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# Diversity Calendar 2022

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# January 2022

National Braille Literacy Awareness Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day/Hogmanay**  
Gantan-sai (New Year) - Shinto  
Mary, Mother of God – Catholic Christian
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feast of St. Basil** - Orthodox Christian
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday** – UK & ROI
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday** - Scotland  
World Braille Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Twelfth Night** – Christian
- 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany** – Christian  
Feast of Theophany – Orthodox Christian
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nativity of Christ (Christmas Day)** - Orthodox Christian
- 9<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord Jesus** – Christian  
Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh – Sikhism
- 10<sup>th</sup> Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day)** – Shinto  
Bodhi Day – Buddhism
- 13<sup>th</sup> Maghi/Lohri** – Sikhism, Hinduism
- 14<sup>th</sup> Orthodox New Year** – Orthodox Christian  
Makar Sankranti – Hinduism  
Pongal - Hinduism
- 16<sup>th</sup> World Religion Day**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day**  
Tu B'Shevat -Judaism
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mahayana New Year** – Buddhism
- 19<sup>th</sup> Timkat** – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
- 25<sup>th</sup> Robert Burns Night**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Day**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Guru Har Rai** – Sikhism

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**JANUARY** is Braille Literacy Month | Cervical Health Awareness Month |  
Alcohol Concern Dry January | Thyroid Awareness Month | National Blood Donor Month

Religious dates with a \* next to them usually begin at sundown on the evening before.



***“We must be treated  
as equals — and  
communication is  
the way we can  
bring this about.”***

***Louis Braille***



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# February 2022

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month



**1<sup>st</sup> World Hijab Day**  
**Chinese New Year**  
**Imbolc - Lughnassadh** - Wicca/Pagan  
*Northern and Southern hemispheres*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Candlemas** – Christian

**3<sup>rd</sup> Setsubun** – Shinto

**4<sup>th</sup> World Cancer Day**

**5<sup>th</sup> Vasant Panchami** – Hinduism

**6<sup>th</sup> Zacchaeus Sunday** – Orthodox Christian  
**Time to Talk Day**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Race Equality Week**  
**Children's Mental Health Week**  
**National Apprenticeship Week**

**11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes** – Christian  
**International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

**13<sup>th</sup> Autism Sunday**  
**Triodion begins** – Orthodox Christian

**14<sup>th</sup> Saint Valentine's Day** – Christian

**15<sup>th</sup> Parinirvana** – Buddhism, Jainism  
**International Childhood Cancer Day**

**16<sup>th</sup> Magha Puja** – Buddhism

**18<sup>th</sup> International Care Day**

**20<sup>th</sup> World Day of Social Justice**

**25<sup>th</sup> Intercalary Days begin** – Baha'i  
**International STAND UP to Bullying Day**

**27<sup>th</sup> Meatfare Sunday** – Orthodox Christian

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**FEBRUARY** is Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month | UK National Heart Month  
Raynaud's Awareness Month

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**“Equality means more than passing laws. The struggle is really won in the hearts and minds of the community, where it really counts.”**

**Barbara Gittings**



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# March 2022

## International Women's History Month



**1<sup>st</sup> Saint David's Day** – Christian  
**Intercalary Days ends** – Baha'i  
**Shrove Tuesday** – Christian  
**Lailat al Miraj** – Islam  
**Zero Discrimination Day**  
**Maha Shivaratri** – Hinduism  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Nineteen Day Fast begins\*** – Baha'i  
**Ash Wednesday** – Christian  
  
**7<sup>th</sup> Great Lent begins** – Orthodox Christian  
  
**8<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day**  
  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Orthodoxy** – Orthodox Christian  
  
**16<sup>th</sup> Fast of Esther** - Judaism  
  
**17<sup>th</sup> Saint Patrick's Day** – Christian  
**Bank Holiday** – Northern Ireland & ROI  
**Holika Dahan** – Hinduism  
**Purim \*** – Judaism  
  
**18<sup>th</sup> Lailat al Bara'ah** – Islam  
**Hola Mohalla** – Sikhism  
**Holi** – Hinduism  
  
**19<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph's Day** – Christian  
  
**20<sup>th</sup> Spring Equinox**  
  
**21<sup>st</sup> World Down Syndrome Day**  
**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**  
**Naw-Rúz (New Year)\*** – Baha'i  
**Nowruz (New Year)** – Persian/Zoroastrian  
  
