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# January 2023

# The Jigsaw of Inclusion.

As we travel through the difficult times ahead, we can all help and support each other. At an interpersonal level we have to be more mindful of each other and more thoughtful in our language and actions, for we do not know what others may be struggling with.

Our calendar this year shines a light on some of the positive pieces that when put together, help to create and build a jigsaw of inclusion.

We can all reach out and treat others as we would like them to treat us, with kindness at the heart of our organisations.

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## Special Days

- 1st Mary, Mother of God Catholic Christian, Gantan-sai (New Year) – Shinto, Global Family Day, New Year's Day/Hogmanay.
- **2nd Bank Holiday** England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 3rd Bank Holiday Scotland.
- 4th World Braille Day.
- 5th Twelfth Night Christian, Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh – Sikh.
- 6th Epiphany Christian,
  Feast of the Theophany Orthodox
  Christian.
- 7th 3 day Mahayana New Year begins Buddhist,
  - Feast of the Nativity Orthodox Christian.
- 8th Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christian.
- 9th Seijin no hi (Coming of Age Day)
   Shinto.
- 13th Lohri/Maghi Hindu, Sikh.
- 14th Makar Sankranti Hindu,
  Old New Year Orthodox Christian.
- 15th Pongal Hindu,
  World Religion Day
- World Religion Day. 16th Blue Monday,
- Martin Luther King Junior Day.
- **18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins** Christian.
- 19th Timkat Ethiopian Orthodox Christian.
- **22nd Chinese New Year** Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist.
- 24th International Day of Education.
- 25th Conversion of Saint Paul Christian, Robert Burns Night (Burns Night).
- **26th Vasant Panchami** Hindu.
- 27th Holocaust Memorial Day.
- 28th Data Privacy Day.
- **29th Zacchaeus Sunday** Orthodox Christian.
- 31st Birthday of Guru Har Rai Sikh.



# **February**

2023

### Personal Responsibility.

Desmond Tutu.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

We all have a personal responsibility for making our workplaces more inclusive. Inclusion is not an HR responsibility. Our individual mindsets, attitudes and behaviours directly impact on the lives of others and help shape our work environment and society. We must be proactive and reach out at an interpersonal level to others, especially those who we do not know or would not

We can help to influence and shape our organisation's policies, strategies and goals around equality, diversity and inclusion - and so ensure that effective training and support is available for all staff.

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February is UK National Heart Month | Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month | Raynaud's and Scleroderma Awareness Month |







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### Special Days

1st World Hijab Day, **Imbolc - Lughnasadh** - Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres, World Interfaith Harmony Week begins.

2nd Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) - Christian, Time to Talk Day.

3rd Setsubun-sai – Shinto.

World Cancer Day. 5th Thaipusam – Hindu,

**Triodion begins** – Orthodox Christian.

6th Tu BiShvat – Judaism, Bank Holiday - ROI, UK Race Equality Week begins.

7th Safer Internet Day.

11th International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

World Day of the Sick.

**12th Sunday of the Prodigal Son** – Orthodox Christian,

Autism Sunday,

Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers.

14th Saint Valentine's Day.

15th International Childhood Cancer Day, Parinirvana Day/Nirvana Day – Buddhist.

17th World Human Spirit Day.

18th Maha Shivaratri – Hindu, Lailat al Miraj – Islam.

19th Meatfare Sunday - Orthodox Christian.

20th World Day of Social Justice.

21st Shrove Tuesday - Christian. Ramakrishna Jayanti – Hindu.

22nd Ash Wednesday - Christian.

24th International STAND UP to Bullying Day.

26th Intercalary Days begin – Baha'i,

Cheesefare Sunday – Orthodox Christian.

27th Great Lent begins – Clean Monday

- Orthodox Christian.

# March

#### Collaboration.

"When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world." Harold S. Kushner.

Collaborative working is key for building inclusivity in any organisation, particularly now where remote and hybrid working are becoming so integral to our everyday lives.

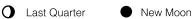
Collaboration is not just the joining together of our work efforts. It is when two or more of us come together to create, build and develop a new interpersonal entity.

It is this entity which holds potential way beyond the initial task that we envisaged, because it is built around who we are, rather than what we are planning to do.

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First Quarter



### Special Days

1st Intercalary Days (end) – Baha'i, Saint David's Day – Christian, International Wheelchair Day, Self-Injury Awareness Day, Zero Discrimination Day.

2nd Nineteen Day Fast begins – Baha'i, University Mental Health Day.

3rd World Hearing Day.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy** – Orthodox Christian.

6th Magha Puja (Sangha Day) – Buddhist.

