

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY &
INCLUSION CALENDAR**

2026





JANUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
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Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

January is cervical cancer awareness month, Alcohol Change UK's dry January and thyroid awareness month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 1 – Solemnity of Mary, mother of God
- 1 – Rohini vrat
- 1 – Gantan-sai (new year)
- 1-7 – Hatsumode
- 3-5 – Mahayana new year
- 5 – Twelfth night
- 6 – Epiphany
- 7 – Feast of the nativity
- 11 – Baptism of the lord Jesus
- 12 – Swami Vivekananda jayanti
- 12 – Seijin no Hi
- 13 – Lohri/Maghi
- 14 – Old new year
- 14 – Makar sankranti
- 14-17 – Pongal
- 16 – Lailat al-Miraj
- 16 – Meru trayodashi
- 18-25 – Week of prayer for Christian unity
- 19 – Timkat
- 19 – Feast of the Theophany
- 23 – Vasant panchami
- 25 – Conversion of saint Paul
- 25 – Zacchaeus Sunday
- 28 – Rohini vrat
- 31 – Guru Harrai jayanti

■ Awareness and events

- 4 – World braille day
- 18 – World religion day
- 19 – Martin Luther King Jr day
- 24 – International day of education
- 25 – Robert Burns night (Burns night)
- 27 – Holocaust memorial day



LGBTQ+ History Month | February

FEBRUARY

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Key

 Religious / Cultural

 Awareness and events

February is UK national heart month, LGBT+ history month and raynaud's awareness month.

Religious / Cultural

- 1 – Triodion begins
- 1 – Thaipusam
- 2 – Tu BiShvat
- 2 – Imbolc*/Candlemas
- 3 – Lailat al Bara'ah
- 3 – Setsubun-sai
- 8 – Sunday of the prodigal son
- 14 – Saint Valentine's day
- 14 – Saturday of souls
- 15 – Meatfare Sunday
- 15 – Nirvana day
- 15-16 – Maha Shivratri
- 16 – Shrove Monday
- 17 – Shrove Tuesday
- 17 – Lunar new year
- 18 – Ash Wednesday
- 18 – Losar begins
- 18 – Ramadan
- 21 – Saturday of souls
- 22 – Feast of the chair of saint Peter
- 22 – Cheesefare Sunday
- 23 – Great Lent begins
- 23 – Phalguni ashtahnika begins
- 25 – Rohini vrat
- 25 Feb-1 March – Intercalary days
- 28 – Saturday of souls

Awareness and events

- 1 – World hijab day
- 1-7 – World interfaith harmony week
- 4 – World cancer day
- 5 – Time to talk day
- 5-11 – UK race equality week
- 6 – International day of zero tolerance to female genital mutilation
- 9-15 – Children's mental health week
- 10 – Safer internet day
- 11 – International day of women and girls in science
- 12 – Red hand day for child soldiers
- 15 – International childhood cancer day
- 17 – World human spirit day
- 20 – World day of social justice
- 21 – International mother language day



Women's History Month | March

MARCH

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Key

 Religious / Cultural

 Awareness and events

March is prostate cancer awareness month, ovarian cancer awareness month, Marie Curie's great daffodil appeal month and women's history month.

Religious / Cultural

- 1 – St David's day
- 1 – Feast of Orthodoxy
- 2 – Nineteen-day fast begins
- 2 – Holika dahan
- 2 – Phalguna chaumasi chaudas
- 3 – Chötrul düchen
- 3 – Hina matsuri
- 3 – Magha puja
- 3 – Purim *
- 3 – Holi
- 4-6 – Hola mohalla
- 11 – Varshitapa arambha
- 14 – Nanakshahi (new year)
- 16 – Laylat al-Qadr
- 16-20 – Hamaspathermaidym gahambar
- 17 – St Patrick's day
- 19 – Feast of saint Joseph
- 19 – Chaitra navratri begins
- 19 – Ugadi (new year)
- 20 – Eid al-Fitr
- 20 – Shunbun no Hi
- 20 – Ostara
- 20 – Nowruz (new year)
- 21 – Naw-Rúz
- 24 – Rohini vrat
- 25 – Chaitra navapada oli begins
- 25 – Annunciation of the lord
- 25 – Annunciation to the Theotokos
- 25 – Annunciation of the virgin Mary
- 26 – Khordad sal
- 26 – Rama navami
- 29 – Palm Sunday
- 31 – Mahavir Swami jayanti

