

## DIVERSITY CALENDAR

### Hooks on which to hang inclusive features

*The dates and lists that follow do not claim to be complete. New anniversaries and special days are being added all the time, and the dates for some events vary year by year.*

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CHILDREN	
<b>February</b>	
Early	(European) Safer Internet Day <a href="http://www.saferinternetday.org">www.saferinternetday.org</a>
15	International Childhood Cancer Day <a href="http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/i/internationalchildhoodcancerday.asp">www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/i/internationalchildhoodcancerday.asp</a>
22	World Thinking Day (Girl Guides & Scouts) <a href="http://www.worldthinkingday.org">www.worldthinkingday.org</a>
<b>March</b>	
1	Self Injury Awareness Day (UK) <a href="http://www.scar-tissue.net/aware.html">www.scar-tissue.net/aware.html</a>
Mid-March	World Social Work Day <a href="http://ifsw.org/tag/world-social-work-day">http://ifsw.org/tag/world-social-work-day</a>
<b>June</b>	
4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/childvictimday">www.un.org/en/events/childvictimday</a>
12	World Day against Child Labour <a href="http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/wdacl/lang-en/index.htm">www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/wdacl/lang-en/index.htm</a>
<b>July</b>	
23/28	World Youth Day <a href="http://www.worldyouthday.com">www.worldyouthday.com</a>
<b>August</b>	
12	International Youth Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/youthday">www.un.org/en/events/youthday</a>
<b>October</b>	
11	International Day of the Girl <a href="http://www.dayofthegirl.org">www.dayofthegirl.org</a>
25	International School Library Day <a href="http://www.iasl-online.org/events/isld">www.iasl-online.org/events/isld</a>
<b>November</b>	
Early Nov	Internet Week <a href="http://www.internetweekeurope.com">www.internetweekeurope.com</a>
13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>
20	Universal Children's Day (UNICEF) <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday">www.un.org/en/events/childrenday</a>
<b>December</b>	
12	International Day of Children's Broadcasting <a href="http://www.unicef.org/videoaudio/video_33610.html">www.unicef.org/videoaudio/video_33610.html</a>

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CULTURE & MEDIA	
<b>January</b>	
4	World Braille Day <a href="http://www.bvcil.org/2013/01/04/world-braille-day-friday-january-4-2013">www.bvcil.org/2013/01/04/world-braille-day-friday-january-4-2013</a>
<b>February</b>	
First week	World Orphan Week <a href="http://www.worldorphanweek.org">www.worldorphanweek.org</a>
Early	(European) Safer Internet Day <a href="http://www.saferinternetday.org">www.saferinternetday.org</a>
21	International Mother Language Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday">www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday</a>
<b>March</b>	
First Wed.	World Mathematics Day <a href="http://www.national-awareness-days.com/world-maths-day.html">www.national-awareness-days.com/world-maths-day.html</a>
First Thurs.	World Book Day <a href="http://www.worldbookday.com">www.worldbookday.com</a>
Spring Equinox	World Storytelling Day <a href="http://www.freewebs.com/worldstorytellingday">www.freewebs.com/worldstorytellingday</a>
21	World Poetry Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday">www.un.org/en/events/poetryday</a>
27	World Theatre Day <a href="http://www.world-theatre-day.org">www.world-theatre-day.org</a>
<b>April</b>	
1	April Fools' Day (UK) <a href="http://www3.kumc.edu/diversity/other/aprilfool.html">www3.kumc.edu/diversity/other/aprilfool.html</a>
2	International Children's Book Day <a href="http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269">www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269</a>
23	UNESCO World Book and Copyright Day <a href="http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-book-and-copyright-day-2012">www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-book-and-copyright-day-2012</a>
<b>May</b>	
3	World Press Freedom Day <a href="http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/flagship-project-activities/world-press-freedom-day/about-the-day">www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/flagship-project-activities/world-press-freedom-day/about-the-day</a>
17	World Telecommunications and Information Society Day <a href="http://www.itu.int/en/wtisid/Pages/about.aspx">www.itu.int/en/wtisid/Pages/about.aspx</a>
21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday">www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday</a>
<b>August</b>	
19	World Photography Day <a href="http://www.worldphotoday.org">www.worldphotoday.org</a>
<b>September</b>	
8	International Day of Journalists Solidarity <a href="http://www.lurer.com/?p=39855&amp;l=en">www.lurer.com/?p=39855&amp;l=en</a>
26	European Day of Languages <a href="http://edl.ecml.at">http://edl.ecml.at</a>

