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# Diversity Calendar 2023

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# January 2023

## National Braille Literacy Awareness Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day/Hogmanay**  
**Gantan-sai (New Year)** - Shinto  
**The Solemnity Mary, Mother of God** – Catholic Christian
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feast of St. Basil** - Orthodox Christian  
**Bank Holiday** – UK & ROI
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday** - Scotland  
**Fast of 10 Tevet** – Judaism
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Mahayana New Year** – Buddhism
- 8<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord Jesus** – Christian
- 9<sup>th</sup> Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day)** – Shinto
- 13<sup>th</sup> Maghi/Lohri** – Sikhism, Hinduism
- 14<sup>th</sup> Orthodox New Year** – Orthodox Christian
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Pongal** – Hinduism
- 15<sup>th</sup> Makar Sankranti** – Hinduism  
**World Religion Day**
- 16<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Timkat** – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
- 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh** – Sikhism  
**Meru Trayodashi** – Jainism
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Chinese New Year - Rabbit**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Robert Burns Night**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Vasant Panchami** – Hinduism
- 27<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Day**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Zacchaeus Sunday** – Orthodox Christian

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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 begin at sundown on the evening before.



***“Optimism is the  
faith that leads to  
achievement.  
Nothing can be  
done without hope  
and confidence.”***

***Helen Keller***



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# February 2023

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Candlemas** – Christian  
**Time to Talk Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Setsubun** – Shinto  
**Birthday of Guru Har Rai** – Sikhism

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Triodion begins** – Orthodox Christian

**6<sup>th</sup> Tu B'Shvat (New Year for Trees)** - Judaism

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<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**

**12<sup>th</sup> Autism Sunday**

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

**15<sup>th</sup> Parinirvana** – Buddhism, Jainism

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

**18<sup>th</sup> Lailat al Miraj \*** – Islam  
**Maha Shivaratri** – Hinduism

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

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

**21<sup>st</sup> Shrove Tuesday** – Christian

**22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday** – Christian

**24<sup>th</sup> International STAND UP to Bullying Day**

**25<sup>th</sup> Intercalary Days begin** – Baha'i

**27<sup>th</sup> Great Lent begins** – 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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***“If I wait for someone else to validate my existence, it will mean that I’m short changing myself.”***

***Zanele Muholi***



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# March 2023

## International Women's History Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> Saint David's Day** – Christian  
**Intercalary Days ends** – Baha'i  
**Zero Discrimination Day**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nineteen Day Fast begins \*** – Baha'i
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Orthodoxy** – Orthodox Christian
- 6<sup>th</sup> Magha Puja** – Buddhism  
**Fast of Esther** - Judaism
- 7<sup>th</sup> Holika Dahan** – Hinduism  
**Purim \*** – Judaism
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lailat al Bara'ah \*** – Islam  
**Holi** – Hinduism  
**International Women's Day**
- 8 -10<sup>th</sup> Hola Mohalla** – Sikhism
- 17<sup>th</sup> Saint Patrick's Day** – Christian  
**Bank Holiday** – Northern Ireland & ROI
- 19<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph's Day** – Christian  
**Mothering Sunday** - Christian
- 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Equinox**  
**Nowruz (New Year)** – Persian/Zoroastrian
- 21<sup>st</sup> World Down Syndrome Day**  
**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**  
**Naw-Rúz (New Year)** - Baha'i
- 22<sup>nd</sup> World Water Day**  
**Ramadan begins** – Islam
- 24<sup>th</sup> World Tuberculosis Day**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time starts**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Rama Navami** – Hinduism
- 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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***“I raise up my voice  
– not so that I can  
shout, but so that  
those without a voice  
can be heard. We  
cannot all succeed  
when half of us are  
held back.”***