7th Holika Dahan – Hindu, Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam, Purim – Judaism.

8th Holi – Hindu,

International Women's Day.

**9th** Hola Mohalla – Sikh.

14th Nanakshahi (New Year) – Sikh.

15th International Day to Combat Islamophobia.

17th Saint Patrick's Day – Christian,
Bank Holiday – Northern Ireland and ROI.

18th Global Recycling Day.

19th Saint Joseph's Day – Christian, Mothering Sunday.

20th Ostara – Mabon – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres, International Day of Happiness,

Spring Equinox.

21st Naw-Rúz (New Year) – Baha'i, Norooz (New Year) – Persian/Zoroastrian, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Down Syndrome Day.

22nd Chaitra Navratri begins – Hindu, Ramayana begins – Hindu, Ugadi New Year – Hindu.

23rd Ramadan begins – Islam.

26th Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathustra)

– Zoroastrian.

- Zoroastrian, **Purple Day**,

British Summer Time begins.

**30th Rama Navami** – Hindu, **World Bipolar Dav.** 

31st International Transgender Day of Visibility.

# April 2023

#### **Building Community.**

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions and the roots spring up and make new trees."

Amelia Earhart.

Once we start to link up with others across our organisation, we begin to build and extend our community. Our personal community grows outwards from us and we become drivers of inclusion.

Organisations now recognise the importance of building community from within as they offer new ways of bringing people together, establishing greater connections and creating a sense of belonging in the workplace.

Inclusion is integral to this approach, encouraging people to link up, support each other, give back and pay it forward, resulting in a kinder workplace.

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**April** is Autism Awareness Month | Stress Awareness Month | Bowel Cancer Awareness Month | Parkinson's Awareness Month |



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### Special Days

1st April Fool's Day.

2nd Palm Sunday – Christian, World Autism Awareness Day.

4th Mahavir Jayanti – Jain, Lord's Evening Meal – Jehovah's Witness.

6th Theravada New Year – Buddhist, Maundy Thursday – Christian, Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu, Passover – Judaism,

International Asexuality Day.7th Good Friday – Christian, World Health Day,

**Bank Holiday** – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

8th Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian, International Romani Day.

9th Easter Sunday – Christian, Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian.

10th Easter Monday – Christian, Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Northern Ireland and ROI.

13th Songkran (Thai New Year) – Buddhist.

14th Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian, Birth of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) – Sikh, Tamil New Year.

16th Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian.

18th Lailat al-Qadr – Islam, Yom HaShoah – Judaism, Birthday of Guru Angad Dev – Sikh, Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh.

21st First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i, Eid al Fitr – Islam.

22nd Akshaya Tritiya – Hindu, Jain, Earth Dav.

23rd Saint George's Day – Christian.

**25th Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist** – Christian,

Yom HaZikaron – Judaism.

26th Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Judaism, Lesbian Visibility Day.

28th World Day for Health & Safety at Work.

29th Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i.

## May 2023

### Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing.

#### "Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle."

Charles Glassman.

The individual workplace. as we've seen from home working, can be a lonely place and we know that as humans we need interaction. encouragement, positive support, camaraderie, friendship and joy. It is not surprising that mental health and well-being have become so prevalent as we have left so many people to fend for themselves.

We can all support the implementation of a wellbeing approach which also recognises the neurodiversity and mental health issues that many people are facina. We can build a new fabric of collaboration and contribution to meet the emotional wellbeing needs of all of us.

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May is Action on Stroke Month | Hepatitis Awareness Month | UK National Walking Month | Celiac Awareness Month |



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### Special Days

- Beltane Samhain Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres, Bank Holiday - England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 2nd Twelfth Day of Ridvan Baha'i. Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh.
- 3rd Feast of Saints Philip and James - Catholic Christian.
  - World Press Freedom Day.
- 4th International Firefighters Day.
- 5th Vesak/Visakha Puja Buddhist.
- 8th World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, Coronation Bank Holiday - England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- **9th** Lag BaOmer Judaism.
- 10th UK National Day for Staff Networks.
- 12th International Nurses Day.
- 15th International Day of Families.
- 17th International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.
- 18th Ascension Day Christian, Global Accessibility Awareness Day.
- 19th Yom Yerushalayim Judaism.
- 21st World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.
- 22nd International Day for Biological Diversity.
- 23rd Birthday of Guru Amar Das Sikh.
- **24th Declaration of the Báb** Baha'i.
- 25th Ascension of the Lord Orthodox Christian.
- 26th Shavuot Judaism.
- 27th Shavuot Judaism.
- 28th Pentecost Christian.
- 29th Ascension of Baha'u'llah Baha'i.
- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian, World No Tobacco Day.

