



# EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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## CALENDAR 2026





World religion day | 18 January



# JANUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## Key

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events ■ Public holiday

January is cervical cancer awareness month, Alcohol Change UK's dry January and thyroid awareness month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

1 - Solemnity of Mary, mother of God *Catholic Christian*

1 - Rohini vrat *Jain*

1 - Gantan-sai (new year) *Shinto*

1-7 - Hatsumode *Shinto*

3-5 - Mahayana new year \*\*  
*Buddhist*

5 - Twelfth night *Christian*

6 - Epiphany *Christian*

7 - Feast of the nativity *Orthodox Christian*

11 - Baptism of the lord Jesus  
*Catholic Christian*

12 - Swami Vivekananda jayanti  
*Hindu*

12 - Seijin no Hi *Shinto*

13 - Lohri/Maghi *Hindu and Sikh*

14 - Old new year *Orthodox Christian*

14 - Makar sankranti \*\* *Hindu*

14-17 - Pongal \*\* *Hindu*

16 - Lailat al-Miraj \* *Islam*

16 - Meru trayodashi *Jain*

18-25 - Week of prayer for Christian unity *Christian*

19 - Timkat *Ethiopian Orthodox Christian*

19 - Feast of the Theophany  
*Orthodox Christian*

23 - Vasant panchami \*\* *Hindu, Sikh and Jain*

25 - Conversion of saint Paul  
*Christian*

25 - Zacchaeus Sunday *Orthodox Christian*

28 - Rohini vrat *Jain*

31 - Guru Harrai jayanti *Sikh*

## ■ Awareness and events

4 - World braille day

18 - World religion day

19 - Martin Luther King Jr day

24 - International day of education

25 - Robert Burns night (Burns night)

27 - Holocaust memorial day



# FEBRUARY

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events

February is UK national heart month, LGBT+ history month and raynaud's awareness month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

1 - Triodion begins *Orthodox Christian*  
 1 - Thaipusam \*\* *Hindu*  
 2 - Tu BiShvat \* *Judaism*  
 2 - Imbolc\*/Candlemas *Wicca and Pagan*  
 3 - Lailat al Bara'ah \* *Islam*  
 3 - Setsubun-sai *Shinto*  
 8 - Sunday of the prodigal son *Orthodox Christian*  
 14 - Saint Valentine's day *Christian*  
 14 - Saturday of souls *Orthodox Christian*  
 15 - Meatfare Sunday *Orthodox Christian*  
 15 - Nirvana day *Buddhist*  
 15-16 - Maha Shivratri \*\* *Hindu*  
 16 - Shrove Monday *Christian*  
 17 - Shrove Tuesday *Christian*  
 17 - Lunar new year *Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist*  
 18 - Ash Wednesday *Christian*  
 18 - Losar begins *Buddhist*  
 18 - Ramadan \* begins *Islam*  
 21 - Saturday of souls *Orthodox Christian*  
 22 - Feast of the chair of saint Peter *Catholic Christian*  
 22 - Cheesefare Sunday *Orthodox Christian*  
 23 - Great Lent begins *Orthodox Christian*  
 23 - Phalguna ashtahnika begins *Jain*

25 - Rohini vrat *Jain*

25 Feb-1 March - Intercalary days \* *Baha'i*

28 - Saturday of souls *Orthodox Christian*

## ■ Awareness and events

1 - World hijab day  
 1-7 - World interfaith harmony week  
 4 - World cancer day  
 5 - Time to talk day  
 5-11 - UK race equality week  
 6 - International day of zero tolerance to female genital mutilation  
 9-15 - Children's mental health week  
 10 - Safer internet day  
 11 - International day of women and girls in science  
 12 - Red hand day for child soldiers  
 15 - International childhood cancer day  
 17 - World human spirit day  
 20 - World day of social justice  
 21 - International mother language day





