

2026 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar

The dates on this calendar were accurate at the time of publication.

*The exact dates of the major Islamic observances depend on the moon sightings and are based on a lunar calendar, so may vary.

**The major Jewish festivals begin in the evening of the festival start dates listed. A comprehensive list of all Jewish observances is available on the Union of Jewish Students (UJS) [website here](#).

January 2026

- 3 Buddhism: Mahayana New Year
- 6 Christianity: Epiphany
- 7 Christianity (Orthodox): Christmas Day
- 13 Sikhism: Maghi/Lohri
- 16 Islam: Lailat-al-Miraj*
- 20 Sikhism: Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
- 23 Hinduism: Vasant Panchami
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day

February 2026

- 1-7 UN Interfaith Harmony Week
- 1-28 [LGBTQ+ History Month](#)
- 3-9 Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week
- 3-9 Race Equality Week
- 15 Buddhism: Nirvana Day
- 15 Hinduism: Maha Shivrati
- 17 New Year/Chinese New Year
- 25-1 Mar Bahai: Intercalary Days
- 17 Feb – 18 Mar Islam: Ramadan*

March 2026

- 28 Feb - 30 Mar Islam: Ramadan*
- 1 UN Zero Discrimination Day
- 1 Christianity/Wicca/Pagan: Imbolc
- 1–19 Bahai: Nineteen Day Fast
- 2-3 Judaism: Purim**
- 3 Buddhism: Magha Puja Day
- 4 Hinduism/Sikhism: Holi
- 5-6 Sikhism: Hola Mohalla
- 8 International Women's Day
- 13 University Mental Health Day
- 15 UN International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- 17 Christianity: Shrove Tuesday
- 18 Christianity: Ash Wednesday
- 18 Feb – 4Apr Christianity: Lent
- 18-19 Islam: Eid al-Fitr*
- 20 Bahai: Naw Rúz (New Year)
- 20 Wicca/Pagan: Spring Equinox/Ostara
- 21 UN International Day for the Elimination of Racism
- 27 Hinduism: Rama Navami
- 27 Hinduism: Hanuman Jayanti
- 30 Mar - 7 Apr Hinduism: Vasant Navrati
- 30 Mar – 5 Apr [World Autism Acceptance Week](#)
- 31 [International Trans Day of Visibility](#) (TDOV)

April 2026

- 2 World Autism Day
- 3 Christianity: Good Friday
- 5 Christianity: Easter Sunday
- 14 Buddhism: Theravada New Year
- 14 Sikhism: Vaisakhi
- 20 Bahá'í: First Day of Ridván
- 21-29 Judaism: Passover / Pesach**

- 22 [Stephen Lawrence Day](#)
- 26 [Lesbian Visibility Day](#)
- 28 Bahá'í: Ninth Day of Ridván

May 2026

- 1–7 World Interfaith Harmony Week
- 1 Buddhism: Vesak
- 2 Bahá'í: Twelfth Day of Ridván
- 4–10 Deaf Awareness Week
- 11-17 Black Inclusion Week
- 13 National Day for Staff Networks
- 14 Christianity: Ascension Day
- 15 May – 15 June [Tourette's Awareness Month](#)
- 17 [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia](#)
- 18 Islam: 1st Dhul Hijjah*
- 21 [Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#)
- 21–23 Judaism: Shavuot**
- 24 Bahá'í: Declaration of the Báb
- 24–29 Islam: Hajj*
- 24 Christianity: Pentecost
- 27 Islam: Eid al Adha*
- 28 Bahá'í: Ascension of the Bahá'u'llah
- 31 Christianity: Trinity Sunday

June 2026

- 15 May – 15 June [Tourette's Awareness Month](#)
- 1–30 [Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month \(GRTHM\)](#)
- 1–30 [LGBTQ+ Pride Month](#)
- 9–15 [Carers Week](#)
- 15 Learning Disability Week

- 15 [UN World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)
- 16 Islam: Muharram*
- 15– 21 [Refugee Week](#)
- 18 Autistic Pride Day
- 19 Hinduism: Sitalsasth
- 21 Wicca/Pagan: Summer solstice/ Litha
- 25 June – 1 July [Deafblind Awareness Week](#)
- 25 Islam: Ashura*
- 22 [Windrush Day](#)