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27	World Tourism Day <a href="http://wtd.unwto.org">http://wtd.unwto.org</a>
28	International Right To Know Day <a href="http://www.righttoknowday.net/en">www.righttoknowday.net/en</a>
<b>October</b>	
14	World Standards Day <a href="http://www.worldstandardscooperation.org/wsd.html">www.worldstandardscooperation.org/wsd.html</a>
25	International School Library Day <a href="http://www.iasl-online.org/events/isld">www.iasl-online.org/events/isld</a>
31	World Thrift Day <a href="http://www.indiainfoline.com/PersonalFinance/Articles/World-Savings-Day-today/38301725">www.indiainfoline.com/PersonalFinance/Articles/World-Savings-Day-today/38301725</a>
<b>November</b>	
2	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists Early Internet Week <a href="http://www.internetweekeurope.com">www.internetweekeurope.com</a>
10	World Science Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/scienceday">www.un.org/en/events/scienceday</a>
13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>
15	Day of the Imprisoned Writer <a href="http://www.pen-international.org">www.pen-international.org</a>
21	World Television Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/televisionday">www.un.org/en/events/televisionday</a>
23	International Day to End Impunity <a href="http://www.daytoendimpunity.org">www.daytoendimpunity.org</a>

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<b>DISABILITY</b>	
<i>(See also Disability Sports Events)</i>	
<b>January</b>	
4	World Braille Day <a href="http://www.bvcil.org/2013/01/04/world-braille-day-friday-january-4-2013">www.bvcil.org/2013/01/04/world-braille-day-friday-january-4-2013</a>
27	Holocaust Memorial Day <a href="http://www.hmd.org.uk">www.hmd.org.uk</a>
<b>March</b>	
Mid-March	World Glaucoma Week <a href="http://www.wgweek.net">www.wgweek.net</a>
21	World Down Syndrome Day <a href="http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org">www.worlddownsyndromeday.org</a>
<b>September</b>	
Last week	International Week of the Deaf <a href="http://www.wfdeaf.org/about/international-week-of-the-deaf">www.wfdeaf.org/about/international-week-of-the-deaf</a>
<b>October</b>	
2nd Thursday	World Sight Day <a href="http://www.iapb.org/wsd14">www.iapb.org/wsd14</a>
15	International White Cane Safety Day <a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/vision-events/white-cane-safety-day.php">www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/vision-events/white-cane-safety-day.php</a>
20	International Day of Hope & Remembrance for Those Affected by Hate Crimes <a href="http://www.172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance">www.172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance</a>
<b>November</b>	
13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>
<b>December</b>	
3	International Day of People with Disability <a href="http://www.idpwd.com.au">www.idpwd.com.au</a>

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## EDUCATION

### February

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International Mother Language Day

[www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday](http://www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday)

### March

First Wed

World Mathematics Day

[www.national-awareness-days.com/world-maths-day.html](http://www.national-awareness-days.com/world-maths-day.html)

### September

8

International Literacy Day (UNESCO)

[www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/literacy-day](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/literacy-day)

26

European Day of Languages

<http://edl.ecml.at>

### October

5

International Teacher's Day (UNESCO)

[www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-teachersday](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-teachersday)

25

International School Library Day

[www.iasl-online.org/events/isld](http://www.iasl-online.org/events/isld)

### November

Early

Internet Week

[www.internetweekeurope.com](http://www.internetweekeurope.com)

Early

European Multilingual Blogging Day

[www.euonym.eu/multilingual-blogging-day-2012](http://www.euonym.eu/multilingual-blogging-day-2012)

