Equality, Diversity, Inclusion Calendar
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FEBRUARY 2023

- LGBT+ History Month
- Time to Talk Day (02/02/23)
- International Epilepsy Day
- Race Equality Week (6-12 February 2023)
- World Hijab Day (1st February)
- 20 February: World Day of Social Justice
- United Nations: World Interfaith Harmony Week
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science (February 11)
February is LGBT+ History Month.

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- **2nd** Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) – Christian
- **3rd** Setsubun-sai – Shinto
- **5th** Vasant Panchami – Hindu**
  - Triodion begins – Orthodox Christian
- **6th** Tu BiShvat – Judaism
- **14th** St Valentine’s Day (Christian)
- **15th** Painirvana Day/Nirvana Day – Buddhist
- **18th** Maha Shivaratri – Hindu
  - Lailat al Miraj – Islam*
- **19th** Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
- **21st** Ramakrishna Jayanti – Hindu
- **22nd** Ash Wednesday – Christian
- **26th** Cheesefare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
- **27th** Great Lent begins – Clean Monday – Orthodox Christian

### Awareness/Events
- **1st - 5th** World Interfaith Harmony Week
- **1st** World Hijab Day
- **2nd** Time to Talk Day
- **6th** International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
- **6th-12th** UK Race Equality Week
- **11th** International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- **12th** Autism Sunday
- **13th** International Epilepsy Day
- **20th** World Day of Social Justice
MARCH 2023

International Women’s Day
#IWD2023 #EmbraceEquity

International Day to Combat Islamophobia

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
25 OF MARCH

International Wheelchair Day
1st March 2023

Transgender Day of Visibility

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
MARCH 21
March is Women’s History Month.

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April is Autism Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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- 4th Mahavir Jayanti – Jain
- 6th Maundy Thursday – Christian
- Theravada New Year – Buddhist
- Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu
- Passover – Judaism
- 7th Good Friday – Christian
- 8th Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian
- 9th Easter Sunday – Christian
- 9th Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian
- 10th Easter Monday – Christian
- 13th Songkran (Thai New Year) – Buddhist
- 14th Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) – Sikh
- Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian
- Tamil New Year
- 18th Lailat al-Qadr – Islam*
  - Birthday of Guru Angad Dev – Sikh
  - Yom HaShoah – Judaism
- 21st First Day of Ridvan – Baha’i
  - Eid al-Fitr – Islam*
- 22nd Akshaya Tritiya – Hindu, Jain
- 25th Yom HaZikaron – Judaism*
  - Feast of the Saint Mark the Evangelist
- 26th Yom Ha’Atzmaut – Judaism
- 29th Ninth Day of Ridan – Baha’i

### Awareness/Events
- 2nd World Autism Awareness Day
- 4th Sexual Assault Awareness Day of Action
- 6th International Asexuality Day
- 7th World Health Day
- 8th International Romani Day
- 18th World Heritage Day
- 22nd Stephen Lawrence Day
- 26th Lesbian Visibility Day
African World Heritage Day
5 May

21 May World Day for Cultural Diversity

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia
#IDAHOBIT
#MAY17

Pansexual Visibility
24 May Day

Harvey Milk Day
MAY 22

Global Accessibility Awareness Day

Mental Health Awareness

MAY 2023
May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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- 5th African World Heritage Day
- 8th - 14th Mental Health Awareness Week
- 17th International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- 18th Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- 21st World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 22nd Harvey Milk Day
- 24th Pansexual Awareness and Visibility Day
- 28th World Hunger Day
- 29th International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
- 30th MS Awareness Day

### Religious/Cultural
- 2nd Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh
- Twelfth Day of Ridvan – Baha’i
- 3rd Feast of Saints Philip and James – Catholic Christian
- Vesak – Buddhist*
- 9th Lag B’Omer – Judaism*
- 14th Feast of Saint Matthias – Catholic Christian
- 18th Ascension of Jesus – Christian
- 19th Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) – Judaism
- 23rd Birthday of Guru Amar Das – Sikh
- Ascension of the Lord – Orthodox Christian
- 24th Declaration of the Bab – Baha’i
- 26th Shavuot – Judaism*
- Pentecost – Christian
- 29th Ascension of Baha’u’llah – Baha’i
- 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Catholic Christian
June is LGBT+ Pride Month / Men’s Health Awareness Month / Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month.

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JULY 2023

INTERNATIONAL NON-BINARY DAY

14TH JULY

Disability Awareness Day

South Asian Heritage Month

NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

30 JULY
July is the beginning of South Asian Heritage Month which runs throughout July and August. It is also the anniversary of when the first LGBT+ Pride Parade took place outside of London, in our very own Huddersfield!

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**Religious/Cultural**

3rd Asalha Puja (Dharma Day) – Buddhist

Saint Thomas the Apostle – Christian

4th US Independence Day

5th Birthday of Guru Hargobind - Sikh

10th Martyrdom of the Bab – Baha’i

15th Saint Vladimir the Great Day – Orthodox Christian

19th Al-Hijra/Muharram – New Year - Islam

22nd Feast Day of Saint Mary Magdalene – Christian

23rd Birthday of Guru Har Krishan – Sikh

Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie – Rastafari

24th Pioneer Day – Mormon Christian

25th Saint James the Great Day – Christian

26th Tish’a B’av – Judaism

28th Ashura – Islam

**Awareness/Events**

4th Anniversary of the First Pride Parade Outside London

12th Disabilities Awareness Day

14th International Non-Binary People’s Day

18th Nelson Mandela International Day

18th–17th August South Asian Heritage Month

30th World Day against Trafficking Persons

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AUGUST 2023

- **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**
  - 9 August

- **International Day for People of African Descent**
  - 31 August

- **Sustaining Breastfeeding Together**
  - WABA | World Breastfeeding Week

- **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition**

- **South Asian Heritage Month**
**AUGUST 2023**

August is the continuation of South Asian Heritage Month

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1st Lammas – **Christian**
Fast in honour of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus – Orthodox Christian

6th Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord – **Christian**
Transfiguration of the Lord – Orthodox Christian

10th Feast of Saint Lawrence – **Christian**

15th Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – **Catholic Christian**

Dormition of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian

22nd Queenship of Mary – **Catholic Christian**

24th Saint Bartholomew the Apostle – **Christian**

29th Beheading of Saint John the Baptist – **Christian**

30th Raksha Bandhan – **Hindu**

**Awareness/Events**

18th – 17th August South Asian Heritage Month

1st – 7th World Breastfeeding Week

9th International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

19th World Humanitarian Day

23rd International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

31st International Day for People of African Descent

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