



2026 Days of Awareness Calendar

Purpose: Use this calendar to plan your content and events and to anchor subject matter in key international or national celebration/awareness days. Within the column “Planning Notes,” note how each date aligns with your organization and any planned initiatives during this time.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list.

Date	Event	Where It Is Celebrated	Planning Notes
January			
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	USA	
24	International Day of Education	Worldwide	
February			
-	Black History Month	USA & Canada	
-	LGBTQ+ History Month	UK	
1-7	World Interfaith Harmony Week	Worldwide	
4	World Cancer Day	Worldwide	
11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	Worldwide	
13	Start of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras	Australia	
17	Lunar New Year	Worldwide	
20	World Day of Social Justice	Worldwide	
March			
-	Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month	USA	
-	Greek American Heritage Month	USA	
-	Irish American Heritage Month	USA	
-	Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month	USA & Canada	
-	Women’s History Month	USA	
4	Equal Pay Day	USA	



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8	International Women's Day	Worldwide	
17-23	Neurodiversity Celebration Week	Worldwide	
13	World Sleep Day	Worldwide	
20	International Day of Happiness	Worldwide	
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Worldwide	
25	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Worldwide	
30	World Bipolar Day	Worldwide	
31	International Transgender Day of Visibility	Worldwide	
April			
-	Arab American Heritage Month	USA	
-	Autism Acceptance Month	Worldwide	
-	Celebrate Diversity Month	Worldwide	
-	Deaf History Month	USA	
-	National Volunteer Month	USA	
-	Sikh Heritage Month	Canada	
-	Stress Awareness Month	Worldwide	
2	World Autism Acceptance Day	Worldwide	
7	World Health Day	Worldwide	
8	International Day of Pink	Worldwide	
22	Earth Day	Worldwide	
May			
-	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	USA	
-	Asian Heritage Month	Canada	
-	Jewish American Heritage Month	USA	
-	Mental Health Awareness Month	USA & Canada	
-	Multiple Sclerosis Education & Awareness Month	Canada	

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-	Older Americans Month	USA	
1	Spiritual Literacy Month	Worldwide	
3	Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Women's Equal Pay Day	USA	
5	National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples	Canada	
6	Mom's Equal Pay Day	USA	
11-17	Mental Health Awareness Week	UK	
17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia	Worldwide	
25	Africa Day	Worldwide	
27	Reconciliation Week (starts)	Australia	
June			
-	2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month	North America	
-	Diversity Month (Global Alliance for PR and Communication Management)	Worldwide	
-	Immigrant Heritage Month	USA	
-	Italian Heritage Month	Canada	
-	Men's Health Awareness Month	Worldwide	
-	National Indigenous History Month	Canada	
1	Global Day for Parents	Worldwide	
5	World Environment Day	Worldwide	
8-14	Carers Week	UK	
15-21	Men's Health Week	UK	
13	LGBTQIA+ Equal Pay Awareness Day	USA	
15-21	Refugee Week	UK	
15-21	Learning Disabilities Week	UK	
19	Juneteenth	USA	

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20	World Refugee Day	Worldwide	
21	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Canada	
23	International Women in Engineering Day	Worldwide	
27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day	Canada	
July			
-	National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month	USA	
-	Social Wellness Month	Worldwide	
5-12	NAIDOC Week (celebrating Indigenous culture)	Australia	
10	Black Women's Equal Pay Day	USA	
11	World Population Day	Worldwide	
14	International Non-Binary People's Day	Worldwide	
18	Black Leaders Awareness Day	UK	
24	International Self-care Day	Worldwide	
26	Disability Independence Day	USA	
28	World Hepatitis Day	Worldwide	
30	International Day of Friendship	Worldwide	
August			
-	Black Business Month	USA	
1	Emancipation Day	Canada	
9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Worldwide	
21	Senior Citizens Day	Various Countries	
26	Women's Equality Day	USA	
September			
-	Blood Cancer Awareness Month	Worldwide	
-	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	Worldwide	
-	National Recovery Month	USA	

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-	National Suicide Prevention Month	USA	
-	World Alzheimer's Month	Worldwide	
-	World Dementia Awareness Month	Worldwide	
5	International Day of Charity	Worldwide	
7	Ukrainian Heritage Day	Canada	
8-14	Māori Language Week	New Zealand	
10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Worldwide	
15	Hispanic Heritage Month (starts)	USA	
18	International Equal Pay Day	Worldwide	
23	Bi Visibility Day	Worldwide	
25	National Native American Day	USA (not all states)	
TBD	National Inclusion Week	UK	
October			
-	Black History Month	UK	
-	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	Worldwide	
-	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	USA	
-	Global Diversity Awareness Month	Worldwide	
-	Islamic Heritage Month	Canada	
-	LGBTQ+ History Month	USA	
-	Menopause Awareness Month	Worldwide	
-	National Disability Employment Awareness Month	USA & Canada	
1	International Day of Older Persons	Worldwide	
2	International Day of Nonviolence	Worldwide	
6	World Cerebral Palsy Day	Worldwide	
7	Latina Women's Equal Pay Day	USA	
8	World Sight Day	Worldwide	

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10	World Homeless Day	Worldwide	
10	World Inclusion Day	Worldwide	
10	World Mental Health Day	Worldwide	
11	National Coming Out Day	USA	
11	International Day of the Girl	Worldwide	
12	Indigenous Peoples' Day	USA	
15	Hispanic Heritage Month (ends)	USA	
15	International Day of Rural Women	Worldwide	
16	World Food Day	Worldwide	
17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Worldwide	
18-24	National Carers Week	Australia	
21	International Pronouns Day	Worldwide	
November			
-	Native American Heritage Month	USA	
-	Diabetes Awareness Month	USA	
-	National Family Caregivers Month	USA	
-	November Men's Health Awareness Month	Worldwide	
8	Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights)	Worldwide	
8-14	Inter Faith Week	UK	
9	World Adoption Day	Worldwide	
11	Veterans Day	USA	
11	Remembrance Day	UK & Canada	
13	World Kindness Day	Worldwide	
13-19	Transgender Awareness Week	Worldwide	
16	International Day for Tolerance	Worldwide	

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20	Transgender Day of Remembrance	Worldwide	
22	National Disability History Month (starts)	UK	
22	Equal Pay Day	UK	
27	Native American Heritage Day	USA	
30	Native American Women's Equal Pay Day	USA	
December			
-	HIV/AIDS Awareness Month	Worldwide	
-	Universal Human Rights Month	Worldwide	
1	World AIDS Day	Worldwide	
2	International Day of the Abolition of Slavery	Worldwide	
3	International Day for Persons with Disabilities	Worldwide	
4-13	Hanukkah	Worldwide	
5	International Volunteer Day	Worldwide	
6	The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	Canada	
8	Bodhi Day	Worldwide	
10	International Day of Human Rights	Worldwide	
18	International Migrants Day	Worldwide	
20	International Human Solidarity Day	Worldwide	
25	Christmas Day	Worldwide	
26	Kwanzaa (starts)	Worldwide	

Want to suggest additional dates or share how your organization is celebrating? Make sure to participate in our upcoming DEI Survey.