**22<sup>nd</sup> World Water Day**  
  
**24<sup>th</sup> World Tuberculosis Day**  
  
**27<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday** - Christian  
**Daylight Saving Time starts**  
  
**31<sup>st</sup> International Transgender Day of Visibility**

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**MARCH** is International Women's History Month | Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month |  
 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month | Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

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***“It is not our  
differences that  
divide us. It is our  
inability to recognise,  
accept and  
celebrate those  
differences.”***

**Audre Lorde**



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# April 2022

## Stress Awareness Month



**2<sup>nd</sup> World Autism Awareness Day**  
**Ramadan begins** – Islam

**7<sup>th</sup> World Health Day**

**8<sup>th</sup> International Romani Day**

**10<sup>th</sup> Rama Navami** – Hinduism  
**Palm Sunday** – Orthodox Christian

**13<sup>th</sup> Songkran (Thai New Year)** – Buddhism

**14<sup>th</sup> Vaisakhi (New Year)** – Sikhism  
**Maundy Thursday** – Christian  
**Mahavir Jayanti** – Jainism

**15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday** – Christian  
**Bank Holiday** – UK and ROI  
**Fast of Firstborn** – Judaism

**16<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday** – Christian  
**Lazarus Saturday** – Orthodox Christian  
**Theravada New Year** – Buddhism  
**Hanuman Jayanti** – Hinduism  
**Pesach (Passover) begins \*** – Judaism

**17<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday** – Christian

**18<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday** – Christian  
**Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur** – Sikhism  
**Birthday of Guru Angad Dev** – Sikhism  
**Bank Holiday** – UK and ROI

**21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Ridvan\*** – Baha'i

**22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day**  
**Holy Friday** – Orthodox Christian  
**Stephen Lawrence Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Saint George's Day** – Christian  
**Great Lent ends** – Orthodox Christian  
**Holy Saturday** – Orthodox Christian  
**Pesach (Passover) ends** – Judaism

**24<sup>th</sup> Pascha (Easter)** – Orthodox Christian

**29<sup>th</sup> Ninth Day of Ridvan** – Baha'i  
**Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power)** – Islam

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**APRIL** is Autism Awareness Month | Stress Awareness Month |  
National Deaf History Month | Parkinson's Awareness Month

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***“Do not judge me by  
my successes, judge  
me by how many  
times I fell down  
and got back up  
again. ”***

***Nelson Mandela***



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# May 2022

## Mental Health Awareness Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> Beltane** – Wicca/Pagan  
**Chaand Raat** – Islam
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Early May Bank Holiday** - UK and ROI  
**Twelfth Day of Ridvan \*** – Baha'i  
**Eid al Fitr** – Islam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Akshaya Tritiya** – Hinduism, Jain  
**Feast of Saints Philip and James** – Catholic Christian
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Deaf Awareness Week**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Yom HaAtzmaut \*** – Jewish commemoration
- 6<sup>th</sup> Vesak – Buddha Day** – Buddhism
- 8<sup>th</sup> World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day**
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Awareness Week**
- 15<sup>th</sup> International Day of Families**  
**Birthday of Guru Amar Das** – Sikhism
- 17<sup>th</sup> International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT day)**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lag B'Omer \*** – Judaism
- 21<sup>st</sup> World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> International Day for Biological Diversity**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Declaration of the Bab** – Baha'i
- 26<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day** – Christian
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ascension of Baha'u'llah** - Baha'i

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**MAY** is Mental Health Awareness Month | Hepatitis Awareness Month |  
Celiac Awareness Month

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***“I’ve learned that no  
matter what  
happens, or how bad  
it seems today, life  
does go on, and it  
will be better  
tomorrow. ”***

***Maya Angelou***



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# June 2022

## Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month



**1<sup>st</sup> Global Day of Parents**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Bank Holiday** – UK  
**Ascension of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian

**3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev** – Sikhism  
**Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday** – UK

**4<sup>th</sup> International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression**

**5<sup>th</sup> World Environment Day**  
**Pentecost** – Christian

**5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Shavuot (Pentecost) \*** – Judaism

**6<sup>th</sup> Whit Monday** – Christian  
**June Bank Holiday** - ROI

**12<sup>th</sup> World Day Against Child Labour**  
**Trinity Sunday** – Christian  
**Pentecost** – Orthodox Christian  
**Race Unity Day**

**14<sup>th</sup> World Blood Donor Day**

**15<sup>th</sup> World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

**16<sup>th</sup> Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev** – Sikhism  
**Corpus Christi** – Catholic Christian

