

The MPA Group DEI Calendar 2022

January

5 January Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh – Sikhism
6 January Epiphany – Christianity
18 January Mahayana New Year – Buddhism
27 January Holocaust Memorial Day

February

LGBT+ History Month

February Chinese New Year/ New Lunar Year
 February Basant Panchami-Saraswati Puja – Hinduism
 February UK Race Equality Week
 February Nirvana Day – Buddhism
 February Magha Puja Day – Buddhism
 February – 1 March Intercalary Days – Bahai

March

1 March Shrove Tuesday – Christianity
2 March Ash Wednesday – Christianity
2 – 20 March Nineteen Day Fast – Bahai
7 – 13 March Islam Awareness Week
8 March International Women's Day
16 – 17 March Purim – Judaism *
18 March Holi – Hinduism
18 March Hola Mohalla – Sikhism
20 March Naw Rúz (New Year) – Bahai
21 March International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21 March World Down Syndrome Day



27th March Mother's day

29 March – 4 April World Autism Awareness Week **31 March** International Transgender Day of Visibility

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April

Autism Awareness Month, Stress Awareness Month

- 2 April Ramadan begins Islam*
- 2 April World Autism Awareness Day
- **10 April** Palm Sunday Christianity
- 10 April Rama Navami Hinduism
- 14 April Vaisakhi Sikhism
- **15 April** Good Friday Christianity
- 15 23 April Pesach (Passover) Judaism**
- 16 April Theravada New Year Buddhism
- **17 April** Easter Sunday Christianity
- 21 April First Day of Ridván Bahai
- 22 April Stephen Lawrence Day
- 27 28 April Yom HaShoah Judaism**
- 28 April Lailat al Qadr Islam
- 29 April Ninth Day of Ridván Bahai

May

Mental Health Awareness Month

- 1 May Ramadan ends Islam*
- 2 May Eid al-Fitr Islam*
- 2 May Last Day of Ridván /Twelfth Day of Ridván Bahai
- 4 9 May Deaf Awareness Week
- 9 15 May Black Inclusion Week
- 9 15 May Mental Health Awareness Week



- **12 May** National Day for Staff Networks
- **16 May** Ascension Day Christianity
- **16 May** Vesak (Buddah Day) Buddhism

17 May International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

- 21 May World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development,
- **23 May** Pentecost Christianity
- 24 May Declaration of the Báb Bahai
- 28 May Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh Bahai

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June

LGBTQ Pride Month, Men's Health Awareness Month

- 5 June Pentecost Christian,
- **5 June** World Environment Day,
- 5 June Shavuot Judaism*
- 7 14 June Carers Week
- 12 June Pentecost Orthodox Christian,
- **16 June** Corpus Christi Christianity
- **16 June** Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sikhism
- **18 June** Autistic Pride Day
- **22 June** Windrush Day
- **29 June** St Peter and St Paul Day Christianity
- 30 June Puri Ratha Yatra Hinduism

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July

South Asian Heritage Month begins

1- 12 July Hajj – Islam*
UK Black Pride (dates to be confirmed)
9 or 10 July Eid al-Adha – Islam*
10 July Martyrdom of the Bab – Bahai
13 July Dharma Day (Asalha Puja) – Buddhism
14 July International Non-Binary People's Day
18 July – 17 August South Asian Heritage Month
30 July Muharram/Islamic New Year – Islam*

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August

South Asian Heritage Month ends

8 August Ashura – Islam*
11 August Raksha Bandhan – Hinduism
12 August International Youth Day
15 August Assumption – Christianity
19 August Krishna Janmashtami – Hinduism

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September

World Alzheimer's Month, World Dementia Awareness Month

1 September First Parkash – Sikhism**6 September** Colour Blind Awareness Day



- 21 September Feast of Saint Matthew Christian,
- **21 September** International Day of Peace,
- **21 September** World Alzheimer's Day,
- 23 September Bi Visibility Day
- **25 September** World Deaf Day,
- 25 27 September Rosh Hashanah Judaism*
- 26 September 2 October National Inclusion Week
- 26 September 5 October Navratri Hinduism

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October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Black History Month (UK), Lupus Awareness Month, Global Diversity Awareness Month, Menopause Awareness Month

1 October International Day of Older Persons,

4 – 5 October Yom Kippur – Judaism*
8 October Mawlid an-Nabi (Prophet Muhammad's birthday) – Islam**
9 – 16 October Sukkot – Judaism*
10 October World Mental Health Day
16 – 18 October Simchat Torah – Judaism*
18 October World Menopause Day
19 October International Pronouns Day,
20 October Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth – Sikhism
24 October Diwali – Hinduism
26 October Birth of the Báb – Bahai
27 October Birth of Bahá'u'lláh – Bahai

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November

Movember Men's Health Awareness Month, Islamophobia Awareness Month, UK Disability History Month

1 November All Saints – Christianity
2 November All Souls – Christianity
8 November Guru Nanak Dev Sahib – Sikhism
13 – 19 November Trans Awareness Week
13 – 20 November Inter Faith Week
18 November LGBTQ+ STEM Day
18 November – 18 December UK Disability History Month
18 November International STAND UP to Bullying Day
19 November International Men's Day
25 November International Day for the Elimination of Violence against
Women,
20 November Trans Day of Remembrance
25 November White Ribbon Day
26 November Carers Rights Day
28 November Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá – Bahai

December

AIDS Awareness Month, Decembeard

1 December World AIDS Day

2 December International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities

18 – 25 December Hanukkah – Judaism*

24 December Christmas Eve – Christianity

25 December Christmas Day – Christianity

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