***Malala Yousafzai***



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# April 2023

## Stress Awareness Month



- 2<sup>nd</sup> World Autism Awareness Day**  
**Palm Sunday** – Orthodox Christian
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mahavir Jayanti** – Jainism
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fast of Firstborn** – Judaism
- 6<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday** – Christian  
**Theravada New Year** – Buddhism  
**Hanuman Jayanti** – Hinduism  
**Pesach (Passover) begins \*** – Judaism
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Health Day**  
**Good Friday** – Christian  
**Bank Holiday** – UK and ROI
- 8<sup>th</sup> International Romani Day**  
**Holy Saturday** – Christian  
**Lazarus Saturday** – Orthodox Christian
- 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday** – Christian
- 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday** – Christian  
**Bank Holiday** – England, Wales & ROI
- 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur** – Sikhism
- 13<sup>th</sup> Pesach (Passover) ends** – Judaism
- 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> Songkran (Thai New Year)** – Buddhism
- 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Friday** – Orthodox Christian  
**Vaisakhi (New Year)** – Sikhism
- 15<sup>th</sup> Great Lent ends** – Orthodox Christian  
**Holy Saturday** – Orthodox Christian
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pascha (Easter)** – Orthodox Christian
- 17<sup>th</sup> Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power)** – Islam
- 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Angad Dev** – Sikhism
- 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Ridvan \*** – Baha'i  
**Chaand Raat** – Islam
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Eid al Fitr \*** – Islam  
**Akshaya Tritiya** – Hinduism, Jain  
**Earth Day**  
**Stephen Lawrence Day**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Saint George's Day** – Christian
- 26<sup>th</sup> Yom HaAtzmaut \*** – Jewish commemoration
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ninth Day of Ridvan \*** – Baha'i

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

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***“It is in the character  
of growth that we  
should learn from  
both pleasant and  
unpleasant  
experiences.”***

***Nelson Mandela***



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# May 2023

## Mental Health Awareness Month



**1<sup>st</sup> Beltane** – Wicca/Pagan  
**Early May Bank Holiday** - UK and ROI

**2<sup>nd</sup> Twelfth Day of Ridvan \*** – Baha'i

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Deaf Awareness Week**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feast of Saints Philip and James** – Catholic Christian

**5<sup>th</sup> Vesak – Buddha Day** – Buddhism

**8<sup>th</sup> World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day**  
**Bank Holiday** – UK and ROI

**9<sup>th</sup> Lag B'Omer \*** – Judaism

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

**15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Mental Health Awareness Week**

**17<sup>th</sup> International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT day)**

**18<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day** – Christian

**21<sup>st</sup> World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**

**22<sup>nd</sup> International Day for Biological Diversity**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday of Guru Amar Das** – Sikhism  
**Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev** – Sikhism

**24<sup>th</sup> Declaration of the Bab \*** – Baha'i

**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Shavuot (Pentecost) \*** – Judaism

**28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost** – Christian

**29<sup>th</sup> Ascension of Baha'u'llah \*** - Baha'i  
**Whit Monday** – Christian  
**Spring Bank Holiday** – UK and ROI

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

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***“There’s power in  
allowing yourself to  
be known and heard,  
in owning your  
unique story, in using  
your authentic  
voice.”***

***Michelle Obama***



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# June 2023

## Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> Global Day of Parents**  
**Ascension of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday** – Christian  
**Pentecost** – Orthodox Christian  
**International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression**
- 5<sup>th</sup> World Environment Day**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi** – Catholic Christian
- 11<sup>th</sup> Race Unity Day**
- 12<sup>th</sup> World Day Against Child Labour**
- 14<sup>th</sup> World Blood Donor Day**
- 15<sup>th</sup> World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**
- 16<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Sacred Heart** – Catholic Christian
- 18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day**
- 20<sup>th</sup> World Refugee Day**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Solstice** – Northern Hemisphere  
**Litha** – Wicca/Pagan  
**World Humanist Day**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Windrush Day**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nativity of Saint John the Baptist** – Christian
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Hajj** – Islam
- 28<sup>th</sup> Day of Arafah \*** – Islam
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Eid al Adha \*** – Islam
- 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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***“Always remember  
that you are  
absolutely unique.  
Just like everyone  
else.”***

***Margaret Mead***



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# July 2023

## National Make a Difference to Children Month



**3<sup>rd</sup> Asalha Puja (Dharma Day)** – Buddhism

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

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Fast of 17 Tammuz** – Judaism

**7<sup>th</sup> Eid al-Ghadir \*** – Islam

**9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

**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

**27<sup>th</sup> Tish'a B'Av (Fast of 9 Av)** – Judaism

**28<sup>th</sup> World Hepatitis Day**  
**Day of Ashura \*** – Islam

**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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***“The future  
depends on what  
we do in the  
present.”***

