



Diversity Calendar 2024



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January 2024

National Braille Literacy Awareness Month



- 1st **New Year's Day/Hogmanay**
Gantan-sai (New Year) - Shinto
Mary, Mother of God – Catholic Christian
- 2nd **Feast of St. Basil** - Orthodox Christian
Bank Holiday - Scotland
- 4th **World Braille Day**
- 5th **Twelfth Night** – Christian
- 6th **Epiphany** – Christian
Feast of Theophany – Orthodox Christian
- 7th **Nativity of Christ (Christmas Day)** - Orthodox Christian
Baptism of the Lord Jesus – Christian
- 8th **Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day)** – Shinto
- 11th **Human Trafficking Awareness Day**
- 13th **Maghi/Lohri** – Sikhism, Hinduism
- 14th **Orthodox New Year** – Orthodox Christian
- 15th **Makar Sankranti** – Hinduism
Martin Luther King Day
- 15th – 18th **Pongal** – Hinduism
- 17th **Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh** – Sikhism
- 18th **Bodhi Day** – Buddhism
- 20th **Timkat** – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
- 21st **World Religion Day**
- 25th **Robert Burns Night**
Tu B'Shvat (New Year for Trees) - Judaism
Mahayana New Year – Buddhism
- 27th **Holocaust Memorial Day**

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

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"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Martin Luther King Jr.



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February 2024

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month



- 1st **World Hijab Day**
Imbolc - Wicca/Pagan
- 2nd **Candlemas** – Christian
- 3rd **Setsubun** – Shinto
- 4th **World Cancer Day**
- 5th – 11th **Race Equality Week**
Children's Mental Health Week
National Apprenticeship Week
- 7th **Lailat al Miraj *** – Islam
- 10th **Chinese New Year**
- 11th **Our Lady of Lourdes** – Christian
Autism Sunday
International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 13th **Shrove Tuesday** – Christian
- 14th **Saint Valentine's Day** – Christian
Vasant Panchami – Hinduism
Ash Wednesday – Christian
- 15th **Parinirvana** – Buddhism, Jainism
International Childhood Cancer Day
- 18th **Zacchaeus Sunday** – Orthodox Christian
- 22nd **Birthday of Guru Har Rai** – Sikhism
- 23rd **International STAND UP to Bullying Day**
- 24th **Magha Puja** – Buddhism
- 25th **Lailat al Bara'ah *** – Islam
Triodion begins – Orthodox Christian
- 26th **Intercalary Days begin** – Baha'i
- 29th **Intercalary Days ends** – Baha'i

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

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*"I am no longer
accepting the things I
cannot change. I am
changing the things I
cannot accept."*

Angela Davis



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March 2024

International Women's History Month



- 1st **Saint David's Day** – Christian
Nineteen Day Fast begins* – Baha'i
Zero Discrimination Day
- 8th **Maha Shivaratri** – Hinduism
International Women's Day
- 10th **Meatfare Sunday** – Orthodox Christian
Mothering Sunday – Christian
- 11th **Ramadan begins*** – Islam
- 17th **Saint Patrick's Day** – Christian
- 18th **Great Lent begins** – Orthodox Christian
Bank Holiday – Northern Ireland & ROI
- 19th **Saint Joseph's Day** – Christian
Nineteen-day fast ends – Baha'i
- 20th **Spring Equinox**
Ostara – Wicca/Pagan
Naw-Rúz (New Year)* – Baha'i
Nowruz (New Year) – Persian/Zoroastrian
- 21st **World Down Syndrome Day**
Fast of Esther – Judaism
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22nd **World Water Day**
- 24th **Palm Sunday** – Christian
Feast of Orthodoxy – Orthodox Christian
Holika Dahan – Hinduism
Purim* – Judaism
World Tuberculosis Day
- 25th **Holi*** – Hinduism
- 25th - 27th **Hola Mohalla** – Sikhism
- 28th **Maundy Thursday** – Christian
- 29th **Good Friday** – Christian
- 30th **Holy Saturday** – Christian
- 31st **Easter Sunday** – Christian
International Transgender Day of Visibility
Daylight Saving Time starts

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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's a beautiful day,
the sun is shining, I
feel good, and no one's
gonna stop me now."*

Freddie Mercury



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April 2024

Stress Awareness Month



- 1st **Easter Monday** – Christian
- 2nd **World Autism Awareness Day**
- 5th **Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power)** – Islam
- 7th **World Health Day**
- 8th **International Romani Day**
- 9th **Chaand Raat** – Islam
Ramadan ends – Islam
- 10th **Eid-al-Fitr** – Islam
- 13th **Songkran (Thai New Year)** – Buddhism
Vaisakhi (New Year) – Sikhism
- 17th **Rama Navami** – Hinduism
- 18th **Birthday of Guru Angad Dev** – Sikhism
Great Lent begins - Orthodox Christian
- 21st **First Day of Ridvan *** - Baha'i
Mahavir Jayanti – Jainism
- 22nd **Earth Day**
Stephen Lawrence Day
Fast of Firstborn – Judaism
- 23rd **Saint George's Day** – Christian
Pesach (Passover) begins * – Judaism
Hanuman Jayanti – Hinduism
- 24 - 26th **Theravada New Year** – Buddhism
- 27th **Lazarus Saturday** – Orthodox Christian
- 28th **Palm Sunday** – Orthodox Christian
- 29th **Ninth Day of Ridvan *** – Baha'i
- 30th **Pesach (Passover) ends** – Judaism