**19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day**  
**Juneteenth** - US

**20<sup>th</sup> World Refugee Day**

**21<sup>st</sup> Summer Solstice** – Northern Hemisphere  
**Litha – Yule** – Wicca/Pagan  
**World Humanist Day**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Windrush Day**

**24<sup>th</sup> Nativity of Saint John the Baptist** – Christian  
**Feast of the Sacred Heart** – Catholic Christian

**29<sup>th</sup> Feast of Saints Peter and Paul** - Christian

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**JUNE** is LGBTQ Pride Month | Men's Health Awareness Month |

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

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***“Diversity is not how  
we differ. Diversity is  
about embracing  
one another’s  
uniqueness.”***

**Ola Joseph**



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# July 2022

## National Make a Difference to Children Month



**4<sup>th</sup> US Independence Day**

**5<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Hargobind** – Sikhism

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Hajj** – Islam

**8<sup>th</sup> Day of Arafah** – Islam

**9<sup>th</sup> Eid al Adha** – Islam  
**Martyrdom of the Bab** - Baha'i

**11<sup>th</sup> World Population Day**

**12<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen's Day)**  
**Bank Holiday** – Northern Ireland

**13<sup>th</sup> Asalha Puja (Dharma Day)** – Buddhism

**14<sup>th</sup> International Non-Binary People's Day**

**15<sup>th</sup> World Youth Skills Day**

**17<sup>th</sup> Fast of 17 Tammuz** – Judaism  
**Eid al-Ghadir** – Islam

**18<sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela International Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie** – Rastafari

**24<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Day** - Mormon Christian

**25<sup>th</sup> Saint James the Great Day** – Christian

**28<sup>th</sup> World Hepatitis Day**

**30<sup>th</sup> Al-Hijra/Muharram (New Year)** – Islam  
**International Friendship Day**  
**World Day against Trafficking Persons**

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**JULY** is Make a Difference to Children Month | International Women with Alopecia Month |  
 International Group B Strep Awareness Month

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***“I speak not for myself  
but for those without  
voice... those who  
have fought for their  
rights... their right to  
live in peace, their right  
to be treated with  
dignity, their right to  
equality of opportunity,  
their right to be  
educated.”***

***Malala Yousafzai***



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# August 2022

## National Breastfeeding Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> **Lammas** - Christian  
**Lughnassadh - Imbolc** - Wicca/Pagan  
Northern and Southern Hemispheres  
**Summer Bank Holiday** – Scotland & ROI
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Parshvanath Moksha** - Jain
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Feast of the Transfiguration** – Christian  
**Transfiguration of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Tish'a B'Av (Fast of 9 Av)** – Judaism  
**Day of Ashura** – Islam
- 9<sup>th</sup> **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Feast of Saint Lawrence** – Christian
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Raksha Bandhan** – Hinduism
- 12<sup>th</sup> **International Youth Day**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary** – Catholic Christian  
**Dormition of the Theotokos** – Orthodox Christian
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> **Krishna Janmashtami** – Hinduism
- 19<sup>th</sup> **World Humanitarian Day**
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Rohini Vrat** – Jain
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **International Day for the Remembrance  
of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle** – Christian  
**Paryushana Parvarambha** - Jain
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Summer Bank Holiday** – England, Wales  
and Northern Ireland
- 31<sup>st</sup> **Ganesh Chaturthi** – Hinduism  
**Samvatsari** - Jain

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**AUGUST** is National Breastfeeding Month | Psoriasis Awareness Month |  
Children's Eye Health & Safety Month

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***“I alone cannot  
change the world,  
but I can cast a  
stone across the  
water to create  
many ripples.”***

