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# Equality, Diversity Inclusion & Wellbeing Calendar.

Sep 2024–Aug 2025

# The University of Liverpool is committed to Equality, Diversity Inclusion & Wellbeing.

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This calendar outlines numerous equality, diversity, inclusion (EDI) and wellbeing related dates which may be celebrated, marked and/or acknowledged by our University Community.

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# September 2024

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
5/9/2024	International Day of Charity	22/9/2024	Autumn Equinox
6/9/2024	Colour Blind Awareness Day	22/9/2022	Mabon – Ostara – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres
8/9/2024	Nativity of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian	23/9/2024	Bi Visibility Day
8/9/2024	Nativity of Virgin Mary – Christian	23/9/2024	Migraine Awareness Week
8/9/2024	International Literacy Day	23/9/2024	International Day of Sign Languages
10/9/2024	World Suicide Prevention Day	23/9/2024	UK National Inclusion Week
13/9/2024	World Sepsis Day	24/9/2024	Birthday of Guru Ram Das – Sikh
14/9/2024	Triumph of the Cross – Christian	28/9/2024	International Right to Know Day
15/9/2024	International Day of Democracy	29/9/2024	World Heart Day
16/9/2024	Mawlid al-Nabi – Islam	22/9/2024	World Deaf Day
17/9/2024	Anant Chaturdashi – Hindu, Jain	29/9/2024	Feast of Michaelmas – Saint Michael and All Angels – Christian
18/9/2024	International Equal Pay Day		
21/9/2024	World Alzheimer's Day		
21/9/2024	International Day of Peace		
21/9/2024	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – Christian		

## September is:

Sickle Cell Awareness Month / Childhood Cancer Awareness Month / International Blood Cancer Awareness Month / World Alzheimer's Month / World Dementia Awareness Month

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# October 2024

Date	Occasion		Date	Occasion
01/10/2024	International Day of Older Persons		20/10/2024	Birth of the Báb - Baha'i
02/10/2024	Feast of the Guardian Angels - Christian		20/10/2024	Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh
02/10/2024	International Day of Non-Violence		24/10/2024	Bandi Chhor Divas - Sikh
02/10/2024	Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)		26/10/2022	Jain New Year
3/10/2024	Navaratri begins - Hindu		26/10/2024	Intersex Awareness Day
04/10/2024	Saint Francis' Day - Christian		25/10/2024	Simchat Torah - Judaism
12/10/2024	Dussehra - Dasara - Hindu		28/10/2024	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude - Christian
6/10/2024	Fast of Gedaliah - Judaism		29/10/2024	World Stroke Day
06/10/2024	World Cerebral Palsy Day		31/10/2024	Samhain (Halloween) - Beltane - Wicca/Pagan
16/10/2024	Sukkot - Judaism		31/10/2024	Reformation Day - Protestant Christian
10/10/2022	World Mental Health Day		31/10/2024	All Hallow's Eve
10/10/2022	World Homeless Day			
10/10/2022	National Work Life Week			
12/10/2024	Yom Kippur - Judaism			
15/10/2024	Global Handwashing Day			
15/10/2024	Sharad Navratri begins - Hindu			
16/10/2024	World Food Day			
16/10/2024	International Pronouns Day			
17/10/2024	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty			
18/10/2024	Saint Luke, Apostle & Evangelist - Christian			
18/10/2024	World Menopause Day			

## October is:

Black History Month / Breast Cancer Awareness Month / Down Syndrome Awareness Month / Black History Month (UK) / Lupus Awareness Month / Global Diversity Awareness Month / World Menopause Month.