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

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*"Nothing is impossible,
the word itself says I'm
possible."*

Audrey Hepburn



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May 2024

Mental Health Awareness Month



- 1st **Beltane** – Wicca/Pagan
- 2nd **Twelfth Day of Ridvan *** – Baha'i
- 3rd **Feast of Saints Philip and James** – Catholic Christian
Good Friday – Orthodox Christian
- 4th **Great Lent ends** – Orthodox Christian
Holy Saturday – Orthodox Christian
- 5th **Pascha (Easter)** – Orthodox Christian
- 6th **Early May Bank Holiday** - UK and ROI
Orthodox Easter Monday – Orthodox Christian
- 6th – 12th **Deaf Awareness Week**
- 8th **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day**
- 9th **Ascension Day** – Christian
- 10th **Akshaya Tritiya** – Hinduism, Jain
- 13th – 19th **Mental Health Awareness Week**
- 15th **International Day of Families**
- 17th **International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT day)**
- 19th **Pentecost** – Christian
- 20th **Whit Monday** – Christian
- 21st **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**
- 22nd **International Day for Biological Diversity**
- 23rd **Vesak – Buddha Day** – Buddhism
Declaration of the Bab * – Baha'i
Birthday of Guru Amar Das – Sikhism
- 26th **Lag B'Omer *** – Judaism
Trinity Sunday – Christian
- 27th **Spring Bank Holiday** - UK and ROI
- 28th **Ascension of Baha'u'llah *** - Baha'i
- 30th **Corpus Christi** – Catholic Christian

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

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*"Access to
communication in the
widest sense is access to
knowledge."*

Louis Braille



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June 2024

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month



- 1st **Global Day of Parents**
- 4th **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression**
- 5th **World Environment Day**
- 6th **Ascension of the Lord** – Orthodox Christian
- 7th **Feast of the Sacred Heart** – Catholic Christian
- 9th **Race Unity Day**
- 12th **World Day Against Child Labour**
- 12th – 13th **Shavuot (Pentecost) *** – Judaism
- 14th **World Blood Donor Day**
- 14th - 19th **Hajj** – Islam
- 15th **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**
- 16th **Day of Arafat *** – Islam
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikhism
Father's Day
- 17th – 19th **Eid ul-Adha *** - Islam
- 19th **Juneteenth** – US
- 20th **World Refugee Day**
Summer Solstice – Northern Hemisphere
- 21st **Litha** – Wicca/Pagan
World Humanist Day
- 22nd **Windrush Day**
- 24th **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist** – Christian
- 25th **Eid al-Ghadir *** - Islam
- 29th **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 2024

National Make a Difference to Children Month



- 4th **US Independence Day**
- 5th **Birthday of Guru Hargobind** – Sikhism
- 7th **Al-Hijra/Muharram (New Year) *** – Islam
- 9th **Martyrdom of the Bab *** - Baha'i
- 11th **World Population Day**
- 12th **Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen's Day)**
Bank Holiday – Northern Ireland
- 14th **International Non-Binary People's Day**
- 15th **World Youth Skills Day**
- 17th **Day of Ashura *** – Islam
- 18th **Nelson Mandela International Day**
- 21st **Asalha Puja (Dharma Day)** – Buddhism
- 23rd **Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie** – Rastafari
Fast of 17 Tammuz – Judaism
- 24th **Pioneer Day** - Mormon Christian
- 25th **Saint James the Great Day** – Christian
- 28th **World Hepatitis Day**
- 30th **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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*"May your choices reflect
your hopes, not your
fears."*

Nelson Mandela



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August 2024

National Breastfeeding Month



- 1st **Lammas** - Christian
Lughnassadh - Wicca/Pagan
- 5th **Summer Bank Holiday** – Scotland
- 6th **Feast of the Transfiguration** – Christian
Transfiguration of the Lord – Orthodox Christian
- 9th **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**
- 10th **Feast of Saint Lawrence** – Christian
- 11th **Parshvanath Moksha** – Jain
- 12th **International Youth Day**
- 13th **Tish'a B'Av (Fast of 9 Av)** – Judaism
- 15th **Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary** – Catholic Christian
Dormition of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian
- 19th **World Humanitarian Day**
Raksha Bandhan – Hinduism
- 23rd **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**
- 24th **Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle** – Christian
- 26th **Krishna Janmashtami** – Hinduism
Arba'een * – Islam
Summer Bank Holiday – England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- 31st **Paryushana Parvarambha** – Jain

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

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"I don't think of all the misery but of the beauty that still remains."