# June 2023

# Positive and Inclusive Language.

"When words are both true and kind, they can change the world". Buddha.

Language is powerful. When used well, it helps to form relationships and connections. When used carelessly, it can create division.

When we encourage and help each other, we free up our brain to explore more, to take on new challenges and empower others to work together in new ways. All of this in turn unlocks our own thinking and the ideas of others.

Inclusive language is communication that proactively uses words, expressions and phrases that are kind, positive and welcoming. It acknowledges diversity and conveys respect to everyone.

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- 1st Global Day of Parents.
- 4th Trinity Sunday Christian, Pentecost – Orthodox Christian, International Day of Innocent Children, Victims of Aggression.
- 5th World Environment Day, Bank Holiday ROI.
- 8th Corpus Christi Catholic Christian.
- 10th Global Wellness Day.
- 11th Race Unity Day Baha'i,
  - All Saints Day Orthodox Christian.
- 12th The Fast of the Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian,
  World Day against Child Labour.
- 14th World Blood Donor Day.
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- 15th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- **16th Sacred Heart of Jesus** Catholic Christian,
  - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sikh.
- 17th World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.
- 18th Autistic Pride Day, Father's Day.
- 20th World Refugee Day.
- 21st Summer Solstice, Litha – Yule – Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres,
  - World Humanist Day.
- 22nd UK Windrush Day.
- 24th Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

   Christian.
- 26th Hajj Islam.
- 27th Waqf al Arafa Islam.
- 28th Eid al Adha Islam.
- 29th Feast of Saints Peter and Paul Christian.

June is Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Month | Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Awareness Month | LGBTQ Pride Month | Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month |









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# **July** 2023

#### Inclusive Leadership.

"Kindness is igniting a light in someone else for no reason other than to watch them enjoy the glow." RAKtivist.

Investing time in building genuine relationships helps people feel respected, valued and appreciated. Quality relationships promote open communication and support an environment of inclusivity.

An inclusive leader sets the tone and behaviours to create a place where each person is recognised, valued, respected and able to contribute. In short, where people feel they belong and are included.

This is about each of us having a personal growth mindset, being our own leader and creating possibilities with all those we meet.

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## Special Days

- 3rd Asalha Puja (Dharma Day) Buddhist.
- 4th US Independence Day.
- 5th Birthday of Guru Hargobind Sikh.
- 10th Martyrdom of the Báb Baha'i.
- 11th World Population Day.
- 12th Orangemen's Day,
  - Bank Holiday Northern Ireland.
- 14th International Non-Binary People's Day.
- **15th Saint Vladimir the Great Day** Orthodox Christian,
  - World Youth Skills Day.
- 17th World Day for International Justice.
- 18th Nelson Mandela International Day, South Asian Heritage Month begins.
- 19th Al-Hijra/Muharram New Year Islam.
- 22nd Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
  - Christian.
- 23rd Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie

   Rastafari,
  - Birthday of Guru Har Krishan Sikh.
- **24th Pioneer Day** Mormonism.
- 25th Saint James the Great Day Christian.
- 27th Tish'a B'av Judaism.
- 28th Ashura Islam,
  - World Hepatitis Day.
- 30th International Day of Friendship,
  World Day against Trafficking Persons.



# August 2023

#### Inclusion Imperative.

"We want the world our children inherit to be defined by the values enshrined in the UN Charter, peace, justice, respect, human rights, tolerance and solidarity." UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a global inclusion framework of seventeen Sustainable Development Goals that we and all our organisations are part of.

There are five central points.
People – to end poverty
and hunger. Planet – to
protect our world. Prosperity
– ensuring all human beings
can enjoy prosperous and
fulfilling work. Peace – to
foster peaceful, just and
inclusive societies, free
from fear and violence.
Partnership – based on a
spirit of solidarity focussing
particularly on the needs of
those most vulnerable.

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Week 30.		1	2	3	4	5	6
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Week 33.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Week 34.	28	29	30	31			

**August** is Health & Safety Month | Psoriasis Awareness Month | Children's Eye Health & Safety Month | MedicAlert Awareness Month |



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### Special Days

- 1st Lammas Christian,
  Fast in honour of Holy Mother of Lord
  Jesus Orthodox Christian,
  Lughnasadh Imbolc Wicca/Pagan
  Northern and Southern hemispheres.
- 6th Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord
   Christian,
  Transfiguration of the Lord Orthodox
- Christian.