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# November 2024

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/11/2024	All Saints' Day – Christian	17/11/2024	International Students' Day
1/11/2024	Diwali – Deepavali – Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist	19/11/2022	International Men's Day
03/11/2024	Birth of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i	20/11/2022	Transgender Day of Remembrance
04/11/2024	International Stress Awareness Week (4–8 Nov 2021)	20/11/2024	Universal Children's Day
05/11/2024	Birthday of Guru Har Rai – Sikh	24/11/2024	Feast of Christ the King – Christian
08/11/2024	Intersex Day of Solidarity	25/11/2024	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
09/11/2024	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Catholic Christian	25/11/2024	16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence begins (25 Nov – 11 Dec 2024)
11/11/2024	Armistice Day – Interfaith	26/11/2024	Day of the Covenant – Baha'i
13/11/2024	World Kindness Day	28/11/2024	Thanksgiving – Interfaith USA
10/11/2024	Remembrance Sunday	28/11/2024	Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá – Baha'i
13/11/2024	Anti-Bullying Week (13 – 17 Nov 2024)	30/11/2024	Saint Andrew's Day – Christian
13/11/2024	Jain New Year	28/11/2024	Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá – Baha'i
14/11/2024	World Diabetes Day	30/11/2024	Saint Andrew's Day – Christian
14/11/2024	UK Interfaith Week (14 – 20 Nov 2024)		
15/11/2024	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev – Sikh		
15/11/2024	Nativity Fast begins – Orthodox Christian		
16/11/2022	Disability History month begins (16 Nov – 16 Dec 2024)		

## November is:

Lung Cancer Awareness Month / Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month / Mouth Cancer Action Month / COPD Awareness Month / Movember Men's Health Awareness Month

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# December 2024

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/12/2024	World AIDS Day	24/12/2024	Christmas Eve – Christian
02/12/2024	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	25/12/2024	Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian
03/12/2024	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	25/12/2024	Christmas Day – Christian
4/12/2024	Presentation of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian	25/12/2024	Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) – Zoroastrian
05/12/2024	International Volunteer Day	8/12/2024	Hanukkah begins – Judaism
08/12/2024	Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist	26/12/2024	Boxing Day
08/12/2024	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Christian	26/12/2024	Saint Stephen's Day – Christian
9/12/2024	International Anti-Corruption Day	26/12/2024	Kwanzaa begins
10/12/2024	Human Rights Day	27/12/2024	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh – Sikh
18/12/2024	International Migrants Day	28/12/2024	Holy Innocents – Christian
20/12/2024	International Human Solidarity Day	29/12/2024	Feast of the Holy Family – Catholic Christian
21/12/2024	Yule – Litha – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres	31/12/2024	Watch Night – Christian
		31/12/2024	New Year's Eve/Hogmanay



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# January 2025

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/01/2025	Gantan-sai (New Year) – Shinto	14/01/2025	Mahayana New Year – Buddhist
01/01/2025	Mary, Mother of God – Catholic Christian	14/1/2025	Pongal – Hindu
01/01/2025	Global Family Day	18/1/2023	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Christian (18-22 Jan 2023)
01/01/2025	New Year's Day/Hogmanay	19/1/2025	World Religion Day
04/01/2025	World Braille Day	19/1/2025	Timkat – Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
05/01/2025	Twelfth Night – Christian	20/1/2025	Martin Luther King Jnr. Day
06/01/2025	Feast of the Theophany – Orthodox Christian	24/1/2025	International Day of Education
06/01/2025	Epiphany – Christian	25/1/2025	Conversion of Saint Paul – Christian
7/01/2025	Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian	25/1/2025	Robert Burns Night (Burns Night)
10/01/2025	Fast of Tevet – Judaism	27/1/2025	Holocaust Memorial Day
12/01/2025	Baptism of the Lord Jesus – Christian	28/1/2025	Data Privacy Day
13/01/2025	Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day) – Shinto	29/1/2025	Lunar New Year – Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
13/1/2025	Lohri/Maghi – Hindu, Sikh	29/1/2025	Zacchaeus Sunday – Orthodox Christian
14/1/2025	Makar Sankranti – Hindu		
14/1/2025	Old New Year – Orthodox Christian		

## January is:

Cervical Health Awareness Month / Celebration of Life Month / Alcohol Concern Dry January / Thyroid Awareness Month