World down syndrome day | 21 March

# MARCH

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events

March is prostate cancer awareness month, ovarian cancer awareness month, Marie Curie's great daffodil appeal month and women's history month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

1 - St David's day *Christian*  
 1 - Feast of Orthodoxy *Orthodox Christian*  
 2 - Nineteen-day fast begins *Baha'i*  
 2 - Holika dahan *Hindu*  
 2 - Phalguna chaumasi chaudas *Jain*  
 3 - Chötrul düchen *Buddhist*  
 3 - Hina matsuri *Shinto*  
 3 - Magha puja \*\* *Buddhist*  
 3 - Purim \* *Judaism*  
 3 - Holi *Hindu*  
 4-6 - Hola mohalla *Sikh*  
 11 - Varshitapa arambha *Jain*  
 14 - Nanakshahi (new year) *Sikh*  
 16 - Laylat al-Qadr \* *Islam*  
 16-20 - Hamaspathmaidyem gahambar *Zoroastrian*  
 17 - St Patrick's day *Christian*  
 19 - Feast of saint Joseph *Christian*  
 19 - Chaitra navratri begins *Hindu*  
 19 - Ugadi (new year) *Hindu*  
 20 - Eid al-Fitr \* *Islam*  
 20 - Shunbun no Hi *Shinto*  
 20 - Ostara *Wicca and Pagan*  
 20 - Nowruz (new year) *Persian and Zoroastrian*  
 21 - Naw-Rúz \* *Bahá'í*  
 24 - Rohini vrat *Jain*  
 25 - Chaitra navapada oli begins *Jain*  
 25 - Annunciation of the lord *Catholic Christian*

25 - Annunciation to the Theotokos *Orthodox Christian*

25 - Annunciation of the virgin Mary *Christian*

26 - Khordad sal *Zoroastrian*

26 - Rama navami *Hindu*

29 - Palm Sunday *Catholic Christian*

31 - Mahavir Swami jayanti *Jain*

## ■ Awareness and events

1 - Zero discrimination day  
 1 - International wheelchair day  
 3 - World hearing day  
 8 - International women's day  
 15 - Mother's day  
 16-22 - Neurodiversity celebration week  
 20 - Spring equinox  
 21 - International day for the elimination of racial discrimination  
 21 - World down syndrome day  
 24 - World tuberculosis (TB) day  
 25 - International day of remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade  
 30 - World bipolar day  
 31 - International trans day of visibility







# APRIL

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events ■ Public holiday

April is autism acceptance month, stress awareness month, bowel cancer awareness month and Parkinson's awareness month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

2 - Hanuman jayanti *Hindu*  
 2 - Maundy Thursday *Christian*  
 2-5 - Theravada new year \*\* *Buddhist*  
 2-9 - Passover \* *Judaism*  
 3 - Good Friday *Christian*  
 4 - Holy Saturday *Christian*  
 4 - Lazarus Saturday *Orthodox Christian*  
 5 - Easter Sunday *Christian*  
 5 - Palm Sunday *Orthodox Christian*  
 6 - Easter Monday *Christian*  
 7 - Guru Tegh Bahadur jayanti *Sikh*  
 9 - Guru Arjun Dev jayanti *Sikh*  
 9 - Great and holy Thursday *Orthodox Christian*  
 10 - Great and holy Friday *Orthodox Christian*  
 11 - Great and holy Saturday *Orthodox Christian*  
 12 - Pascha (Easter) *Orthodox Christian*  
 12 - Divine mercy Sunday *Catholic Christian*  
 13-15 - Songkran (Thai new year) *Buddhist*  
 14 - Yom HaShoah \* *Judaism*  
 14 - Puthandu *Hindu*  
 14 - Vaisakhi *Hindu and Sikh*  
 18 - Guru Angad Dev jayanti *Sikh*  
 19 - Akshaya tritiya *Hindu and Jain*  
 19 - Varshitapa parana *Jain*  
 20 - Rohini vrat *Jain*  
 21 - First day of Ridvan \* *Baha'i*  
 21 - Grounation day *Rastafari*

