



Take a minute or two to reflect on your daily reminders and flick through the pages to access a wealth of useful tips, guidance and recommendations. January material includes:

- 'Religion', 'faith' and 'belief' – do you know the difference?
- Religion and Belief in Adult Learning: Learner Views
- Abrahamic or Ibrahamic religions , Dharmic or Indic religions
- Religion and belief... Good practice examples
- Supporting the practice and expression of religion and belief
- Good practice projects
- Top religion and belief equality websites

This is in addition to multi-faith, equality and health and wellbeing reminders.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 27th January, 2016

HMD is the international day of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

The 2016 theme is 'Don't Stand By'. The Holocaust and subsequent genocides took place because the local populations allowed insidious persecution to take root.



World Religion Day

Sunday 17th January, 2016

Created by the Bahai faith in 1950, this day promotes interfaith understanding and harmony.



Also this month...

- 1st 'Love Your Liver' Month, 'Dry January'
- 4th World Braille Day
- 14th STI Awareness Day
- 31st World Leprosy Day

Multifaith Dates – January, 2016

5th Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)

Guru Gobind Singh was the last of the 10 human Gurus of the Sikh faith. He was born in 1666.

6th Epiphany (Christian)

Falls on the 12th day after Christmas and signals the end of the Christmas season for Western Christians.

7th Orthodox Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian)

The majority of Orthodox Christian churches celebrate Christmas on 7 January.



Some regional variations possible, based on the Western calendar, not claimed to be an exhaustive list.



“Don't become too narrow. Live fully. Meet all kinds of people.
You'll learn something from everyone”

Yuri Kochiyama, Human Rights Activist (1921-2014)

January

- Equality Planner 2016 -

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	1 st Bank Holiday	2 nd	3 rd
11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	15 th	16 th	17 th
25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
				29 th	30 th	31 st

- Embedding equality, driving diversity -

Saturday, 2nd January 2016

Sunday, 3rd January 2016

Saturday, 9th January 2016

Sunday, 10th January 2016

Saturday, 16th January 2016

Sunday, 17th January 2016

Today is... 'World Religion Day'

This day promotes interfaith understanding and harmony. Through a variety of events held around the globe followers of every religion are encouraged to acknowledge similarities of different faiths.

More information at: www.worldreligionday.org

Saturday, 23rd January 2016

Sunday, 24th January 2016

Saturday, 30th January 2016

Sunday, 31st January 2016

Today is... 'World Leprosy Day'

Leprosy is a mildly-infectious disease caused by a bacillus called *Mycobacterium leprae* – a relative of the TB bacillus. It occurs where there is dirty water, bad nutrition and poor standards of living, meaning people's immune systems are not strong and they are unable to fight the disease.

World Health Organisation figures reveal there are around a quarter of a million new cases of leprosy diagnosed globally each year. Globally, there are more than three million people living with irreversible disabilities, including blindness, as a result of the late treatment of leprosy. This special day raises awareness of leprosy as a 21st century disease. More info at:

<http://www.leprosymission.org.uk/get-involved/world-leprosy-day-2015.aspx>

My notes:



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