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# February 2025

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/02/2025	World Interfaith Harmony Week (1-7 Feb 2025)	15/02/2025	International Childhood Cancer Day
01/02/2025	World Hijab Day	17/02/2025	World Human Spirit Day
01/02/2025	Imbolc – Lughnassadh – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres	20/02/2025	World Day of Social Justice
02/02/2025	Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) – Christian	21/02/2023	Shrove Tuesday – Christian
03/02/2025	Setsubun-sai – Shinto	21/02/2023	Ramakrishna Jayanti – Hindu
03/02/2025	UK Race Equality Week (3 – 9 Feb 2032)	23/02/2025	Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
04/02/2025	World Cancer Day	25/02/2025	Triodion begins – Orthodox Christian
05/02/2025	Vasant Panchami – Hindu	25/02/2025	Maha Shivaratri – Hindu
06/02/2025	Time to Talk Day	25/02/2025	Intercalary Days begin – Baha'i (25-28 February 2025)
10/02/2025	Lunar New Year – Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist	27/02/2025	Lailat al Miraj – Islam
11/02/2025	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	27/02/2025	Laylat al-Qadr – Islam
12/02/2025	Tu BiShvat – Judaism	28/02/2025	International STAND UP to Bullying Day
09/02/2025	Autism Sunday	28/02/2025	Ramadan begins – Islam
13/02/2025	Magha Puja (Sangha Day) – Buddhist		
15/02/2025	Parinirvana Day/Nirvana Day – Buddhist		

## February is:

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans (LGBT) History Month / UK National Heart Month / Raynaud's Awareness Month

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# March 2025

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/03/2025	International Wheelchair Day	20/03/2025	Spring Equinox
01/03/2025	Zero Discrimination Day	21/03/2025	World Down Syndrome Day
02/03/2025	Cheesefare Sunday – Orthodox Christian	21/03/2025	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
03/03/2025	World Hearing Day	22/03/2025	World Water Day
04/03/2025	Shrove Tuesday – Christian	25/03/2025	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
05/03/2025	Great Lent begins – Clean Monday – Orthodox Christian	25/03/2025	Annunciation to the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian
05/03/2025	Ash Wednesday – Christian	25/03/2025	The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary – Christian
08/03/2023	International Women’s Day	30/03/2025	British Summer Time begins
13/03/2025	Holika Dahan – Hindu	30/03/2025	World Bipolar Day
14/03/2025	Purim – Judaism	30/03/2025	Mothering Sunday
13/03/2025	Holi – Hindu	30/03/2025	Eid al Fitr – Islam
14/03/2025	Hola Mohalla – Sikh	30/03/2025	Ugadi New Year – Hindu
14/03/2025	Nanakshahi (New Year) – Sikh	31/03/2025	International Transgender Day of Visibility
15/03/2025	International Day to Combat Islamophobia		
17/03/2025	Saint Patrick’s Day – Christian		
19/03/2025	Saint Joseph’s Day – Christian		
19/03/2025	Naw-Ruz – Bahá’í		

**March is:**

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month / Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month / Marie Curie Cancer Care



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# April 2025

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
02/04/2025	World Autism Awareness Day	18/04/2025	Birthday of Guru Angad Dev – Sikh
06/04/2025	Theravada New Year – Buddhist	18/04/2025	Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh
06/04/2025	Ramayana begins – Hindu	20/04/2025	Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian
06/04/2025	International Asexuality Day	20/04/2025	Easter Sunday – Christian
18/04/2025	Good Friday – Christian	20/04/2025	First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
07/04/2025	World Health Day	21/04/2025	Easter Monday – Christian
08/04/2025	International Romani Day	22/04/2025	Earth Day
10/04/2025	Mahavir Jayanti – Jain	23/04/2025	Yom HaShoah – Judaism
10/04/2023	Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Northern Ireland and ROI	23/04/2025	Saint George's Day
12/04/2025	Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu	25/04/2025	Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist
12/04/2025	Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian	25/04/2025	World Malaria Day
12/04/2025	Passover (Pesach) – Judaism	26/04/2025	Lesbian Visibility Day
13/04/2025	Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) – Sikh	27/04/2023	On Your Feet Britain
13/04/2025	Songkran (Thai New Year) – Buddhist	28/04/2023	World Day for Health and Safety at Work
13/04/2024	Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian	29/04/2025	Yom HaZikaron – Judaism
14/04/2025	Tamil New Year	29/04/2023	Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
17/04/2025	Maundy Thursday – Christian	30/04/2025	Akshaya Tritiya – Hindu, Jain
18/04/2025	Good Friday – Christian	30/04/2025	Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Judaism
18/04/2025	Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian		