23 - Saint George's day *Christian*  
 25 - Feast of saint Mark the evangelist *Catholic Christian*  
 26 - Mahavir Swami kevalagyan *Jain*  
 29 - Ninth day of Ridvan \* *Baha'i*  
 30 - Saint James the great's day *Orthodox Christian*  
 30 - Guru Amar Das jayanti *Sikh*  
 30 - Avalokiteshvara day *Buddhist*  
 30 Apr-4 May - Maidyozarem gahambar *Zoroastrian*

## ■ Awareness and events

1 - Fools' day  
 2 - World autism awareness day  
 6 - International asexuality day  
 7 - World health day  
 8 - International Romani day  
 22 - Earth day  
 25 - World malaria day  
 26 - Lesbian visibility day  
 28 - World day for health and safety at work





# MAY

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May is stroke awareness month, Coeliac awareness month and UK national walking month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

1 – Beltane \* *Wicca and Pagan*  
 2 – Twelfth day of Ridvan \* *Baha'i*  
 3 – Feast of saints Philip and James *Catholic Christian*  
 5 – Lag BaOmer \* *Judaism*  
 6 – Midfeast *Orthodox Christian*  
 14 – Ascension of the lord *Catholic Christian*  
 14 – Feast of saint Matthias *Catholic Christian*  
 18 – Rohini vrat *Jain*  
 21 – Feast of the ascension *Orthodox Christian*  
 22-23 – Shavuot \* *Judaism*  
 24 – Declaration of the Báb \* *Baha'i*  
 24 – Pentecost *Catholic Christian*  
 25 – Hajj begins \* *Islam*  
 26 – Day of Arafah \* *Islam*  
 27 – Eid al-Adha begins \* *Islam*  
 29 – Ascension of Baha'u'llah \* *Baha'i*  
 30 – Saturday of souls *Orthodox Christian*  
 31 – Vesak *Buddhist*  
 31 – Pentecost *Catholic Christian*  
 31 – Trinity Sunday *Catholic Christian*  
 31 – Visitation of the blessed virgin Mary *Catholic Christian*  
 31 – Saga dawa düchen *Buddhist*

## ■ Awareness and events

3 – International family equality day  
 4-10 – Deaf awareness week  
 8 – World Red Cross and Red Crescent day  
 11-17 – Mental health awareness week  
 13 – National day for staff networks  
 15 – International day of families  
 17 – International day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia  
 21 – Global accessibility awareness day  
 21 – World day for cultural diversity for dialogue and development  
 22 – International day for biological diversity  
 24 – Pansexual visibility day



School diversity week | 22-26 June



# JUNE

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events

June is motor neurone disease awareness month, stillbirth and neonatal death awareness month, Scleroderma awareness month, LGBTQ+ pride month, and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

4 – Eid al-Ghadir \* *Islam*

4 – The feast of Corpus Christi  
*Catholic Christian*

8 – The apostles' fast begins  
*Orthodox Christian*

12 – Feast of the sacred heart of Jesus  
*Catholic Christian*

14 – Rohini vrat *Jain*

14 – Rice planting festival (Otaue matsuri) *Shinto*

16 – Islamic new year \* *Islam*

16 – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev  
*Sikh*

21 – Litha *Wicca and Pagan*

24 – Nativity of saint John the baptist  
*Christian*

25 – Day of Ashura \* *Islam*

29 – Feast of saints Peter and Paul  
*Christian*

29 Jun-3 Jul – Maidyoshahem gahambar  
*Zoroastrian*

30 – Guru Hargobind jayanti *Sikh*

## ■ Awareness and events

4 – International day of innocent children victims of aggression

12 – World day against child labour

14 – Race unity day

15 – World elder abuse awareness day

15-21 – Refugee week

15-21 – Men's health week

18 – Autistic pride day

20 – World refugee day

21 – Summer solstice

21 – Father's day

22 – UK Windrush day

22-26 – School diversity week



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# JULY

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July is UV safety awareness month, international women with alopecia month, group b strep awareness month, disability pride month and the start of South Asian heritage month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

