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Month	Event	Description	Link
January	Holocaust Memorial Day	Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year. It's a time for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. On HMD we can honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today.	http://hmd.org.uk/
February	LGBT History Month	LGBT History Month is a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community, and makes the civil rights statement about our extraordinary national and international contributions.	http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/
February	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day	Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent - the 40 days leading up to Easter - was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the "Pancake Bell" and is still rung today.	http://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Pancake-Day/
February	World Day of Social Justice	The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on February 20 to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty	http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/

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		eradication. It also focuses on the goal of achieving full employment and support for social integration.	
March	Zero Discrimination Day	Organisations like the United Nations (UN) actively promote the day with various activities to celebrate everyone's right to live a full life with dignity regardless of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, skin color, height, weight, profession, education, and beliefs (01 March 2022). Many countries have laws against discrimination but it's still a problem in all layers of society in every country in the world. Many countries have and still use discrimination as a way of governing.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/zero-discrimination-day
March	International Women's Day	International Women's Day (08 March 2022) is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.	https://www.internationalwomensday.com/
March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	This year, the International Day (21 March 2022) is devoted to challenges and achievements of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action – 15 years after the landmark document was adopted at the 2001 World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in South Africa.	http://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/
March	Mothering Sunday	Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday (27 March 2022), is now a day to honor mothers and other mother figures, such as grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers-in-law. Many people make a special effort to visit their mother. They take cards and gifts to her and may treat her to brunch, lunch or high tea in a cafe, restaurant or	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/mothering-sunday

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		hotel. People who cannot visit their mother usually send gifts or cards to her.	
April	World Autism Awareness Day	The ninth annual World Autism Awareness Day is on 02 April 2022 . Every year, autism organisations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness -raising events.	http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx
April	World Health Day	World Health Day is celebrated every year on the founding day of the World Health Organization (7 April 2022). Established in 1950 this event has a theme each year to draw attention to a current world health issue. The WHO puts together regional, local, and international events on this day related to that theme.	http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en/
April	Good Friday/Easter Sunday	Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday , and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover.	https://publicholidays.co.uk/easter/
April	St George's Day	St George's Day used to be a national holiday in England (23 April). It is now an observance that is celebrated with parades, dancing and other activities. Flags with the image of St George's cross are flown on some buildings, especially pubs, and a few people wear a red rose on their lapel. Church services on the Sunday closest to April 23 often include the hymn 'Jerusalem', written by the poet William Blake. The words describe a supposed visit to Glastonbury, England, by Jesus Christ during his youth.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/st-george-day

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April	World Day for Health and Safety at Work	The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work. It is held on 28 April and has been observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003. 28 April has also long been associated with the world's trade union movement's commemoration of the victims of occupational accidents and diseases.	http://www.un.org/en/events/safeworkday/
May	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	It was created in 2004 to draw the attention of policymakers, opinion leaders, social movements, the public and the media to the violence and discrimination experienced by LGBTI people internationally. In under a decade, 17 May has established itself the single most important date for LGBTI communities to mobilise on a worldwide scale. The Day represents an annual landmark to draw the attention of decision makers, the media, the public, opinion leaders and local authorities to the alarming situation faced by lesbian, gay, bisexuals, transgender and intersex people and all those who do not conform to majority sexual and gender norms.	http://dayagainsthomophobia.org/
May	World No Tobacco Day	Every year, on 31 May , WHO and partners mark World No Tobacco Day , highlighting the health risks	http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/

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		associated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption.	
June	World Environment Day	World Environment Day (05 June 2022) aims to inspire more people than ever before to take action to prevent the growing strain on planet Earth's natural systems from reaching the breaking point.	http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentday/
June	Father's Day	Father's Day is held on the third Sunday of June in the United Kingdom. It is a day to honor fathers and father figures, such as grandfathers and fathers-in-law. Many people make a special effort to visit their fathers or to send them a card or gifts.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/father-day
June	World Refugee Day	The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on 20 June each year. This event honors the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.	http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/
July	World Day for International Justice	World Day for International Justice, also referred to as Day of International Criminal Justice or International Justice Day is an international day celebrated throughout the world on 17 July as part of an effort to recognize the emerging system of international criminal justice.	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/CommemorationofInternationalCriminalJusticeDay.aspx
July	International Day of Friendship	The International Day of Friendship is a United Nations (UN) day that promotes the role that friendship plays in promoting peace in many cultures. It is observed on 30 July each year.	http://www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday/
August	World Humanitarian Day	The United Nations' (UN) World Humanitarian Day is held on 19 August each year. The day honors all humanitarians who have worked in the promotion of the	http://www.un.org/en/events/humanitarianaday/

