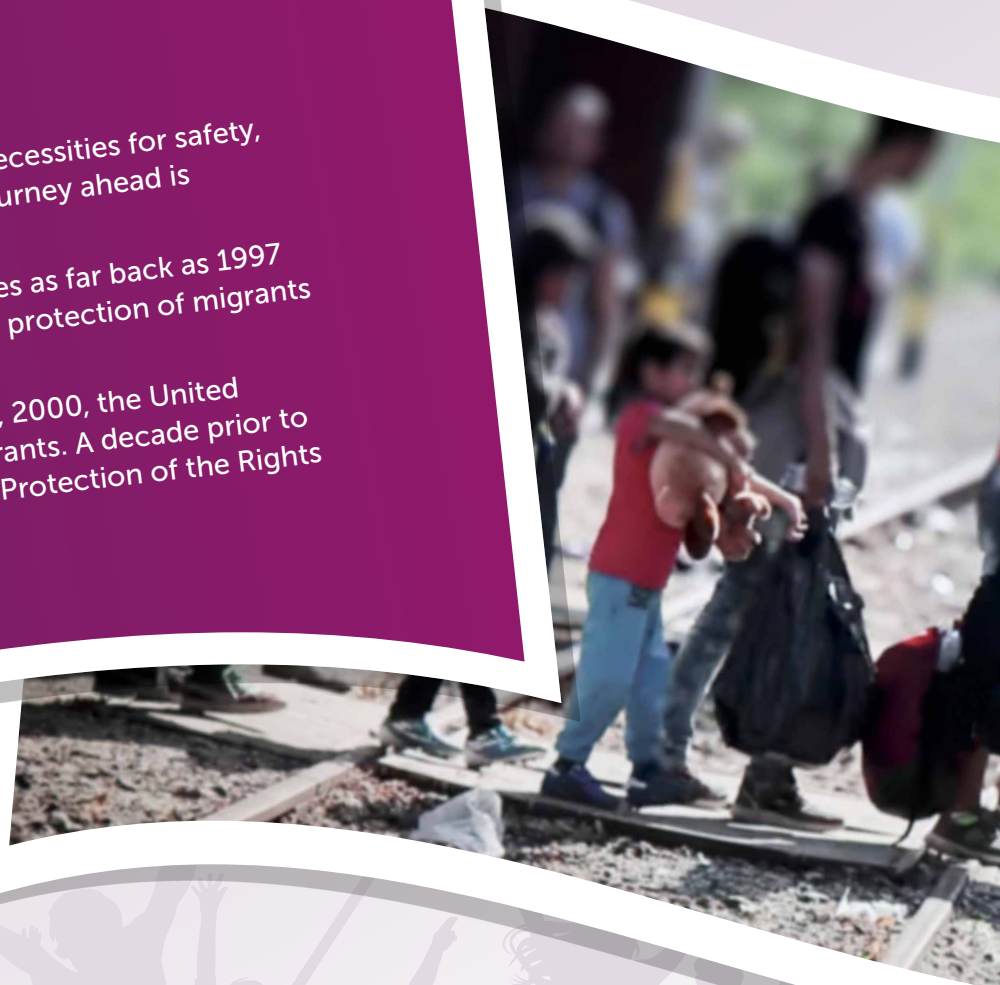
International Migrants Day

18 December 2022

Migration has many factors enforcing it on a global level. These stem from human necessities for safety, dignity and peace. It is never an easy decision to leave home, especially when the journey ahead is extremely dangerous and, at times, fatal.

Although the day was made official in the year 2000, the observance of this day goes as far back as 1997 when 18 December was marked as the day to campaign for the respect, rights, and protection of migrants by several Asian migrant organisations.

Due to the ever-increasing number of migrants around the world, on 4 December, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly declared 18 December as the day for International Migrants. A decade prior to this, on the same day, the Assembly initiated the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.



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