3 - Feast of the saint Thomas the apostle *Christian*

10 - Martyrdom of the Báb *Baha'i*

11 - Rohini vrat *Jain*

15 - Saint Vladimir the great day

*Orthodox Christian*

20 - Ashadha ashtahnika begins

*Jain*

22 - Feast of saint Mary Magdalene

*Christian*

23 - Tish'a B'av \* *Judaism*

23 - Birthday of emperor Haile

Selassie *Rastafari*

24 - Pioneer day *Mormon Christian*

25 - Saint James the great's day

*Christian*

28 - Ashadha chaumasi chaudas

*Jain*

29 - Asalha puja (Dharma day)

*Buddhist*

29 - The 15th of Av \* *Judaism*

29 - Guru purnima *Hindu, Buddhist*

*and Jain*

## ■ Awareness and events

14 - International non-binary people's day

18 - Nelson Mandela international day

18 Jul-17 Aug - South Asian heritage month

28 - World hepatitis day



World humanitarian day | 19 August



# AUGUST

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31 ■ Bank Holiday						

## Key

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events ■ Public holiday

August is spinal muscular atrophy awareness month.

### ■ Religious/cultural

1 - Lammas *Christian*  
 1 - Lughnasadh *Wicca and Pagan*  
 1 - Fast in honour of the holy mother of the lord Jesus begins *Orthodox Christian*  
 4 - Arba'een \* *Islam*  
 6 - Feast of transfiguration *Catholic Christian*  
 6 - Transfiguration of the lord *Orthodox Christian*  
 7 - Guru Har Krishan jayanti *Sikh*  
 8 - Rohini vrat *Jain*  
 8-17 - Muktaad (Fravardeghan days) *Zoroastrian*  
 10 - Feast of saint Lawrence *Christian*  
 13-15 - Obon \*\* *Buddhist and Shinto*  
 15 - Assumption of Mary *Catholic Christian*  
 15 - Dormition of the Theotokos *Orthodox Christian*  
 16 - Onam begins *Hindu*  
 22 - Feast of the queenship of Mary *Catholic Christian*  
 24 - Feast of saint Bartholomew the apostle *Christian*  
 26 - Mawlid al-Nabi \* *Islam*  
 27 - Ullambana (hungry ghost festival) *Buddhist*  
 28 - Raksha bandhan *Hindu*  
 28 - Dormition of the mother of God *Orthodox Christian*  
 29 - Beheading of saint John the baptist *Christian*

### ■ Awareness and events

9 - International day of the world's Indigenous people  
 19 - World humanitarian day  
 22 - International day commemorating the victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief  
 23 - International day for the remembrance of the slave trade and its abolition





Bi visibility day | 23 Sept



# SEPTEMBER

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events

September is East and South East Asian heritage month, sickle cell awareness month, childhood cancer awareness month, blood cancer awareness month, world Alzheimer's month and urology awareness month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