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		humanitarian cause, and those who have lost their lives in the cause of duty. It aims to increase public awareness about humanitarian assistance activities worldwide.	
September	International Day of Democracy	The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Democracy is annually held on 15 September to raise public awareness about democracy. Various activities and events are held around the world to promote democracy on this date.	http://www.un.org/en/events/democracyday/
September	International Day of Peace	The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Peace is celebrated on 21 September each year to recognize the efforts of those who have worked hard to end conflict and promote peace. The International Day of Peace is also a day of ceasefire – personal or political.	http://www.un.org/en/events/peace/day/
October	World Mental Health Day	World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.	http://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/
October	Diwali	Diwali (Dīvali, Dīpāwali, or Deepavali) is a festival of lights observed on the 15th day of the month of Kartika in the Hindu calendar. Many people in the United Kingdom celebrate Diwali each year. Diwali will be on Thursday 24 October 2022 . Please note: Date may vary.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/diwali

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October	World Stroke Day	World Stroke Day raises people's awareness on stroke and what can be done to combat it. It is observed on 29 October each year.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/world-stroke-day
October	Halloween	Many people around the world celebrate Halloween, which occurs annually on 31 October . It is the day before All Saints' Day, and is also sometimes called All Hallows' Eve and Hallowmas Eve. Costume parties are held and many children go trick-or-treating around this time of the year.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/halloween
November	National Stress Awareness Day	National Stress Awareness Day (02 November) is our annual flagship annual event, so why not get involved? This event is great as a means of raising profile, achieving publicity for stress, and promoting the importance of wellbeing for individuals and organisations.	http://isma.org.uk/national-stress-awareness-day
November	Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 13 November in 2022 , is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.	http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/how-we-remember/remembrance-sunday/
November	Anti-Bullying Week	Anti-bullying week (14-18 November 2021) is a great way to get involved, take a stand against bullying and raise awareness in your school, college or organisation. Bullying doesn't just affect children but adults too.	http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/
November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	The United Nations' (UN) International Day (25 November) for the Elimination of Violence against Women is an occasion for governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to raise public awareness of violence against women. I	http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/
December	World Aids Day	World AIDS Day is held on 01 December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people	https://www.worldaidsday.org/

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		living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day and the first one was held in 1988.	
December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	United Nations' (UN) International Day of Persons with Disabilities is annually held on 03 December to focus on issues that affect people with disabilities worldwide.	http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/
December	Human Rights Day	10 December is Human Rights Day, a United Nations (UN) campaign that calls for people to know and push for their rights no matter where they are in the world.	http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/
December	Hanukkah	The first day of Hanukkah (18 December 2022 – 26 December 2022). is the start of the Hanukkah period, also known as Chanukah or Festival of Lights. Many Jewish communities in the United Kingdom begin celebrating the miracle of the sanctified oil during this time of the year. The first day of Hanukkah falls on 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/chanukah
December	Christmas	Christmas Day, on 25 December , is one of the most festive Christian holidays in many countries around the world. It celebrates Jesus' birth.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/christmas-day
Varied	Eid-al-Fitr	Eid-al-Fitr is the first day of the Islamic month of Shawwal. It marks the end of Ramadan, which is a month of fasting and prayer. Many Muslims attend communal prayers, listen to a <i>khutba</i> (sermon) and give <i>zakat al-fitr</i> (charity in the form of food) during Eid al-Fitr.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/muslim/eid-al-fitr
Varied	Eid-al-Adha	Many Muslims in the United Kingdom (UK) celebrate Eid-al-Adha, which commemorates Ibrahim's (Abraham) willingness to sacrifice his son to God. This festival also marks the end of the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/eid-al-adha