  7th Summer Bank Holiday Scotland and
- 9th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.
- 10th Feast of Saint Lawrence Christian.
- 12th International Youth Day.
- 15th Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
   Catholic Christian,
   Dormition of the Theotokos Orthodox Christian.
- 19th World Humanitarian Day.
- 22nd Queenship of Mary Catholic Christian, International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief.
- 23rd International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.
- 24th Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle
   Christian.
- **28th Summer Bank Holiday** England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- **29th Beheading of Saint John the Baptist** Christian.
- **30th Raksha Bandhan** Hindu.

# **September** 2023

Kindness as a doorway to inclusion.

"Remember, there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

Scott Adams.

When we interact with someone with a spirit of kindness, we have an immediate impact on them and potentially others. The impact for that person can be significant and may be seen in their subsequent interactions with others.

To grow and build kindness as a force for good we must be explicit about the goodness we share. We must be kind to others and also encourage them to use their own stock of kindness acts. We have to ensure that the person that we help continues a 'chain reaction' and becomes part of the Mexican Wave of kindness, passing the behaviours and benefits onto others.

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Week 38.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Week 39.	25	26	27	28	29	30	

**September** is Sickle Cell Awareness Month | Childhood Cancer Awareness Month | Blood Cancer Awareness Month | World Alzheimer's Month | World Dementia Awareness Month |











### Special Days

- 5th International Day of Charity.
- 6th Krishna Janmashtami Hindu, Colour Blind Awareness Dav.
- 8th Nativity of Virgin Mary Christian, Nativity of the Theotokos – Orthodox Christian,
  - International Literacy Day.
- 10th World Suicide Prevention Day.
- 11th Paryushana Parvarambha begins Jain.
- 14th Triumph of the Cross Christian, Exaltation of the Cross – Orthodox Christian.
- 15th International Day of Democracy.
- **16th Rosh Hashanah** Judaism.
- 17th Rosh Hashanah Judaism, World Patient Safety Day.
- **18th Fast of Gedaliah** Judaism, **International Equal Pay Day.**
- 19th Ganesh Chaturthi Hindu, Samvatsari – Jain.
- 21st Feast of Saint Matthew Christian, International Day of Peace, World Alzheimer's Day.
- 23rd Autumn Equinox,
  Mabon Ostara Wicca/Pagan
  Northern and Southern hemispheres,
  Bi Visibility Day,
  International Day of Sign Languages.
- 24th World Deaf Day.
- 25th Yom Kippur Judaism, UK National Inclusion Week begins.
- **27th Meskel** Ethiopian Orthodox Christian, **Mawlid al-Nabi** Islam.
- 28th Anant Chaturdashi Hindu, International Right to Know Day.
- 29th Michaelmas Saint Michael and All Angels – Christian, World Heart Day.
- 30th Sukkot begins Judaism.

# October

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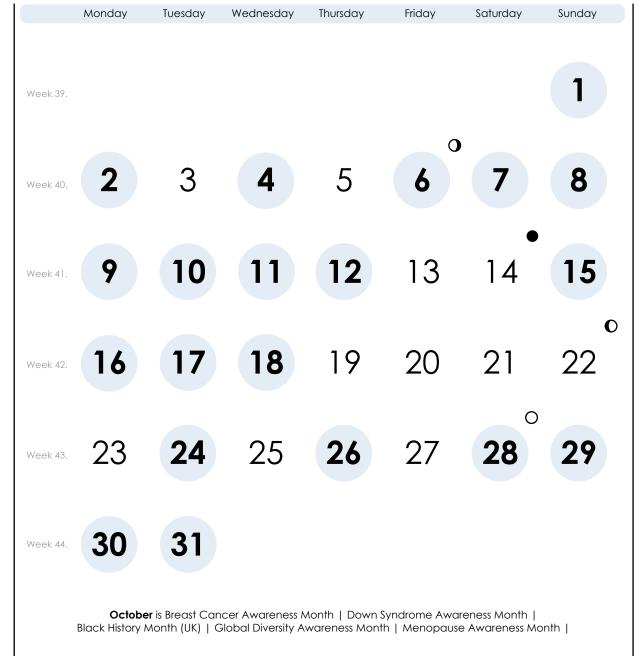
### Multi and Inter-Generational Working.

"When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old. I admire kind people." Abraham Joshua Heschel.

The mix of multi-generations now woven through our workforces presents exciting opportunities for creativity, innovation and productivity due to the dynamic fusion of skills, knowledge, ideas and perspectives.

By making positive interpersonal connections and building relationships through inter-generational working, we become more effective together and more valuable as we create collaborative and productive teams.

