

Equality, Diversity and Faith events and celebrations Calendar 2018



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Joining in with national and local Equality, Diversity and Faith events helps to

- make E&D 'visible', raising awareness and the profile of E&D
- link with work on actively promoting British values
- provide the 'lived experience', counteracting negative stereotypes and unconscious bias
- meet the needs of the local community. For example:
 - Tackling harmful myths, for example that your organisation is not welcoming to people with a particular belief or characteristic
 - Working together in partnership with local organisations, which can help raise the profile of festivals and cultural events such as Diwali, Holocaust memorial day, LGB&T history month
- demonstrate to Ofsted how you are meeting the needs and interests of the local and national community and actively promoting British values
- ensure whole-college approach, if all departments (teaching and non-teaching) get involved.



“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” Barak Obama,
44th President of the United States

How does your organisation recognise, contribute to or celebrate festivals and E&D events? Consider, for example, visiting speakers, events, posters, displays, showing films, charity runs, interviewing staff or students with different protected characteristics or backgrounds

How does your department join in with college-wide activities? For example, during Black History Month, the Hair and Beauty Department putting on a henna hand painting day, the Art Department exploring the symbolism behind Rastafarian imagery, the Admissions Department putting on a display of Bhangra dancing.

How do you personally contribute, for example volunteering to speak at student gatherings? Or aligning teaching and learning activities with college-wide events, for example a plumbing tutor exploring how to build a sanitation unit with just pebbles, sand and stones, which are all that is available in some countries without easy access to fresh water.

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Please note, this list is only a starting point; people should add to this list.
Some events may take place in different months, according to the year.

January

- World Religion Day (21)
- Holocaust Memorial Day (27)

Makar Sankrant – Hindu holy day
Sikh celebration of birthday of
Guru Gobind Singh

February

- LGB&T (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) History Month

March

- International Womens' Day (8)

Christian Easter holy week
(starting on 25)

April

- World autism awareness day (2)

Easter Sunday and Monday (1
and 2)

May

- Mental Health Awareness Week (8 – 14)
- World Fair Trade Day (12)
- IDAHO Day (International day against transphobia and homophobia) (17)

Ramadan begins (16/17)
Wesek / Buddha Day (29)

June

- World Refugee Day (20)
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month
- National Women in Engineering Day (23)

Eid (End of Ramadan,16-17)

September

- World Peace Day (21)

Rosh Hashanah (9-11), Yom
Kippur (18-19), Sukkot (23-30)

October

- Black History Month
- Dyslexia awareness week (2-8)
- World Mental Health Awareness Day (10)

Navratri (9-18)

November

- Transgender Day of Remembrance (20)
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25)
- Inter-Faith Week (11-18)
- Disability History Month (22 Nov – 22 Dec)

Hindu festival Diwali (6-10)
Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur (24)

December

- Worlds Aid Day (1)
- International Human Rights Day (10)
- International Day of Disabled People (3)

Jewish festival of Hannukah (2-
10)
Christian celebration of Birth
Christ (Christmas, 25)