Awareness and events

- 1 – Zero discrimination day
- 1 – International wheelchair day
- 3 – World hearing day
- 4-6 – TUC's women's conference
- 8 – International women's day
- 15 – Mother's day
- 16-22 – Neurodiversity celebration week
- 20 – Spring equinox
- 21 – International day for the elimination of racial discrimination
- 21 – World down syndrome day
- 24 – World tuberculosis (TB) day
- 25 – International day of remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade
- 30 – World bipolar day
- 31 – International trans day of visibility



World Autism Awareness Day | 2 April

APRIL

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5
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Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

April is autism acceptance month, stress awareness month, bowel cancer awareness month and Parkinson's awareness month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 2 – Hanuman jayanti
- 2 – Maundy Thursday
- 2-5 – Theravada new year
- 2-9 – Passover
- 3 – Good Friday
- 4 – Holy Saturday
- 4 – Lazarus Saturday
- 5 – Easter Sunday
- 5 – Palm Sunday
- 6 – Easter Monday
- 7 – Guru Tegh Bahadur jayanti
- 9 – Guru Arjun Dev jayanti
- 9 – Great and holy Thursday
- 10 – Great and holy Friday
- 11 – Great and holy Saturday
- 12 – Pascha (Easter)
- 12 – Divine mercy Sunday
- 13-15 – Songkran (Thai new year)
- 14 – Yom HaShoah
- 14 – Puthandu
- 14 – Vaisakhi
- 18 – Guru Angad Dev jayanti
- 19 – Akshaya tritiya
- 19 – Varshitapa parana
- 23 – Saint George's day
- 25 – Feast of saint Mark the evangelist
- 26 – Mahavir Swami kevalagyan
- 29 – Ninth day of Ridvan
- 30 – Saint James the great's day
- 30 – Guru Amar Das jayanti
- 30 – Avalokiteshvara day
- 30 Apr-4 May – Maidyozarem gahambar

■ Awareness and events

- 1 – Fools' day
- 2 – World autism awareness day
- 6 – International asexuality day
- 7 – World health day
- 8 – International Romani day
- 11-13 – TUC's black workers' conference
- 22 – Earth day
- 25 – World malaria day
- 26 – Lesbian visibility day
- 28 – World day for health and safety at work



Deaf awareness week | 4–10 May

MAY

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Bank Holiday						

Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

May is stroke awareness month, Coeliac awareness month and UK national walking month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 1 – Beltane
- 2 – Twelfth day of Ridvan
- 3 – Feast of saints Philip and James
- 5 – Lag BaOmer
- 6 – Midfeast
- 14 – Ascension of the lord
- 14 – Feast of saint Matthias
- 18 – Rohini vrat
- 21 – Feast of the ascension
- 22-23 – Shavuot
- 24 – Declaration of the Báb *
- 24 – Pentecost
- 25 – Hajj begins
- 26 – Day of Arafah
- 27 – Eid al-Adha begins
- 29 – Ascension of Baha'u'llah
- 30 – Saturday of souls
- 31 – Vesak
- 31 – Pentecost
- 31 – Trinity Sunday
- 31 – Visitation of the blessed virgin Mary
- 31 – Saga dawa düchen

■ Awareness and events

- 3 – International family equality day
- 4-10 – Deaf awareness week
- 8 – World Red Cross and Red Crescent day
- 11-17 – Mental health awareness week
- 13 – National day for staff networks
- 15 – International day of families
- 17 – International day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia
- 21 – Global accessibility awareness day
- 21 – World day for cultural diversity for dialogue and development
- 22 – International day for biological diversity
- 24 – Pansexual visibility day



Race Unity Day | 14 June

JUNE

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Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

June is motor neurone disease awareness month, stillbirth and neonatal death awareness month, Scleroderma awareness month, LGBTQ+ pride month, and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 4 – Eid al-Ghadir
- 4 – The feast of Corpus Christi
- 8 – The apostles' fast begins
- 12 – Feast of the sacred heart of Jesus
- 14 – Rohini vrat
- 14 – Rice planting festival (Otaue matsuri)
- 16 – Islamic new year
- 16 – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
- 21 – Litha
- 24 – Nativity of saint John the baptist
- 25 – Day of Ashura
- 29 – Feast of saints Peter and Paul
- 29 Jun-3 Jul – Maidyoshahem gahambar
- 30 – Guru Hargobind jayanti