15

Day of the Imprisoned Writer

[www.pen-international.org](http://www.pen-international.org)

## ELDERS

### October

1

International Day of Older Persons

[www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/ageing-society/older-peoples-day](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/ageing-society/older-peoples-day)

### November

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World Kindness Day

[www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html](http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html)

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ENVIRONMENT	
<b>February</b>	
2	World Wetlands Day <a href="http://www.whc.unesco.org/en/news/980">www.whc.unesco.org/en/news/980</a>
<b>March</b>	
21	World Forestry Day <a href="http://www.tree-nation.com/257346">http://www.tree-nation.com/257346</a>
21	World Day for Water <a href="http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday">www.unwater.org/worldwaterday</a>
23	World Meteorological Day <a href="http://www.wmo.int/worldmetday">www.wmo.int/worldmetday</a>
Vernal Equinox	UN Earth Day <a href="http://www.geography.about.com/od/globalproblemsandissues/a/earthday.htm">www.geography.about.com/od/globalproblemsandissues/a/earthday.htm</a>
Last Saturday	Earth Hour <a href="http://www.earthhour.org">www.earthhour.org</a>
<b>April</b>	
22	Global Earth Day <a href="http://www.earthdayny.org/about/history.html">www.earthdayny.org/about/history.html</a>
<b>May</b>	
22	International Day for Biological Diversity <a href="http://www.cbd.int/idb">www.cbd.int/idb</a>
<b>June</b>	
5	World Environment Day <a href="http://www.unep.org/wed">www.unep.org/wed</a>
17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought <a href="http://www.unccd.int/">www.unccd.int/</a>
<b>July</b>	
11	World Population Day <a href="http://www.unfpa.org/public/world-population-day">www.unfpa.org/public/world-population-day</a>
26	Mangrove Action Day <a href="http://www.wrm.org.uy/bulletin/109/Mangrove.html">www.wrm.org.uy/bulletin/109/Mangrove.html</a>
<b>September</b>	
16	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/ozoneday">www.un.org/en/events/ozoneday</a>
22	World Car-Free Day <a href="http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd">www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd</a>
Last Week	World Maritime Day <a href="http://www.worldmaritimedayna.org/about.htm">www.worldmaritimedayna.org/about.htm</a>
<b>October</b>	
4	World Animal Day <a href="http://www.worldanimalday.co.uk">www.worldanimalday.co.uk</a>
First Mon.	World Habitat Day <a href="http://www.habitat.org/getinv/events/whd/2013">www.habitat.org/getinv/events/whd/2013</a>
Second Wed.	International Natural Disaster Reduction Day <a href="http://www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/iddr">www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/iddr</a>
18	World Water Monitoring Day <a href="http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org">www.worldwatermonitoringday.org</a>
<b>November</b>	
6	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed and Conflict

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<b>December</b>	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday">www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday</a>
11	International Mountain Day <a href="http://www.fao.org/forestry/internationalmountainday/en">www.fao.org/forestry/internationalmountainday/en</a>

## ETHNICITY/RACISM

<b>January</b>	
27	Holocaust Memorial Day <a href="http://www.hmd.org.uk">www.hmd.org.uk</a>
<b>February</b>	
21	International Mother Language Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday">www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday</a>
<b>March</b>	
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday">www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday</a>
<b>April</b>	
8	International Roma Day <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day</a>
<b>May</b>	
16	Roma Resistance Day <a href="http://fpif.org/celebrating-romani-resistance-day/">http://fpif.org/celebrating-romani-resistance-day/</a>
<b>August</b>	
9	International Day of Indigenous People <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday">www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday</a>
<b>September</b>	
26	European Day of Languages <a href="http://edl.ecml.at">http://edl.ecml.at</a>
<b>October</b>	
20	International Day of Hope & Remembrance for those affected by Hate Crime <a href="https://172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance">https://172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance</a>
<b>November</b>	
9	International Day Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism <a href="http://www.unitedagainstracism.org/pages/campnov.htm">www.unitedagainstracism.org/pages/campnov.htm</a>
Early	European Multilingual Blogging Day <a href="http://www.euonym.eu/multilingual-blogging-day-2012">www.euonym.eu/multilingual-blogging-day-2012</a>
13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>