## April is:

Autism Awareness Month / Stress Awareness Month / Bowel Cancer Awareness Month / Parkinson's Awareness Month

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# May 2025

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/05/2025	Beltane – Samhain – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres	22/05/2025	Declaration of the Báb – Baha'i
03/05/2025	National Fitness Day	23/05/2025	Birthday of Guru Amar Das – Sikh
03/05/2025	Feast of Saints Philip and James – Catholic Christian	25/05/2025	Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) – Judaism
12/05/2025	Vesak – Buddhist	27/05/2025	Ascension of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i
12/05/2025	Mental Health Awareness Week (12 – 18 May 2025)	29/05/2025	Ascension of the Lord – Orthodox Christian
14/05/2025	Feast of Saint Matthias – Catholic Christian	29/05/2025	Ascension of Jesus – Christian
14/05/2025	UK National Day for Staff bodiNetworks	29/05/2025	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
15/05/2025	Lag B'Omer – Judaism	31/05/2025	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Catholic Christian
15/05/2025	International Day of Families		
15/05/2025	Global Accessibility Awareness Day		
17/05/2025	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia		
21/05/2025	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development		

## May is:

Action on Stroke Month / Mental Health Awareness Month / Hepatitis Awareness Month / UK National Walking Month / Celiac Awareness Month

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# June 2025

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/06/2025	Shavuot – Judaism	19/06/2025	Corpus Christi – Catholic Christian
01/06/2025	Global Day of Parents	20/06/2025	World Refugee Day
04/06/2025	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	21/06/2025	World Humanist Day
05/06/2025	World Environment Day	22/06/2025	UK Windrush Day
06/06/2025	Eid al Adha – Islam	24/06/2025	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Christian
06/06/2025	Waqf al Arafa - Islam	25/06/2025	Al-Hijra/Muharram – New Year – Islam
08/06/2025	Pentecost – Christian	26/06/2025	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
08/06/2025	Race Unity Day	27/06/2025	Sacred Heart of Jesus - Catholic Christian
09/06/2025	Men's Health Week (9-15 June 2023)	29/06/2025	Hajj - Islam
09/06/2025	BNF Healthy Eating Week (9-13 June 2023)	29/06/2025	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul – Christian
12/06/2025	World Day against Child Labour		
14/06/2025	Global Wellness Day		
14/06/2025	World Blood Donor Day		
15/06/2025	Trinity Sunday – Christian		
15/06/2025	Father's Day		
15/06/2025	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day		
16/06/2025	The Fast of the Holy Apostles - Orthodox Christian		
16/06/2025	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh		
18/06/2025	Autistic Pride Day		

## June is:

Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Month / Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Awareness Month / LGBT Pride Month / Men's Health Awareness Month / Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

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# July 2025

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04/07/2025	US Independence Day	23/07/2025	Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie – Rastafari
05/07/2025	Ashura – Islam	24/07/2025	Pioneer Day – Mormon Christian
05/07/2024	Birthday of Guru Hargobind – Sikh	25/07/2024	Saint James the Great Day – Christian
10/07/2025	Asalha Puja (Dharma Day) – Buddhist	28/07/2025	World Hepatitis Day
10/07/2025	Martyrdom of the Báb – Baha'i	30/07/2025	World Day against Trafficking Persons
11/07/2025	World Population Day	30/07/2025	International Day of Friendship
12/07/2025	Orangemen's Day		
14/07/2025	International Non-Binary People's Day		
15/07/2025	Saint Vladimir the Great Day – Orthodox Christian		
18/07/2025	Nelson Mandela International Day		
22/07/2025	Feast Day of Saint Mary Magdalene – Christian		