1 – Ecclesiastical year begins  
*Orthodox Christian*  
1 – First installation of the Guru  
Granth Sahib *Sikh*  
4 – Krishna janmashtami \*\* *Hindu*  
4 – Rohini vrat *Jain*  
8 – Feast of the birth of the virgin  
Mary *Christian*  
8 – Nativity of the Theotokos  
*Orthodox Christian*  
8 – Paryushana parvarambha *Jain*  
12 – Guru Grinth Sahib jayanti *Sikh*  
12-13 – Rosh Hashanah \* *Judaism*  
12-16 – Paitishahem gahambar  
*Zoroastrian*  
14 – Feast of the cross *Christian*  
14 – Ganesh chaturthi *Hindu*  
15 – Samvatsari parva *Jain*  
21 – Feast of saint Matthew *Christian*  
21 – Yom Kippur \* *Judaism*  
23 – Mabon *Wicca and Pagan*  
23 – Autumnal equinox day  
(Shūbun no Hi) *Shinto*  
24 – Pavarana *Buddhist*  
25 – Anant chaturdashi \*\* *Hindu*  
26 – Pitri paksha begins *Hindu*  
26 Sept-2 Oct – Sukkot \* *Judaism*  
27 – Meskel *Ethiopian Orthodox Christian*  
29 – Feast of saint Michael and all  
angels *Christian*

## ■ Awareness and events

10 – World suicide prevention day  
15 – World afro day's 'big hair  
assembly'  
18 – International equal pay day  
21 – World Alzheimer's day  
23 – Autumn equinox  
23 – Bi visibility day  
23 – International day of sign  
languages  
28 Sept-4 Oct – UK national  
inclusion week



**Black history month | October**



# OCTOBER

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events

October is breast cancer awareness month, down syndrome awareness month, black history month, lupus awareness month, world menopause month and global diversity awareness month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

1 – Rohini vrat *Jain*  
 2 – Feast of the guardian angels *Catholic Christian*  
 2 – Gandhi jayanti *Hindu*  
 2 – Mehregan *Zoroastrian*  
 3 – Shemini Atzeret \* *Judaism*  
 4 – Feast of St Francis of Assisi *Christian*  
 4 – Simchat Torah \* *Judaism*  
 11 – Sharada navratri begins \*\* *Hindu*  
 12-16 – Ayathrem gahambar *Zoroastrian*  
 17 – Ashwina navapada oli begins *Jain*  
 17 – Durga puja begins *Hindu*  
 18 – Feast of saint Luke *Christian*  
 20 – Dussehra \*\* *Hindu*  
 20 – Guru Granth Sahib coronation day *Sikh*  
 25 – Kathina *Buddhist*  
 27 – Guru Ram Das jayanti *Sikh*  
 28 – Feast of saints Simon and Jude *Christian*  
 28 – Rohini vrat *Jain*  
 29 – Karwa chauth \* *Hindu*  
 31 – All Hallows' eve *Christian*  
 31 – Reformation day *Protestant Christian*

## ■ Awareness and events

1 – Anniversary of the introduction of the Equality Act  
 1 – International day of older persons  
 5 – World teachers' day  
 6 – World cerebral palsy day  
 8 – World sight day  
 10 – World mental health day  
 11 – International day of the girl child  
 11 – National coming out day  
 15 – International day of rural women  
 16 – Show Racism the Red Card's wear red day  
 17 – International day for the eradication of poverty  
 18 – Anti-slavery day  
 18 – World menopause day  
 21 – International pronouns day  
 26 – Intersex awareness day  
 29 – World stroke day



Movember men's health awareness month | November



# NOVEMBER

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■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events

November is lung cancer awareness month, pancreatic cancer awareness month, mouth cancer action month, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease awareness month, Movember men's health awareness month and the start of disability history month.

## ■ Religious/cultural

1 - Feast of all the saints *Christian*  
 1 - Samhain \* *Wicca and Pagan*  
 2 - All souls' day *Christian*  
 2 - Anniversary of the coronation of emperor Haile Selassie I *Rastafari*  
 7 - Tori no Ichi (first rooster day) *Shinto*  
 8 - Bandi chhor divas *Sikh*  
 8 - Diwali \*\* *Hindu, Sikh and Jain*  
 9 - Feast of the dedication of the Archbasilica *Catholic Christian*  
 10 - Birth of the Báb \* *Baha'i*  
 10 - Birth of Baha'u'llah \* *Baha'i*  
 13 - Chhath puja begins *Hindu*  
 15 - Nativity fast begins *Orthodox Christian*  
 15 - Shichi-go-san *Shinto*  
 16 - Kartik ashtahnika begins *Jain*  
 19 - Tori no Ichi (second rooster day) *Shinto*  
 21 - Presentation of the Theotokos *Orthodox Christian*  
 22 - Feast of Christ the king *Christian*  
 23 - Kartika chaumasi chaudas *Jain*  
 23 - Niinamesai *Shinto*  
 24 - Guru Nanak Dev jayanti *Sikh*  
 24 - Kartika rathayatra *Jain*  
 24 - Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur *Sikh*

