



## **DIVERSITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2009**

**Central Scotland Police in consultation with the force Lay Advisors has prepared this diversity events calendar.**

**Its aim is to assist an inclusive approach when planning and organising meetings, events and other activities.**

**Not all events and festivals are listed, however if you wish one to be included please contact the Community Planning Strategy Unit- Diversity, Dunblane or e.mail [diversityunit@centralscotland.police.uk](mailto:diversityunit@centralscotland.police.uk)**

**Please note that some dates are provisional and based upon the lunar calendar or sighting of the moon.**

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JANUARY		RACE/FAITH	EVENT	NOTES
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Secular	New Year's Day	Public Holiday UK
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Slovak	Independence Day	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scotland	Public Holiday	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sikhism	Birthday of Guru Singh	10 <sup>th</sup> Guru of the Sikh Faith
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Twelfth Night	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Multi-Faith	World Religion Day	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Buddhist	Chinese New Year	Year of the Ox
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Multi-Faith	International Holocaust Memorial Day	
FEBRUARY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Secular	Homelessness Sunday	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Tu B'shvat	
LGBT History Month	14 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	St Valentine's Day	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Buddhism	Parinirvana (Nirvana Day)	Commemorating the enlightenment of Buddha
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Lithuania	Independence Day	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Shrove Tuesday	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Ash Wednesday	
MARCH	1 <sup>st</sup>	Christian	St. David's Day	Patron Saint of Wales
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christian	Mothering Sunday & Beginning of Lent	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	International	Women's Day	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Shia Muslim	Mar-Milad-un Nabi	Celebration of the birth of Prophet Muhammad
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Purim	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Lithuania	Statehood Day	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Hindu	Holi - Spring Festival	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	St. Patrick's Day	Patron Saint of Ireland
	21 <sup>st</sup>	International	Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christian	Mothering Sunday	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pakistan	Pakistan Day	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Bangladesh	Independence Day	

APRIL	27 <sup>th</sup>	Hindu	New Year		
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Passion Sunday		
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Purim		
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Palm Sunday		
	5 <sup>th</sup>		World Youth Day		
	7 <sup>th</sup>		World Health Day		
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Passover	First Two Days	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Maundy Thursday		
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Good Friday	Bank Holiday	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Easter - Palm Sunday		
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	Easter Monday		
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sikh	Vaisakhi	Sikh New Year	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Passover	Final Two Days	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christian	St George's Day	Patron Saint of England	
MAY	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Poland	Constitution Day		
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Early May Bank Holiday		
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Buddhist		Buddha Day	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		International Day of Families		
	17 <sup>th</sup>		International Day Against Homophobia		
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Spring Bank Holiday		
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Shavout	10 Commandment Celebration	
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Christian	Pentecost		
	JUNE	5 <sup>th</sup>		World Environment Day	
		16 <sup>th</sup>	Sikh	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev	
20 <sup>th</sup>			World Refugee Day		
21 <sup>st</sup>			Summer Solstice		
21 <sup>st</sup>			Fathers Day		
JULY	29 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	St Peter's & St Paul's Day		
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sikh	Birthday of Guru Hargobind		
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	St Swithin's Day		
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Russian	St Vladimir's Day	Patron Saint of Russian Catholics	

<b>AUGUST</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rastafari	Birthday of Haile Selassie	
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Tisha B' Av	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Christian	Lammas	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Bank	Holiday	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Hindu	Raksha Bandhan	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Pakistan	Independence Day	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	India	Independence Day	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Islam	Ramadan begins	
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Hindu	Janmashtami	Appearance on Earth of Lord Krishna
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Libya	National Day	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Slovak	Constitution Day	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hindu	Ganesh Chaturthi	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Rastafari	Ethiopian New Year	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Rosh Hashanah	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Hindu	Navaratri	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Islam	Ramadan ends	Eid al Fitr
<b>OCTOBER</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	International	Day of Peace	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pagan	Autumn Equinox	
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Jewish	Yom Kippur	
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Hindu	Dasera	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	International	Day of Older Persons	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Iraq	Independence Day	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jewish	Sukkot	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	St Francis Day	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	International	Lesbian Day	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Hindu	Diwali	Festival of Lights
<b>Black History Month</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty		
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Baha'i	Birth of the Bab	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	United Nations Day		
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Christian	Hallowe'en	(All Hallows' Eve)

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Christian	All Saints' Day		
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christian	All Souls' Day		
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rastafari	Coronation of Haile Selasie I		
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Multi-Faith	Remembrance Sunday		
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multi-Faith	Armistice Day		
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Poland	Independence Day		
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Baha'i	Birthday of Baha'u'llah	Celebration with prayers and communal feast	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Shinto	Shichigosan	7-5-3 festival	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	International	Day for Tolerance		
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Latvia	Independence Day		
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Universal	Children's Day		
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sikh	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh	Commemorates the execution of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Guru	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Islam	Hajj Day		
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Islam	Eid al Adha		
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	First Sunday of Advent		
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Christian / Secular	St. Andrew's Day	Patron Saint of Scotland	
	<b>DECEMBER</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Romania	National Day	
		1 <sup>st</sup>	World	Aids Day	
2 <sup>nd</sup>		International	Day for the Abolition of Slavery		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		International	Day of Persons with Disabilities		
6 <sup>th</sup>		Christian	St Nicholas Day		
8 <sup>th</sup>		Buddhist	Bodhi Day		
10 <sup>th</sup>		International	Human Rights Day		
18 <sup>th</sup>		Islam	Muslim New Year	Al Hijira Muharram	
18 <sup>th</sup>		International	Migrants Day		
19 <sup>th</sup>		Jewish	Hanukkah		
21 <sup>st</sup>		Winter	Solstice	Yule	
24 <sup>th</sup>		Libya	Independence Day		
25 <sup>th</sup>		Christian	Christmas	Celebration of the Birth of Jesus / Bank Holiday	

	26 <sup>th</sup>	Christian	St. Stephen's Day
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Secular	Boxing Day
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Islam	Ashura
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Boxing Day Bank Holiday in Lieu of the 26 <sup>th</sup>	
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Secular	Hogmanay (New Years Eve)