***Mother Teresa***



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# September 2022

## Older Persons' Month



**5<sup>th</sup> International Day of Charity**

**6<sup>th</sup> Colour Blind Awareness Day**

**8<sup>th</sup> Nativity of Virgin Mary** – Christian  
**International Literacy Day**

**9<sup>th</sup> Anant Chaturdashi** – Jain

**10<sup>th</sup> World Suicide Prevention Day**

**11<sup>th</sup> Ethiopian New Year's Day** – Rastafari

**14<sup>th</sup> The Triumph of the Cross** – Christian  
**Exaltation of the Cross** – Orthodox Christian

**15<sup>th</sup> International Day of Democracy**

**16<sup>th</sup> Arba'een** – Islam

**18<sup>th</sup> International Equal Pay Day**

**21<sup>st</sup> International Day of Peace**  
**World Alzheimer's Day**  
**Feast of Saint Matthew** – Christian

**23<sup>rd</sup> Autumn Equinox**  
**Mabon – Ostara** – Wicca/Pagan  
**International Day of Sign Languages**

**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah (New Year) \*** – Judaism

**26<sup>th</sup> Navaratri begins** – Hinduism  
**National Inclusion Week begins**

**27<sup>th</sup> Meskel** – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian

**28<sup>th</sup> Fast of Gedaliah** – Judaism

**29<sup>th</sup> Michaelmas** – Christian  
**World Heart Day**

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**SEPTEMBER** is Older Persons' Month | Childhood Cancer Awareness Month |

World Alzheimer's Month | World Dementia Awareness Month | Deaf Awareness Month

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***“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.”***

**Jane Goodall**



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# October 2022

## Black History Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> International Day of Older Persons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feast of the Guardian Angels – Christian  
International Day of Non-Violence
- 4<sup>th</sup> Saint Francis Day - Christian  
Dussehra – Hinduism
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Dyslexia Awareness Week
- 5<sup>th</sup> Navaratri ends – Hinduism  
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) \* - Judaism
- 6<sup>th</sup> World Cerebral Palsy Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Milad un Nabi (Mawlid) – Islam
- 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Ram Das – Sikhism
- 10<sup>th</sup> World Mental Health Day  
World Homeless Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Sukkot (Tabernacles) \* - Judaism
- 15<sup>th</sup> International Day of Rural Women
- 16<sup>th</sup> World Food Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> International Day for the Eradication of Poverty  
Shmini Atzeret (8<sup>th</sup> Day of Assembly) \* - Judaism
- 18<sup>th</sup> Feast of Saint Luke – Christian  
Simchat Torah (Celebration of the Torah) – Judaism  
World Menopause Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Diwali/Deepavali – Hinduism, Sikhism, Jain  
Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikhism
- 26<sup>th</sup> Birth of the Báb \* – Baha'i
- 27<sup>th</sup> Birth of Baha'u'llah\* - Baha'i
- 29<sup>th</sup> World Stroke Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> British Summer Time ends
- 31<sup>st</sup> All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) – Christian  
Samhain (Halloween) \* – Wicca/Pagan  
Bank Holiday - ROI

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OCTOBER is Black History Month | Down Syndrome Awareness Month | Lupus Awareness Month |  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month | Global Diversity Awareness | Menopause Awareness Month

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***“Our lives begin to  
end the day we  
become silent about  
things that matter.”***

***Martin Luther King Jr.***



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# November 2022

## Men's Health Awareness Month



**1<sup>st</sup> All Saints' Day** – Christian  
**2<sup>nd</sup> All Soul's Day** – Christian  
**Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I** - Rastafari  
**5<sup>th</sup> Guy Fawkes Night**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev** – Sikhism  
**9<sup>th</sup> Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** – Catholic Christian  
**11<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day**  
**13<sup>th</sup> World Kindness Day**  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
**14<sup>th</sup> World Diabetes Day**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> National Anti-Bullying Week**  
**18<sup>th</sup> UK Disability History Month begins**  
**19<sup>th</sup> International Men's Day**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Transgender Day of Remembrance**  
**Universal Children's Day**  
**Feast of Christ the King** – Christian  
**21<sup>st</sup> Presentation of the Theotokos** – Orthodox Christian  
**24<sup>th</sup> Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur** – Sikhism  
**Thanksgiving Day** – Interfaith USA  
**25<sup>th</sup> International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Day of the Covenant** - Baha'i  
**27<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday**- Christian  
**28<sup>th</sup> Nativity Fast begins** – Orthodox Christian  
**29<sup>th</sup> Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha \*** – Baha'i  
**30<sup>th</sup> Saint Andrew's Day** – Christian  
**Bank Holiday (Scotland)**

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**NOVEMBER** is Men's Health Awareness Month | Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month |  
 Lung Cancer Awareness Month | Environmental Awareness Month | Disability History Month

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***“It's surely our  
responsibility to do  
everything within our  
power to create a  
planet that provides  
a home not just for  
us, but for all life on  
Earth.”***

**David Attenborough**



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# December 2022

## Universal Human Rights Month



**1<sup>st</sup> World AIDS Day**

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Day of the Abolition of Slavery**