## July is:

UV Safety Month / Make a Difference to Children Month / International Women with Alopecia Month / South Asian Heritage Month

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# August 2025

Date	Occasion	Date	Occasion
01/08/2025	World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August 2023)	22/08/2025	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief
01/08/2025	Lammas – Christian	23/08/2025	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
11/08/2025	Fast in honour of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus – Orthodox Christian	24/08/2025	Saint Bartholomew the Apostle – Christian
01/08/2025	Lughnasadh – Imbolc – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres		
02/07/2025	Tish'a B'av – Judaism		
06/08/2025	Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord – Christian		
09/08/2025	Raksha Bandhan – Hindu		
09/08/2025	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples		
10/08/2025	Feast of Saint Lawrence – Christian		
15/08/2025	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – Catholic Christian		
15/08/2025	Dormition of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian		
19/08/2025	World Humanitarian Day		

## August is:

Health & Safety Month / Psoriasis Awareness Month / Black Business Month / Children's Eye Health & Safety Month

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# EDI Staff/Postgrad Networks & Groups

Network/Group	Who can join?
<a href="#">BAME Network</a>	Is open to all University staff who identify as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME). The term BAME refers to non-white communities living in the UK.
<a href="#">Disability Network</a>	Is open to all University staff with an interest in disability (including physical, hidden, long-term and mental health conditions)
<a href="#">LGBT+ Network</a>	Is open to all staff and postgraduates within the University who identify as LGBT, queer, questioning, ace, non-binary and all others who identify as being a member of a minority with respect to sexuality and/or gender.
<a href="#">Trans &amp; Non-Binary Peer Support Network</a>	Informal peer support network for all trans, non-binary, gender non-confirming, or questioning staff and PGR students.
<a href="#">Female Early Career Researcher Network</a>	The FECRN is intended to create an opportunity for its members to explore the unique challenges and opportunities of their career stage, as well as network with each other, to create a knowledge sharing environment.
Parents Network	The Parents Network was established in late 2014. It is a network of staff and students who are parents, due to be or are planning for a family. For further information or to join email <a href="mailto:equality@liverpool.ac.uk">equality@liverpool.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Carers Network</a>	The aim of this network is to provide staff who care for ill or disabled loved ones an opportunity to share support and advice, as well as to provide feedback to the University on support that would be helpful.

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<a href="#">Menopause Network</a>	Staff & students (women) experiencing menopause
Cancer Support Group	Staff & students whom have been affected by a diagnosis of cancer (either themselves or those they are close to). For further information or to join email <a href="mailto:equality@liverpool.ac.uk">equality@liverpool.ac.uk</a>
Endometriosis Support Group	Staff & Postgrads whom have been affected by a diagnosis of Endometriosis (either themselves or those they are close to). For further information or to join email <a href="mailto:equality@liverpool.ac.uk">equality@liverpool.ac.uk</a>
<a href="#">Liverpool Women in Science &amp; Engineering</a>	LivWiSE is an open society for everyone studying, working in, or who has an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine (STEMM).

## What do the networks and groups all have in common?

- They all provide a safe space for members to share experiences & ideas for positive culture change, as well as an opportunity to gain further peer support.
- They help to influence policies & support the strategic aims of the University, continuously working towards a more inclusive environment for all.

## Student Networks & Groups

The Liverpool Guild of Students is home to over 150 Student-led societies. Many of which have been created with equality, diversity & wellbeing in mind & aim to make the University as inclusive as possible.

Want to join or create your own society?

Website: [www.liverpoolguild.org/groups](http://www.liverpoolguild.org/groups)

Email: [guildweb@liv.ac.uk](mailto:guildweb@liv.ac.uk)

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