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HEALTH	
<b>February</b>	
4	World Cancer Day <a href="http://www.worldcancerday.org">www.worldcancerday.org</a>
6	International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation <a href="http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/female_genital_mutilation/en/index.html">www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/female_genital_mutilation/en/index.html</a>
<b>March</b>	
1	Self Injury Awareness Day (UK) <a href="http://www.scar-tissue.net/aware.html">www.scar-tissue.net/aware.html</a>
14	World Kidney Day <a href="http://www.worldkidneyday.org">www.worldkidneyday.org</a>
20	International Day of Happiness <a href="http://dayofhappiness.net">http://dayofhappiness.net</a>
21	World Down Syndrome Day <a href="http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org">www.worlddownsyndromeday.org</a>
22	World Day for Water <a href="http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday">www.unwater.org/worldwaterday</a>
24	World Tuberculosis Day <a href="http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day">www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day</a>
26	Global Day of Epilepsy Awareness <a href="http://www.purpleday.org">www.purpleday.org</a>
<b>April</b>	
7	World Health Day <a href="http://www.who.int/world-health-day/en">www.who.int/world-health-day/en</a>
Second week	World Homeopathy Awareness Week <a href="http://www.worldhomeopathy.org">www.worldhomeopathy.org</a>
11	World Parkinson's Day <a href="http://www.shakeitup.org.au/world-parkinsons-day">www.shakeitup.org.au/world-parkinsons-day</a>
17	World Haemophilia Day <a href="http://www.wfh.org/whd">www.wfh.org/whd</a>
25	World Malaria Day <a href="http://www.worldmaliaday.org/home_en.cfm">www.worldmaliaday.org/home_en.cfm</a>
<b>May</b>	
4	World Asthma Day <a href="http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/naci/news/world-asthma-day.htm">www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/naci/news/world-asthma-day.htm</a>
8	Ovarian Cancer Day <a href="http://ovariancancerday.org/">ovariancancerday.org/</a>
28	Menstrual Hygiene day <a href="http://menstrualhygieneday.org/">http://menstrualhygieneday.org/</a>
31	World No Tobacco Day (WHO) <a href="http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en">www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en</a>
<b>June</b>	
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/drugabuseday">www.un.org/en/events/drugabuseday</a>
26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN) <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday">www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday</a>
<b>July</b>	
28	World Hepatitis Day <a href="http://www.worldhepatitisday.org">www.worldhepatitisday.org</a>

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<b>September</b>	
	World Alzheimer's Month <a href="http://www.alz.co.uk/world-alzheimers-month">www.alz.co.uk/world-alzheimers-month</a>
10	World Suicide Prevention Day <a href="http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/world_suicide_prevention_day/en/index.html">www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/world_suicide_prevention_day/en/index.html</a>
21	World Alzheimer's Day <a href="http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/worldalzheimersday">www.alzheimers.org.uk/worldalzheimersday</a>
22	World Car-Free Day <a href="http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd">www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd</a>
<b>October</b>	
2nd Thursday	World Sight Day <a href="http://www.iapb.org/wsd14">www.iapb.org/wsd14</a>
10	World Mental Health Day <a href="http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/world-mental-health-day">www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/world-mental-health-day</a>
16	World Food Day <a href="http://www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/en">www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/en</a>
20	World Osteoporosis Day <a href="http://www.worldosteoporosisday.org">www.worldosteoporosisday.org</a>
<b>November</b>	
10	World Science Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/scienceday">www.un.org/en/events/scienceday</a>
13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>
19	World Toilet Day <a href="http://www.worldtoiletday.org">www.worldtoiletday.org</a>
<b>December</b>	
1	World Aids Day <a href="http://www.worldaidsday.org">www.worldaidsday.org</a>