Anne Frank



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September 2024

Older Persons' Month



- 5th **International Day of Charity**
- 6th **Ganesh Chaturthi** – Hinduism
Colour Blind Awareness Day
- 8th **Nativity of Virgin Mary** – Christian
Samvatsari – Jain
International Literacy Day
- 10th **World Suicide Prevention Day**
- 11th **Ethiopian New Year's Day** - Rastafari
- 14th **The Triumph of the Cross** – Christian
Exaltation of the Cross – Orthodox Christian
- 15th **International Day of Democracy**
- 16th **Anant Chaturdashi** – Jain
Milad un Nabi * (Mawlid) – Islam
- 18th **International Equal Pay Day**
- 21st **Feast of Saint Matthew** - Christian
International Day of Peace
World Alzheimer's Day
- 22nd **Autumn Equinox**
Mabon – Wicca/Pagan
- 23rd **International Day of Sign Languages**
- 23rd – 29th **National Inclusion Week**
- 27th **Meskel** – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
- 29th **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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*"Absorb what is useful,
discard what is useless,
and add what is
specifically your own."*

Bruce Lee



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October 2024

Black History Month



- 1st **International Day of Older Persons**
- 2nd **Feast of the Guardian Angels** – Christian
International Day of Non-Violence
- 2nd – 8th **Dyslexia Awareness Week**
- 3rd **Navaratri begins** – Hinduism
- 3rd – 4th **Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *** – Judaism
- 4th **Saint Francis Day** - Christian
- 6th **Fast of Gedaliah** – Judaism
World Cerebral Palsy Day
- 9th **Birthday of Guru Ram Das** – Sikhism
- 10th **World Mental Health Day**
World Homeless Day
- 12th **Dussehra** – Hinduism
Navaratri ends – Hinduism
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) * - Judaism
- 15th **International Day of Rural Women**
- 16th **World Food Day**
- 17th **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
- 17th – 23rd **Sukkot (Tabernacles) *** - Judaism
- 18th **Feast of Saint Luke** – Christian
World Menopause Day
- 24th **Shmini Atzeret (8th Day of Assembly) *** - Judaism
- 25th **Simchat Torah (Celebration of the Torah)** – Judaism
- 27th **British Summer Time ends**
- 29th **World Stroke Day**
- 31st **All Hallows' Eve (Halloween)** – Christian
Samhain (Halloween) * – Wicca/Pagan
Diwali/Deepavali – Hinduism, Sikhism, Jain

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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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*"With every experience,
you alone are painting
your own canvas,
thought by thought,
choice by choice."*

Oprah Winfrey



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November 2024

Men's Health Awareness Month



- 1st **All Saints' Day** – Christian
Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikhism
- 2nd **All Soul's Day** – Christian
Birth of the Báb – Baha'i
- 3rd **Birth of Bahá'u'lláh** – Baha'i
- 5th **Guy Fawkes Night**
- 9th **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** – Catholic Christian
- 10th **Remembrance Sunday**
- 11th **Armistice Day**
- 11th – 15th **National Anti-Bullying Week**
- 13th **World Kindness Day**
- 14th **World Diabetes Day**
- 15th **Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev** – Sikhism
Nativity Fast begins – Orthodox Christian
- 16th **UK Disability History Month begins**
- 19th **International Men's Day**
- 20th **Transgender Day of Remembrance**
Universal Children's Day
- 21st **Presentation of the Theotokos** – Orthodox Christian
- 24th **Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur** – Sikhism
Feast of Christ the King – Christian
- 25th **Day of the Covenant** *- Baha'i
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 27th **Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha *** – Baha'i
- 28th **Thanksgiving Day** – Interfaith USA
- 30th **Saint Andrew's Day** – Christian

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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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"Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference."

Jane Goodall



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December 2024

Universal Human Rights Month



- 1st **Advent Sunday** - Christian
World AIDS Day
- 2nd **International Day of the Abolition of Slavery**
- 3rd **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
- 5th **International Volunteer Day**
- 6th **Saint Nicholas Day** – Christian
- 8th **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** - Christian
- 9th **International Anti-Corruption Day**
- 10th **Human Rights Day**
- 18th **International Migrants Day**
- 20th **International Human Solidarity Day**
- 21st **Winter Solstice**
Yule - Wicca/Pagan
- 24th **Christmas Eve** – Christian
- 25th **Christmas Day** – Christian
- 26th **Bank Holiday - Boxing Day** – UK & ROI
Saint Stephen's Day – Christian
- 26th – 02nd **Chanukah** – Judaism
- 28th **Holy Innocents** – Christian
- 29th **Feast of the Holy Family** – Catholic Christian
- 31st **Hogmanay/ New Year's Eve**

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