***Mahatma Gandhi***



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# August 2023

## National Breastfeeding Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> Lammas** - Christian  
**Lughnassadh** - Wicca/Pagan  
Northern and Southern Hemispheres
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Transfiguration** – Christian  
**Transfiguration of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian
- 7<sup>th</sup> Summer Bank Holiday** – Scotland
- 9<sup>th</sup> International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feast of Saint Lawrence** – Christian
- 12<sup>th</sup> International Youth Day**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Obon (Festival of Souls)** - Shinto
- 15<sup>th</sup> Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary** – Catholic Christian  
**Dormition of the Theotokos** – Orthodox Christian
- 17<sup>th</sup> Marcus Garvey's Birthday** – Rastafarian
- 19<sup>th</sup> World Humanitarian Day**
- 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
- 28<sup>th</sup> Summer Bank Holiday** – England, Wales  
and ROI
- 30<sup>th</sup> Raksha Bandhan** – Hinduism

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**AUGUST** is National Breastfeeding Month | Psoriasis Awareness Month |  
Children's Eye Health & Safety 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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# September 2023

## Older Persons' Month



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

6<sup>th</sup> Arba'een \* – Islam  
Colour Blind Awareness Day

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Krishna Janmashtami – Hinduism

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

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

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

11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Paryushana - Jain

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> – 17<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah (New Year) \* – Judaism

18<sup>th</sup> Fast of Gedaliah – Judaism

19<sup>th</sup> Ganesh Chaturthi – Hinduism  
Samvatsari Parva - Jain

21<sup>st</sup> International Day of Peace  
World Alzheimer's Day  
Feast of Saint Matthew - Christian  
Mabon (9 days) – Wicca/Pagan

23<sup>rd</sup> Autumn Equinox  
International Day of Sign Languages

25<sup>th</sup> National Inclusion Week begins  
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) \* - Judaism

27<sup>th</sup> Milad un Nabi (Mawlid) \* – Islam

28<sup>th</sup> Meskel – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian  
Anant Chaturdashi – Jain

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

30<sup>th</sup> – 1 Sukkot (Tabernacles) \* - Judaism

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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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***“Your power is  
your radical self.  
Find it.”***

***Aya Chebbi***



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# October 2023

## 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Dyslexia Awareness Week**

**4<sup>th</sup> Saint Francis Day - Christian**

**6<sup>th</sup> World Cerebral Palsy Day**

**7<sup>th</sup> Shmini Atzeret (8<sup>th</sup> Day of Assembly) \* - Judaism**

**8<sup>th</sup> Simchat Torah (Celebration of the Torah) – Judaism**

**9<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Guru Ram Das – Sikhism**

**10<sup>th</sup> World Mental Health Day**  
**World Homeless Day**

**12<sup>th</sup> Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikhism**

**15<sup>th</sup> International Day of Rural Women**  
**Navaratri begins – Hinduism**

**16<sup>th</sup> World Food Day**  
**Birth of the Báb – Baha'i**

**17<sup>th</sup> International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**  
**Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i**

**18<sup>th</sup> World Menopause Day**  
**Feast of Saint Luke – Christian**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Dussehra – Hinduism**  
**British Summer Time ends**

**24<sup>th</sup> Navaratri ends – Hinduism**

**29<sup>th</sup> World Stroke Day**

**31<sup>st</sup> All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) – Christian**

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**OCTOBER** is Black History Month | Down Syndrome Awareness Month | ADHD 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 2023

## Men's Health Awareness Month



- 1<sup>st</sup> **All Saints' Day** – Christian  
**Samhain (Halloween) \*** – Wicca/Pagan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **All Soul's Day** – Christian  
**Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I** - Rastafari
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Guy Fawkes Night**
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** – Catholic Christian
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Armistice Day**
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Diwali/Deepavali** – Hinduism, Sikhism, Jain  
**Remembrance Sunday**
- 13<sup>th</sup> **World Kindness Day**
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> **National Anti-Bullying Week**
- 14<sup>th</sup> **World Diabetes Day**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Nativity Fast begins** – Orthodox Christian
- 19<sup>th</sup> **International Men's Day**
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Transgender Day of Remembrance**  
**Universal Children's Day**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **UK Disability History Month begins**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Thanksgiving Day** – Interfaith USA
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur** – Sikhism
- 25<sup>th</sup> **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Day of the Covenant \*** - Baha'i  
**Feast of Christ the King** – Christian
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev** – Sikhism
- 28<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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***“No one will protect  
what they don’t care  
about; and no one will  
care about what they  
have never  
experienced.”***