## REFUGEES

<b>June</b>	
End of June	Refugee Week (UK) <a href="http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk">www.refugeeweek.org.uk</a>
20	World Refugee Day <a href="http://www.worldrefugeeday.us">www.worldrefugeeday.us</a>
26	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday">www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday</a>
<b>August</b>	
30	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/disappearancesday">www.un.org/en/events/disappearancesday</a>
<b>November</b>	
13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>
23	International Day to End Impunity <a href="http://www.daytoendimpunity.org">www.daytoendimpunity.org</a>
<b>December</b>	
18	International Migrants Day <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday">www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday</a>

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<b>RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE/ORGANISE</b>	
<b>February</b> 18	Global Day of Action for the Right to Strike <a href="http://www.ituc-csi.org/18feb">www.ituc-csi.org/18feb</a>
<b>April</b> 17	International day of Peasants' Struggles <a href="http://viacampesina.org">viacampesina.org</a>
<b>May</b> 1	International Workers' Day (May Day)
<b>November</b> 13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://kindnessuk.com">http://kindnessuk.com</a>
<b>December</b> First Tuesday	Giving Tuesday (celebrating altruism/generosity) <a href="http://www.givingtuesday.org/global">www.givingtuesday.org/global</a>

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### SEXUALITY & GENDER

#### February

6

International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation  
[www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/female\\_genital\\_mutilation/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/female_genital_mutilation/en/index.html)

#### May

17

International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia  
<http://www.homophobie.org/en/>

#### June

Month

Gay/LGBT Pride month  
[www.loc.gov/lgbt/about.html](http://www.loc.gov/lgbt/about.html)

28

Christopher Street Liberation Day (US)  
[www.outhistory.org/wiki/Christopher\\_Street\\_Liberation\\_Day\\_March](http://www.outhistory.org/wiki/Christopher_Street_Liberation_Day_March)

#### October

11

International Day of the Girl  
[www.dayofthegirl.org](http://www.dayofthegirl.org)

11

National Coming Out Day (US)  
[www.hrc.org/resources/entry/national-coming-out-day](http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/national-coming-out-day)

20

International Day of Hope & Remembrance for Those Affected by Hate Crime  
[www.172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance](http://www.172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance)

26

Intersex Awareness Day  
[www.thinkprogress.org/lgbt/2012/10/26/1096861/today-is-intersex-awareness-day](http://www.thinkprogress.org/lgbt/2012/10/26/1096861/today-is-intersex-awareness-day) —

#### November

13

World Kindness Day  
[www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html](http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html)

19

International Men's day  
[www.internationalmensday.com](http://www.internationalmensday.com)

20/21

International Transgender Day of Remembrance  
[www.transgenderdior.org](http://www.transgenderdior.org)

### SLAVERY

#### August

23

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (UNESCO)  
[www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/](http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/)

#### December

2

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery  
[www.un.org/en/events/slaveryabolitionday](http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryabolitionday)

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WAR & PEACE		
<b>April</b>		
7	International Day of the Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda	<a href="http://www.un.org/events/rwanda/backgrounder.html">www.un.org/events/rwanda/backgrounder.html</a>
<b>May</b>		
29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/peacekeepersday">www.un.org/en/events/peacekeepersday</a>
<b>July</b>		
9	International Gun Destruction Day	<a href="http://www.maginternational.org/news/drc-international-gun-destruction-day">www.maginternational.org/news/drc-international-gun-destruction-day</a>
<b>August</b>		
30	International Day of the Disappeared	<a href="http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Finding-missing-family/International-Day-of-the-Disappeared">www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Finding-missing-family/International-Day-of-the-Disappeared</a>
<b>September</b>		
21	International Day of Peace	<a href="http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org">www.internationaldayofpeace.org</a>
<b>October</b>		
13	International Disaster Reduction Day	<a href="http://www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/iddr">www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/iddr</a>
24-30	Disarmament Week	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/disarmamentweek">www.un.org/en/events/disarmamentweek</a>
<b>November</b>		
6	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed and Conflict	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday">www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday</a>
13	World Kindness Day	<a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>
16	International Day of Tolerance	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/toleranceday">www.un.org/en/events/toleranceday</a>
23	International Day to End Impunity	<a href="http://www.daytoendimpunity.org">www.daytoendimpunity.org</a>
<b>December</b>		
8	S. Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Charter Day	<a href="http://www.saarc-sec.org/Charter-Day/6">www.saarc-sec.org/Charter-Day/6</a>
20	World Day for South-South Cooperation	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/southcooperationday">www.un.org/en/events/southcooperationday</a>