■ Awareness and events

- 3-4 – TUC's disabled workers' conference
- 4 – International day of innocent children victims of aggression
- 12 – World day against child labour
- 14 – Race unity day
- 15 – World elder abuse awareness day
- 15-21 – Refugee week
- 15-21 – Men's health week
- 18 – Autistic pride day
- 20 – World refugee day
- 21 – Summer solstice
- 21 – Father's day
- 22 – UK Windrush day
- 22-26 – School diversity week



International non-binary people's day | 14 July

JULY

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Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

July is UV safety awareness month, international women with alopecia month, group b strep awareness month, disability pride month and the start of South Asian heritage month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 3 – Feast of the saint Thomas the apostle
- 10 – Martyrdom of the Báb
- 11 – Rohini vrat
- 15 – Saint Vladimir the great day
- 20 – Ashadha ashtahnika begins
- 22 – Feast of saint Mary Magdalene
- 23 – Tish'a B'av
- 23 – Birthday of emperor Haile Selassie
- 24 – Pioneer day Mormon
- 25 – Saint James the great's day
- 28 – Ashadha chaumasi chaudas
- 29 – Asalha puja (Dharma day)
- 29 – The 15th of Av
- 29 – Guru purnima

■ Awareness and events

- 3-4 – TUC's LGBT+ conference
- 14 – International non-binary people's day
- 18 – Nelson Mandela international day
- 18 Jul-17 Aug – South Asian heritage month
- 28 – World hepatitis day



AUGUST

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Bank Holiday

Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

August is spinal muscular atrophy awareness month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 1 – Lammas
- 1 – Lughnasadh
- 1 – Fast in honour of the holy mother of the lord Jesus begins
- 4 – Arba'een
- 6 – Feast of transfiguration
- 6 – Transfiguration of the lord
- 7 – Guru Har Krishan jayanti
- 8 – Rohini vrat
- 8-17 – Muktad (Fravardeghan days)
- 10 – Feast of saint Lawrence
- 13-15 – Obon
- 15 – Assumption of Mary
- 15 – Dormition of the Theotokos
- 16 – Onam begins
- 22 – Feast of the queenship of Mary
- 24 – Feast of saint Bartholomew the apostle
- 26 – Mawlid al-Nabi
- 27 – Ullambana (hungry ghost festival)
- 28 – Raksha bandhan
- 28 – Dormition of the mother of God
- 29 – Beheading of saint John the baptist

■ Awareness and events

- 9 – International day of the world's Indigenous people
- 19 – World humanitarian day
- 22 – International day commemorating the victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief
- 23 – International day for the remembrance of the slave trade and its abolition



World Alzheimer's Day | 21 September

SEPTEMBER

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Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

September is East and South East Asian heritage month, sickle cell awareness month, childhood cancer awareness month, blood cancer awareness month, world Alzheimer's month and urology awareness month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 1 – Ecclesiastical year begins
- 1 – First installation of the Guru Granth Sahib
- 4 – Krishna janmashtami
- 4 – Rohini vrat
- 8 – Feast of the birth of the virgin Mary
- 8 – Nativity of the Theotokos
- 8 – Paryushana parvarambha
- 12 – Guru Grinthsahib jayanti
- 12-13 – Rosh Hashanah
- 12-16 – Paitishahem gahambar
- 14 – Feast of the cross
- 14 – Ganesh chaturthi
- 15 – Samvatsari parva
- 21 – Feast of saint Matthew
- 21 – Yom Kippur
- 23 – Mabon
- 23 – Autumnal equinox day (Shūbun no Hi)
- 24 – Pavarana
- 25 – Anant chaturdashi
- 26 – Pitri paksha begins
- 26 Sept-2 Oct – Sukkot
- 27 – Meskel
- 29 – Feast of saint Michael and all angels

■ Awareness and events

- 10 – World suicide prevention day
- 15 – World afro day's 'big hair assembly'
- 18 – International equal pay day
- 21 – World Alzheimer's day
- 23 – Autumn equinox
- 23 – Bi visibility day
- 23 – International day of sign languages
- 28 Sept -4 Oct – UK national inclusion week



Black History Month | October

OCTOBER

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Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