July 2026

- 1–31 [Disability Pride Month](#)
- 1–31 [South Asian Heritage Month](#)
- 2 Judaism: Shivah Asar b'Tammuz**
- 10 Bahá'í: Martyrdom of the Báb
- 14 International Non-Binary Persons Day
- 18-19 [Leeds Pride](#)
- 22-23 Judaism: Tisha b'Av**
- 28-29 Judaism: Tu B'Av**
- 29 Buddhism: Dharma Day
- 29 Hinduism: Guru Purnima

August 2026

- 1–7 World Breastfeeding Week
- 1 Wicca/Pagan: Lughnassadh/Lamas
- 13 Buddhism: Obon
- 15 Christianity: Assumption Day
- 14 August – 11th Sept Islam: Rabi Al Awal*
- 25-26 Islam: Milad-un-Nabī / Birthday of Prophet Muhammad*
- 28 Hinduism: Raksha Bandhan/Rakhi
- 31 [UN International Day for People of African Descent](#)

September 2026

- World Alzheimer's Month
- 1-30 [East and South East Asian Heritage Month](#)
- 1 Sikhism: Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth
- 4 Hinduism: Krishnashtami
- 10 [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- 11-13 Judaism: Rosh Hashanah (New Year)**
- 15 Hinduism: Ganesh Chaturthi
- 14 Judaism: Fast of Gedaliah**
- 15-21 [National Inclusion Week](#)
- 18 [International Equal Pay Day](#)
- 20-21 1 - 2 Judaism: Yom Kippur**
- 23 Wicca/Pagan: Autumn Equinox/ Mabon
- 23 [Bi Visibility Day](#)
- 23 International Day of Sign Languages
- 24 Sikhism: First Parkash
- 25-27 Judaism: Sukkot**

October 2026

- [ADHD Awareness month](#)
- [Black History Month](#)
- [Down Syndrome Awareness Month](#)
- Dwarfism Awareness Month
- 1 UN International Day of Older Persons
- 4 Judaism: Simchat Torah**
- 8 World Dyslexia Awareness Day
- 9–15 [Baby Loss Awareness Week](#)
- 10 World Sight Day
- 10 [World Mental Health Day](#)
- 10 Bahai: Birth of the Báb

- 11 [National Coming Out Day](#)
- 11-20 Hinduism: Navratri
- 12 Bahai: Birth of Bahá'u'lláh
- 17 [Developmental Language Disorder Day](#)
- 20 Hinduism: Vijayadashami / Dusshera
- 18 [World Menopause Day](#)
- 31 Christianity: All Hallows' Eve
- 31 Wicca/Pagan: Samhain/Hallowe'en

November 2026

- [Islamophobia Awareness Month](#)
- 1 Christianity: All Saints
- 2 Christianity: All Souls
- 8 Hinduism: Diwali/ Sikhism: Bandi Chhor Divas
- 8 Remembrance Sunday
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 13–19 [Trans Awareness Week](#)
- 15-22 [Inter Faith Week](#)
- 14 Nov – 20 Dec [UK Disability History Month](#)
- 17 International Students' Day
- 18 [LGBTQ+ Pride in STEM Day](#)
- 19 [International Men's Day](#)
- 20 [Trans Day of Remembrance \(TDOR\)](#)
- 23 [Carers Rights Day](#)
- 24 Sikhism: Guru Nanak Dev Sahib
- 25 [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)
- 26-27 Bahai: Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

December 2026

- 1 [World Aids Day](#)
- 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 2 [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

- 4–11 Judaism: Chanukah**
- 8 Buddhism: Bodhi Day
- 8 Pansexual Pride Day
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 16 Hinduism: Dhanu Sakranti
- 21 Wicca/Pagan: Winter Solstice/Yule
- 24 Christianity: Christmas Eve
- 25 Christianity: Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanzaa (Pan African)
- 28 Christianity: Holy Innocents