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<b>WOMEN</b>	
<b>February</b>	
6	International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation <a href="http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/female_genital_mutilation/en/index.html">www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/female_genital_mutilation/en/index.html</a>
<b>March</b>	
8	International Women's Day <a href="http://www.internationalwomensday.com">www.internationalwomensday.com</a>
<b>May</b>	
8	Ovarian Cancer Day <a href="http://ovariancancerday.org/">ovariancancerday.org/</a>
28	Menstrual Hygiene day <a href="http://menstrualhygieneday.org/">http://menstrualhygieneday.org/</a>
<b>October</b>	
11	International Day of the Girl <a href="http://www.dayofthegirl.org">www.dayofthegirl.org</a>
20	International Day of Hope & Remembrance for those affected by Hate Crime <a href="http://www.172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance">www.172430notohatecrime.wordpress.com/projects/international-day-of-hope-and-remembrance</a>
<b>November</b>	
13	World Kindness Day <a href="http://www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html">www.kindness.com.au/world-kindness-day.html</a>
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday">www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday</a>

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## A SELECTION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

### January

1	Feast of St. Basil (Christian, Orthodox)
1	Japanese New Year (Japan)
5	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (Sikh)
6	<u>Epiphany</u> (Christian)
7	<u>The Nativity of Jesus Christ</u> (Christian, Orthodox)
13	Lohri (Buddhist/Hindu/Sikh)
16	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
21	<u>Eid al-Adha</u> (Islam)
25	Tu b'Shvat or Tu B'Shevat (Judaism, Israel)

### February

2	Candlemas (Christian)
2	<u>Imbolc</u> (Wiccan)
8	<u>Mardi Gras</u> (USA/ Latin America)
9	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> (Christian, Protestant/Roman Catholic)
9	<u>Chinese Lunar New Year</u> (China/Korea/Taiwan/Vietnam)
9	<u>Tet Nguyen Dan</u> (Vietnam)
10	Al Hijra (Muslim New Year)
19	Ashura (Islamic, Muslim)
23	Lantern Festival (Taiwan)
24	Flag Day (Mexico)

### March

3	The Doll Festival (Japan)
4	World Day of Prayer
17	<u>St. Patrick's Day</u> (Ireland/United States)
20	<u>Palm Sunday</u> (Christian, Protestant/Roman Catholic)
21	<u>Naw Ruz</u> (Baha'i, Persia)
22	New Year's Day (India)
24	<u>Holy Thursday</u> (Christian)
25	The Annunciation (Christian)
25	<u>Good Friday</u> (Christian, Protestant/ Roman Catholic)
25	<u>Purim</u> (Judaism)
27	<u>Easter</u> (Christian, Protestant/Roman Catholic)

### April

8	Vesak - Buddha's Birth (Buddhism)
24	<u>Passover</u> (Judaism)
30	<u>Beltane</u> (Celtic)

### May

1	Easter (Orthodox) or Pascha
5	Ascension Day (Christian)
6	Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Memorial Day (Judaism)
23	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
26	Corpus Christi (Roman Catholic)
29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

### June

13	<u>Shavuot</u> (Judaism)
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### July

9	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
16	Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan (Sikh)