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

**5<sup>th</sup> International Volunteer Day**

**6<sup>th</sup> Saint Nicholas Day** – Christian

**8<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Immaculate Conception** - Christian

**9<sup>th</sup> International Anti-Corruption Day**

**10<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Day**

**18<sup>th</sup> International Migrants Day**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Chanukah** – Judaism

**20<sup>th</sup> International Human Solidarity Day**

**21<sup>st</sup> Winter Solstice**

**Yule - Litha \*** - Wicca/Pagan  
Northern and Southern Hemispheres

**24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve** – Christian

**25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day** – Christian

**26<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday - Boxing Day** – UK & ROI  
**Saint Stephen's Day** – Christian

**27<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday** - UK & ROI

**28<sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents** – Christian

**30<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Holy Family** – Catholic Christian

**31<sup>st</sup> Hogmanay/ New Year's Eve**

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**DECEMBER** is Universal Human Rights Month | AIDS Awareness Month |  
Spiritual Literacy Month

Religious dates with a \* next to them usually begin at sundown on the evening before.

**“Kindness in thinking  
creates  
profoundness.  
Kindness in giving  
creates love.”**

***Lao Tzu***

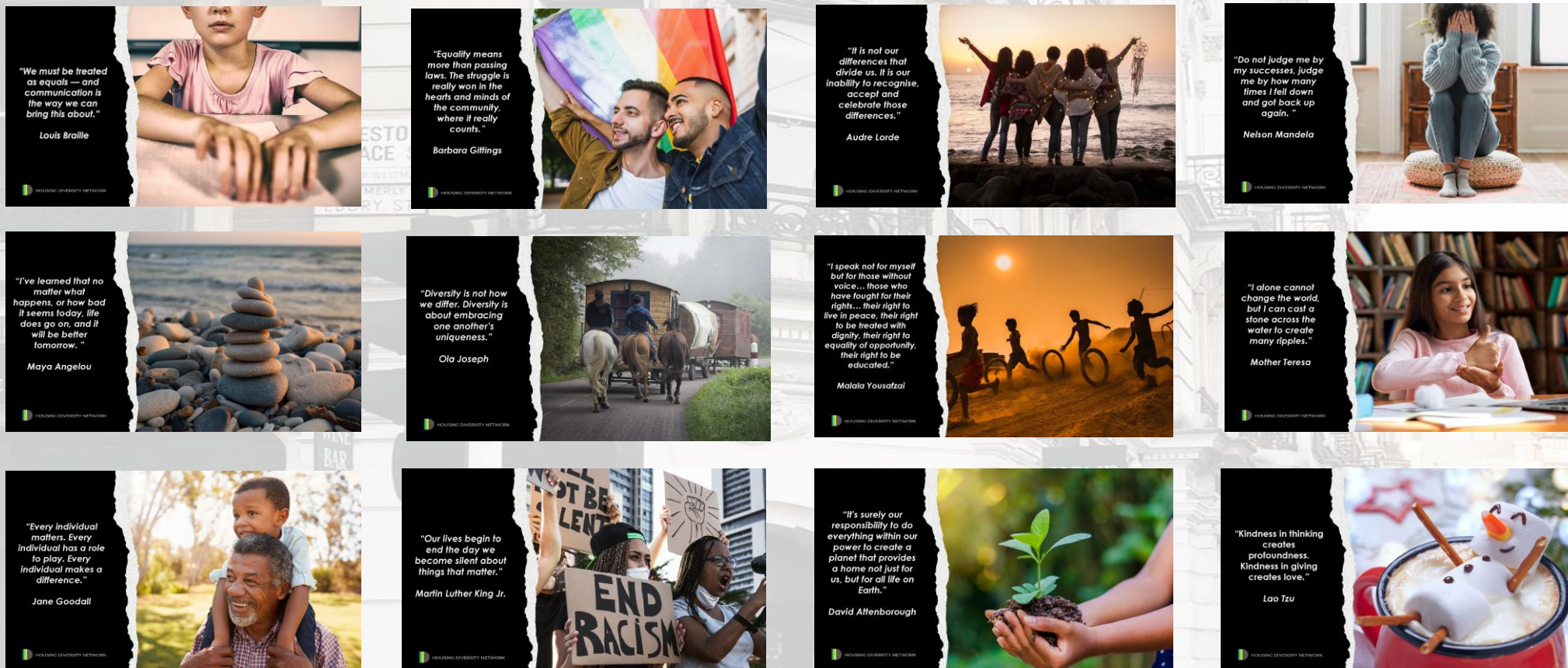


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