

CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, & OBSERVATIONAL CALENDAR 2021

The following acknowledges a number of key events and dates in 2021. It is not an exhaustive list, and if there are other events or religious dates you would like observed or added to this calendar, please email annab@inquilabha.org.

JANUARY		
1 January	Holiday	New Year's Day UK National Holiday
6 / 7 January	Christianity	Epiphany and Coptic / Eastern Orthodox Christmas
13 January	Sikhs	Lori-Maghi Festival
17 January	Inter-faith	World Religion Day
18 January	Awareness	Martin Luther King Day
18 – 25 January	Christianity	Prayer for Christian Unity
25 January	Scotland	Burns Night
26 January	Australia	Australia Day
27 January	Memorial	Holocaust Memorial Day
27 January	Judaism	Tu B'shevat (Rosh HaShanah La'llanot)
28 January	Buddhism	Mahayana New Year
FEBRUARY		
1 – 28 February	Cultural	LGBT History Month
8 – 14 February	Education	National Apprenticeship Week
12 February	China	Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year)
12 February	Vietnam	Tet New Year Festival
12 February	Brazil	Christian Carnival
15 February	Buddhism	Parinirvana (Nirvana) Day
16 February	Hindu	Vasant Panchami Spring Festival
16 / 17 February	Christianity	Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday [Lent]
17 February	Christianity	Ash Wednesday
21 February	Education	International Mother Language Day

MARCH		
1 – 6 March	Education	National Careers Week
1 March	Wales	St David's Day
4 March	Education	World Book Day
8 March	Awareness	International Women's Day
14 March	UK	Mother's Day
16 March	Education	Young Carers Day
17 March	Ireland	St Patrick's Day
22 – 28 March	Education	Debt Awareness Week
27 March – 4 April	Judaism	Passover
28 / 29 March	Hinduism	Holi
APRIL		
2 – 4 April	Christianity	Good Friday – Easter Sunday
5 April	Holiday	Easter Bank Holiday Monday UK National Holiday
8 April	Buddhism	Buddah's Birth
12 April	Islam	Ramadan
13 -15 April	Thailand	Songkran – Thailand's New Year Celebrations
13 – 16 April	Myanmar	Thingyan Festival for Burmese New Year
22 April	Education	Earth Day
23 April	England	St George's Day
25 April	Jainsim	Mahavir Jayanti
MAY		
3 May	Holiday	May Day UK National Holiday
2 May	Eastern Orthodox	Coptic / Eastern Orthodox Easter Sunday
4 May	Memorial	Firefighters Memorial Day
12 May	Islam	Eid al-Fitr
13 May	Christian	Ascension Day
17 – 23 May	Health	Mental Health Awareness Week
24 May	Christian	Whit Monday [celebrated by the Spring Bank Holiday]

26 May	Buddhism	Vesak - Buddha Day
31 May	Holiday	Spring Bank Holiday – UK National Holiday
JUNE		
1 – 30 June	Education	PRIDE Month
5 June	Education	World Environment Day
8 June	Education	World Oceans Day
7 – 13 June	Education	National Carers Week
20 June	Christianity	Midsummer / Summer Solstice
20 June	Celebration	Father's Day
JULY		
14 July	France	Bastille Day
17 July	Islam	The Hajj Annual Pilgrimage to Mecca
20 July	Islam	Eid al-Adha
AUGUST		
1 August	Andean	Pachamama Day celebration of Mother Earth
9 August	Education	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
9 – 10 August	Islam	Hijri New Year
10 August	Hinduism	Ganesh Chaturthi
15 August	Christian	Assumption of Mary
19 August	Education	World Humanitarian Day
SEPTEMBER		
4 September	Jainsim	Paryshana – Festival of Forgiveness
6 September	USA / Canada	Labour Day
6 – 8 September	Judaism	Rosh Hashanah
8 September	Education	International Literacy / Book Day
10 September	Health	World Suicide Prevention Day
14 September	Hinduism	Hindi Day
15 – 16 September	Judaism	Yom Kippur / Day of Atonement
21 September	China	Moon Festival
OCTOBER		

1 – 31 October	Cultural	Black History Month
7 – 14 October	Hinduism	Sharad Navratri Festival
25 October	New Zealand	Labour Day
18 – 19 October	Islam	Mawlid
19 – 21 October	Buddhism	Thadingyut Festival
31 October	Global	Halloween
NOVEMBER		
1 November	Christianity	All Saints' Day
2 November	Mexico	Christian All Souls' Day
4 – 9 November	Hinduism	Diwali
5 November	UK	Guy Fawkes Night
6 November	Health	National Stress Awareness Day
11 November	Memorial	Remembrance Day
18 November	Buddhism	Tazaungdaing Festival of Lights
19 November	Sikhism	Guru Nanak Gurburab
25 November	USA	Thanksgiving Day
28 Nov – 6 December	Judaism	Hanukkah (or Chanukah)
30 November	Scotland	St Andrew's Day
DECEMBER		
2 December	Cultural	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
6 December	Christianity	St Nicholas Day
8 December	Buddhism	Bodhi Day
8 December	Roman Catholic	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
10 December	Educational	Human Rights Day
21 December	Global	Mid-Winter / Winter Solstice
25 December	Christianity	Christmas Day UK National Holiday
26 December	Christianity	Boxing Day UK National Holiday
31 December	Global	New Year's Eve