October is breast cancer awareness month, down syndrome awareness month, black history month, lupus awareness month, world menopause month and global diversity awareness month.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 1 – Rohini vrat
- 2 – Feast of the guardian angels
- 2 – Gandhi jayanti
- 2 – Mehregan
- 3 – Shemini Atzeret
- 4 – Feast of St Francis of Assisi
- 4 – Simchat Torah
- 11 – Sharada navratri begins
- 12-16 – Ayathrem gahambar
- 17 – Ashwina navapada oli begins
- 17 – Durga puja begins
- 18 – Feast of saint Luke
- 20 – Dussehra
- 20 – Guru Granth Sahib coronation day
- 25 – Kathina
- 27 – Guru Ram Das jayanti
- 28 – Feast of saints Simon and Jude
- 28 – Rohini vrat
- 29 – Karwa chauth
- 31 – All Hallows' eve
- 31 – Reformation day Protestant

■ Awareness and events

- 1 – Anniversary of the introduction of the Equality Act
- 1 – International day of older persons
- 5 – World teachers' day
- 6 – World cerebral palsy day
- 8 – World sight day
- 10 – World mental health day
- 11 – International day of the girl child
- 11 – National coming out day
- 15 – International day of rural women
- 16 – Show Racism the Red Card's wear red day
- 17 – International day for the eradication of poverty
- 18 – Anti-slavery day
- 18 – World menopause day
- 21 – International pronouns day
- 26 – Intersex awareness day
- 29 – World stroke day



Movember men's health awareness month | November

NOVEMBER

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Key

Religious / Cultural

Awareness and events

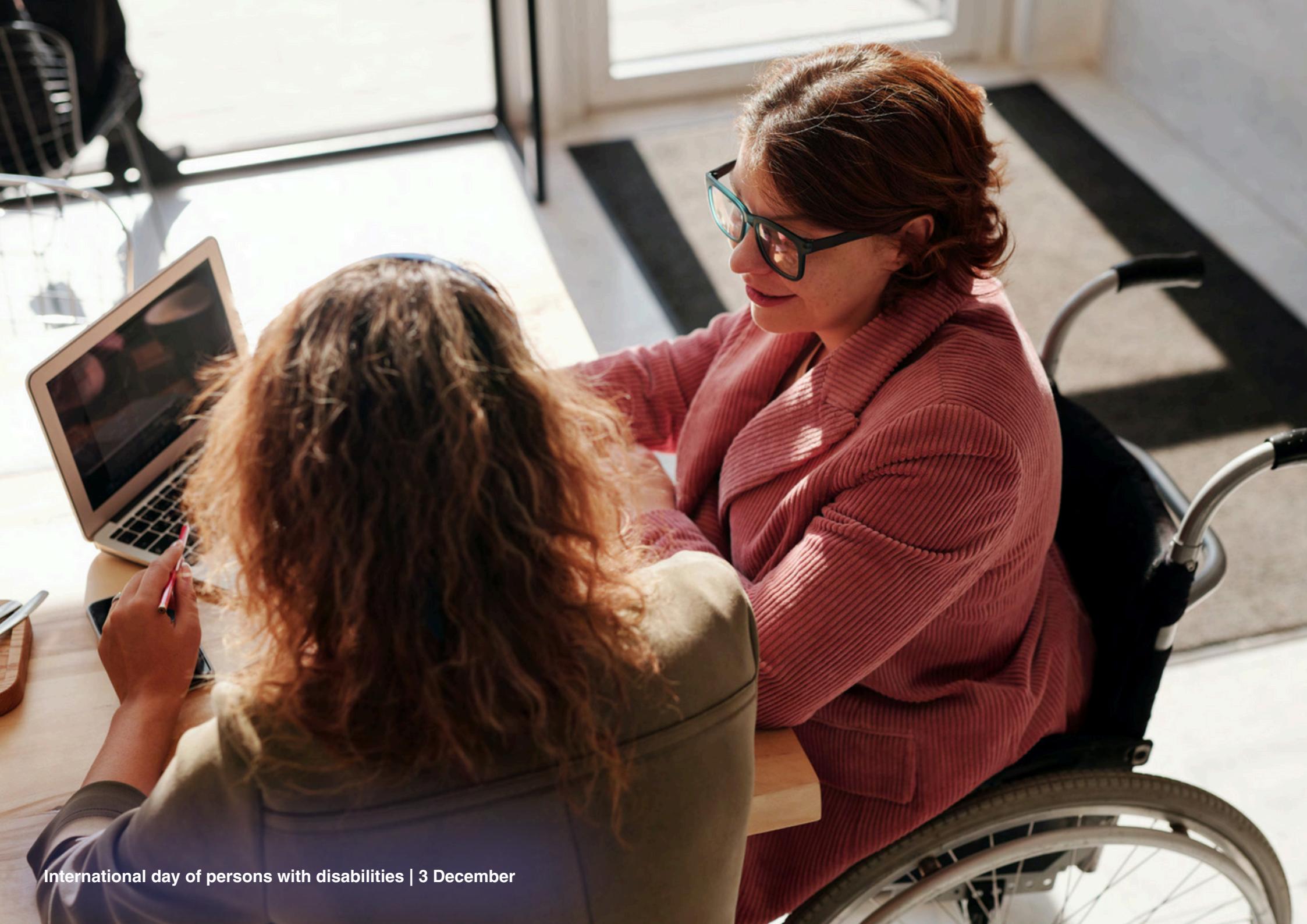
November is lung cancer awareness month, pancreatic cancer awareness month, mouth cancer action month, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease awareness month, Movember men's health awareness month and the start of disability history month.