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24	<u>Pioneer Day</u> (Mormon)
<b>August</b>	
1	<u>Lammas &amp; Lughnasadh</u> (Pagan/Celtic, Britain/Ireland/USA)
<b>September</b>	
1	Isra Al Mi'raj: Ascent of Prophet Muhammad
22	<u>Autumnal Equinox</u> (Japan)
<b>October</b>	
4	<u>Rosh Hashanah</u> (Jewish New Year)
13	<u>Yom Kippur</u> (Judaism)
18	<u>Sukkot</u> (Judaism)
24	Lailat Ul-Qadr (Islam)
25	<u>Shemini Atzeret</u> (Judaism)
26	<u>Simchat Torah</u> (Judaism)
<b>November</b>	
1	<u>All Saints' Day</u> (Christian/Roman Catholic)
1	<u>Diwali</u> (Buddhist/Hindu)
2	<u>All Souls' Day</u> (Roman Catholic)
3	Eid-Al-Fitr (Islam)
4	<u>Ramadan</u> (Islam)
12	Birthday of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
<b>December</b>	
6	St. Nicholas Day (International)
8	Bodhi Day - Buddha's Enlightenment (Buddhist)
25	<u>Christmas</u> (Christian)
26	Boxing Day/St Stephen's Day (Canada/UK)
26 - Jan 2	<u>Hanukkah</u> (Judaism)
26 - Jan 1	<u>Kwanzaa</u> (African-American)



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## DISABILITY SPORTS

*(Such events take place at local, national & international levels)*

### Paralympics

[www.paralympic.org/ParalympicGames](http://www.paralympic.org/ParalympicGames)

### Sports

Alpine Skiing - [www.paralympic.org/AlpineSkiing](http://www.paralympic.org/AlpineSkiing)

Archery - [www.archery.org](http://www.archery.org)

Athletics - [www.paralympic.org/Athletics](http://www.paralympic.org/Athletics)

Boccia - [www.bisfed.com](http://www.bisfed.com)

Canoeing - [www.paralympic.org/sport/canoe](http://www.paralympic.org/sport/canoe)

Cycling -

[www.uci.ch/templates/UCI/UCI5/layout.asp?MenuId=MTI2MzI&LangId=1](http://www.uci.ch/templates/UCI/UCI5/layout.asp?MenuId=MTI2MzI&LangId=1)

Equestrianism - [www.paralympic.org/sport/equestrian](http://www.paralympic.org/sport/equestrian)

Goalball - [www.paralympic.org/sport/goalball](http://www.paralympic.org/sport/goalball)

Judo - [www.ibsajudo.com](http://www.ibsajudo.com)

Nordic Skiing - [www.paralympic.org/NordicSkiing](http://www.paralympic.org/NordicSkiing)

Powerlifting - [www.paralympic.org/Powerlifting](http://www.paralympic.org/Powerlifting)

Rowing - [www.worldrowing.com/rowing/para-rowing](http://www.worldrowing.com/rowing/para-rowing)

Sailing - [www.sailing.org/disabled](http://www.sailing.org/disabled)

Shooting - [www.paralympic.org/Shooting](http://www.paralympic.org/Shooting)

Sitting Volleyball - [www.wovd.info](http://www.wovd.info)

Swimming - [www.swimming.org/britishswimming/disability-swimming](http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/disability-swimming)

Table Tennis - [www.ipttc.org](http://www.ipttc.org)

Triathlon - [www.triathlon.org/paratriathlon](http://www.triathlon.org/paratriathlon)

Wheelchair Basketball - [www.iwbf.org](http://www.iwbf.org)

Wheelchair Curling - [www.worldcurling.org](http://www.worldcurling.org)

Wheelchair Fencing - [www.iwasf.com/iwasf/index.cfm/sports/iwas-wheelchair-fencing](http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/index.cfm/sports/iwas-wheelchair-fencing)

Wheelchair Rugby - [www.iwrf.com](http://www.iwrf.com)

Wheelchair Tennis - [www.itftennis.com/wheelchair/home.aspx](http://www.itftennis.com/wheelchair/home.aspx)

International Blind Sports Association - [www.ibsa-sports.org](http://www.ibsa-sports.org)

Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association - [www.cpisra.org](http://www.cpisra.org)