Effective inter-generational working enables individual expertise and experience to be gathered up and focussed on the key needs and opportunities that we all share.





- International Day of Older Persons.
- Feast of the Guardian Angels Christian. International Day of Non-Violence.
- Blessing of the Animals Christian, Saint Francis' Day – Christian.
- World Cerebral Palsy Day.
- **Shemini Atzeret** Judaism.
- Simchat Torah Judaism. International Lesbian Day.
- Birthday of Guru Ram Das Sikh.
- 10th World Homeless Day, World Mental Health Day.
- 11th International Day of the Girl Child.
- 12th World Sight Day.
- 15th Sharad Navratri begins Hindu, International Day of Rural Women.
- 16th Birth of the Báb Baha'i, World Food Day.
- 17th Birth of Baha'u'llah Baha'i, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- 18th Feast of Saint Luke Christian, International Pronouns Day. World Menopause Day.
- 24th Dussehra Dasara Hindu, United Nations Day.
- 26th Intersex Awareness Day.
- 28th Feast of Saints Simon and Jude - Christian.
- 29th World Stroke Day, British Summer Time ends.
- 30th Bank Holiday ROI.
- 31st All Hallows' Eve Christian. **Reformation Day** – Protestant Christian, Samhain (Halloween) – Beltane
  - Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres.





Last Quarter





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## November 2023

#### Inclusive Teams.

"Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude. an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts a person up." Plato.

The process of working with others is important because it enables us to step outside of our own fixed organisational role and look at becoming part of something bigger and something that matters to others. We develop new relationships and build the fabric of understanding across our organisation or community.

Inclusive teams encourage individuals to become more outward looking to those we are trying to help, to addressing key needs, to making an impact, to looking for opportunities for growth and so extending the reach of the organisation.

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Week 47.	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month | Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month | Islamophobia Awareness Month | COPD Awareness Month | Movember Men's Health Awareness Month |













### Special Days

- All Saints' Day Christian.
- 2nd All Souls' Day Christian, Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie – Rastafari.
- 8th Intersex Day of Solidarity.
- 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Catholic Christian.
- 11th Armistice Day.
- 12th Diwali Deepavali Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Bandi Chhor Divas – Sikh. Remembrance Sunday, UK Interfaith Week begins.
- 13th World Kindness Day.
- 14th World Diabetes Day.
- **15th Nativity Fast begins** Orthodox Christian.
- 16th International Day for Tolerance, **UK Disability History Month begins.**
- 17th International STAND UP to Bullying Day, International Students' Day.
- 19th International Men's Day.
- 20th Transgender Day of Remembrance, Universal Children's Day.
- 23rd US Thanksgiving.
- 24th Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sikh.
- 25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.
- 26th Day of the Covenant Baha'i, Feast of Christ the King – Christian.
- 27th Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sikh.
- 28th Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá Baha'i.
- 30th Saint Andrew's Day Christian,

Bank Holiday - Scotland.

## December 2023

### Empowerment.

"Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in thinking creates profoundness, kindness in giving creates love." Lao Tzu.

We have to encourage everyone so that they feel motivated and able to play a full and equal part in the process of building inclusion. This is the purpose of empowerment.

We shift from top-down managerial control to enabling each individual to take ownership for linking with others, creating new relationships and driving all of us forward in a way that contributes to our collective purpose as a team and organisation. Individual connections become the real engine of our purpose and our organisation.

We therefore build and develop inclusion from the bottom up.

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Week 48.					1	2	3			
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Week 51.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
Week 52.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
December is Universal Month for Human Rights   AIDS Awareness Month   Decembeard   Spiritual Literacy Month										
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### Special Days

- World AIDS Day.
- 2nd International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.
- 3rd Advent Sunday Christian, International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- 5th International Volunteer Day,
- 8th Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) Buddhist, Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Christian,

Chanukah begins – Judaism.

- 10th Human Rights Day.
- 12th International Universal Health Coverage
- 18th International Migrants Day.
- 20th International Human Solidarity Day.
- 22nd Winter Solstice,
  - Yule Litha Wicca/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres.
- **24th Christmas Eve** Christian.
- 25th Christmas Day Christian,
  - Feast of the Nativity Orthodox Christian, Bank Holiday - England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.
- 26th Saint Stephen's Day Christian. Zarathosht no diso (Death of Prophet
  - **Zarathustra**) Zoroastrian,

Boxing Day,

Kwanzaa begins,

Bank Holiday - England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI.

- 28th Holy Innocents Christian.
- 31st Feast of the Holy Family Catholic Christian,

Watch Night – Christian, New Year's Eve/Hogmanay.