Religious / Cultural

- 1 – Feast of all the saints
- 1 – Samhain
- 2 – All souls' day
- 2 – Anniversary of the coronation of emperor Haile Selassie I
- 7 – Tori no Ichi (first rooster day)
- 8 – Bandi chhor divas
- 8 – Diwali
- 9 – Feast of the dedication of the Archbasilica
- 10 – Birth of the Báb
- 10 – Birth of Baha'u'llah
- 13 – Chhath puja begins
- 15 – Nativity fast begins
- 15 – Shichi-go-san
- 16 – Kartik ashtahnika begins
- 19 – Tori no Ichi (second rooster day)
- 21 – Presentation of the Theotokos
- 22 – Feast of Christ the king
- 23 – Kartika chaumasi chaudas
- 23 – Niinamesai
- 24 – Guru Nanak Dev jayanti
- 24 – Kartika rathayatra =
- 24 – Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur
- 25 – Rohini vrat
- 26 – Day of the covenant
- 28 – Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá
- 29 – Advent Sunday
- 30 – Saint Andrew's day

Awareness and events

- 8 – Intersex day of solidarity
- 8 – Remembrance Sunday
- 11 – Armistice day
- 13 – World kindness day
- 13-19 – Transgender awareness week
- 14 – World diabetes day
- 16 – International day for tolerance
- 19 – International men's day
- 19 Nov-20 Dec – Disability history month
- 20 – World children's day
- 20 – Transgender day of remembrance
- 25 – International day for the elimination of violence against women



International day of persons with disabilities | 3 December

DECEMBER

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28 ■ Boxing day (substitute day)	29 ■	30	31 ■ ■			

Key

■ Religious / Cultural

■ Awareness and events

December is universal month for human rights and Decembeard.

■ Religious / Cultural

- 5-12 – Hanukkah
- 6 – Feast of saint Nicholas
- 8 – Feast of the immaculate conception
- 8 – Rohatsu (Bodhi day)
- 12 – Feast of our lady of Guadalupe
- 13 – Gaudete Sunday
- 16 – Dhanu sankranti
- 16 – Las posadas starts
- 19 – Feast of saint Nicholas
- 20 – Gita jayanti
- 21 – Yule
- 22 – Rohini vrat
- 24 – Christmas eve
- 25 – Christmas day
- 25 – Nativity of the lord
- 25 – Feast of the nativity of our lord
- 26 – Feast of saint Stephen
- 26 – Zartosht no-diso
- 26 – Veer bal diwas (Martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's sons)
- 26 Dec-1 Jan – Kwanzaa
- 27 – Feast of the holy family
- 29 – Holy innocents' day
- 31 – Watch night
- 31 – Maidyarem gahambar begins

■ Awareness and events

- 1 – World AIDS day
- 2 – International day for the abolition of slavery
- 3 – International day of persons with disabilities
- 10 – Human rights day
- 18 – International migrants' day
- 20 – International human solidarity day
- 21 – Winter solstice
- 26 – Boxing day
- 31 – New year's eve/hogmanay

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