***Sir David Attenborough***



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# December 2023

## 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  
Advent Sunday- Christian
- 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  
Bodhi Day – Buddhism
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Chanukah – Judaism
- 9<sup>th</sup> International Anti-Corruption Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> International Migrants Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> International Human Solidarity Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Yule - Wicca/Pagan  
Northern and Southern Hemispheres
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Winter Solstice
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Fast of 10 Tevet - Judaism
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve – Christian
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day – Christian  
Bank Holiday – UK & ROI
- 26<sup>th</sup> Saint Stephen's Day – Christian  
Bank Holiday - Boxing Day – UK & ROI
- 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents – Christian
- 31<sup>st</sup> Hogmanay/ New Year's Eve  
Feast of the Holy Family – Catholic Christian

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

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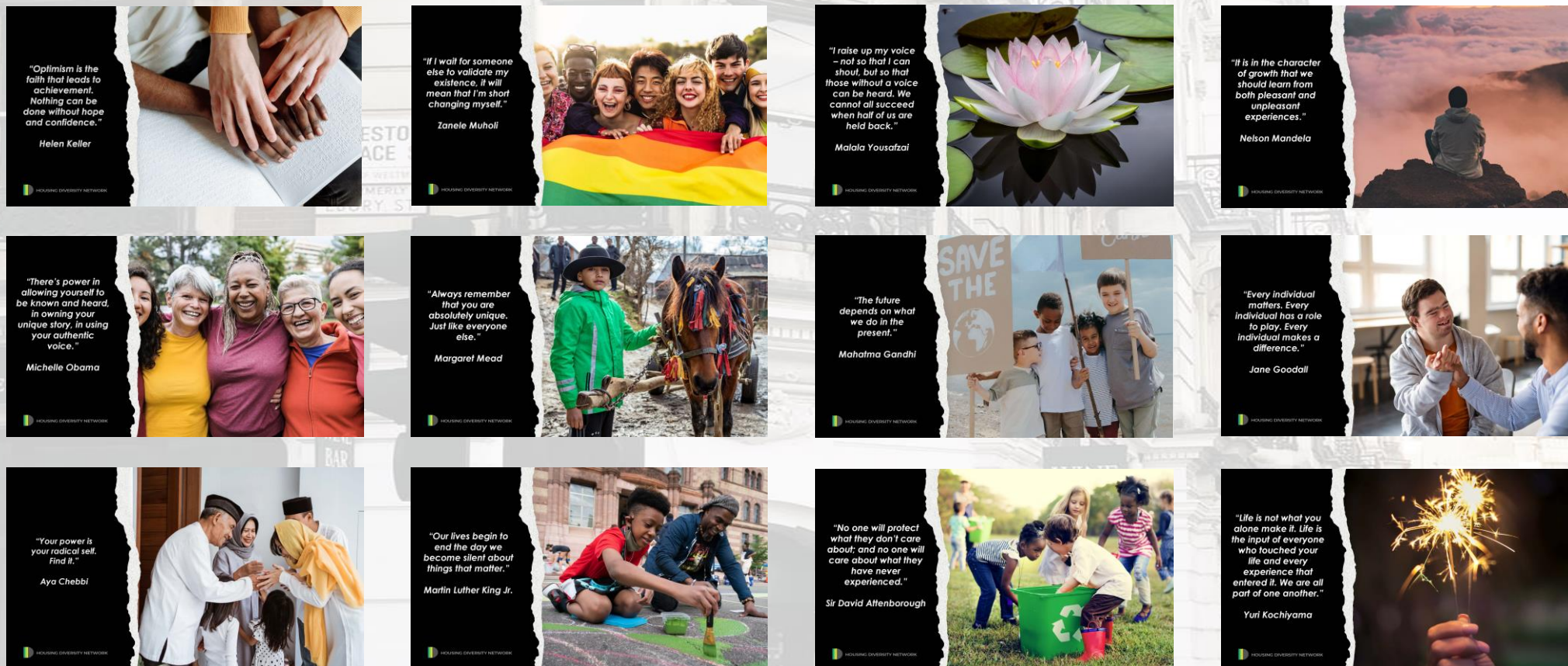


***“Life is not what you  
alone make it. Life is  
the input of everyone  
who touched your  
life and every  
experience that  
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part of one another.”***

***Yuri Kochiyama***



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