25 - Rohini vrat *Jain*

26 - Day of the covenant \* *Baha'i*

28 - Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá \* *Baha'i*

29 - Advent Sunday *Christian*

30 - Saint Andrew's day *Christian*

## ■ Awareness and events

8 - Intersex day of solidarity  
 8 - Remembrance Sunday  
 11 - Armistice day  
 13 - World kindness day  
 13-19 - Transgender awareness week  
 14 - World diabetes day  
 16 - International day for tolerance  
 19 - International men's day  
 19 Nov-20 Dec - Disability history month  
 20 - World children's day  
 20 - Transgender day of remembrance  
 25 - International day for the elimination of violence against women



International day of persons with disabilities | 3 December



# DECEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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21 ■ ■	22 ■	23	24 ■	25 ■ ■ Christmas day	26 ■ ■	27 ■
28 ■ Boxing day (substitute day)	29 ■	30	31 ■ ■			

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December is universal month for human rights and Decembeard.

## ■ Religious/cultural

5-12 - Hanukkah \* *Judaism*  
 6 - Feast of saint Nicholas *Christian*  
 8 - Feast of the immaculate conception *Catholic Christian*  
 8 - Rohatsu (Bodhi day) *Buddhist*  
 12 - Feast of our lady of Guadalupe *Catholic Christian*  
 13 - Gaudete Sunday *Christian*  
 16 - Dhanu sankranti \*\* *Hindu*  
 16 - Las posadas starts *Catholic Christian*  
 19 - Feast of saint Nicholas *Orthodox Christian*  
 20 - Gita jayanti *Hindu*  
 21 - Yule *Wicca and Pagan*  
 22 - Rohini vrat *Jain*  
 24 - Christmas eve *Christian*  
 25 - Christmas day *Christian*  
 25 - Nativity of the lord *Catholic Christian*  
 25 - Feast of the nativity of our lord *Orthodox Christian*  
 26 - Feast of saint Stephen *Christian*  
 26 - Zartosht no-diso *Zoroastrian*  
 26 - Veer bal diwas (Martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's sons) *Sikh*  
 26 Dec-1 Jan - Kwanzaa *African American*  
 27 - Feast of the holy family *Catholic Christian*  
 29 - Holy innocents' day *Christian*  
 31 - Watch night *Christian*  
 31 - Maidyarem gahambar begins *Zoroastrian*

## ■ Awareness and events

1 - World AIDS day  
 2 - International day for the abolition of slavery  
 3 - International day of persons with disabilities  
 10 - Human rights day  
 18 - International migrants' day  
 20 - International human solidarity day  
 21 - Winter solstice  
 26 - Boxing day  
 31 - New year's eve/hogmanay

At NAHT, we exist to defend and promote the rights of school leaders, so together, we can create a better education system for educationalists and learners alike.

Equality runs through the core of this work.

We strive to create an education system that reflects the diverse communities around us and where everyone feels seen, heard, included and empowered.

As part of our crucial work to be more representative of the communities we serve and empower them to bring about the changes we need to see in society, we are championing four member-led networks.

- Leaders for Race Equality Network
- LGBT+ Network
- Disabled Members' Network
- Women's Network

If you're a member and would like to know more about or join these groups, email [organising@naht.org.uk](mailto:organising@naht.org.uk).

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