



Feel Good Festival 2010 – MM



Manchester
Metropolitan
University

Diversity Events Calendar 2012

“Civilisations should be measured by the degree of diversity attained and the degree of unity retained.”

W.H. Auden (1907 – 1973)
Anglo-American Poet

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Diversity Events Calendar

2012

The calendar is an important resource for MMU, particularly in terms of academic planning around religious festivals and holidays. It will also help raise awareness of equality and diversity and more generally well being issues.

Please note some of the dates for events/religious days may be subject to change or regional and local variations. Sources including the Manchester Chaplaincy Group, SHAP and The Religious Education Council have been used for the dates.

Academic dates have not yet been set for September – December 2012, therefore the calendar will be updated when these become available.

Use the links on the following page to find out more about the religions listed in this calendar.

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Key:

Festival Dates*

Other Religious Dates, Holidays or Well Being Events

Academic Dates

* according to The Religious Education Council, SHAP, the BBC interfaith calendar and the Manchester Chaplaincy Group



Baha'i:
www.bahai.org.uk



Buddhist:
www.buddhanet.net



Chinese:
www.religionfacts.com/chinese_religion/index.htm



Christian:
www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/



Hindu:
www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism/



Jain:
www.jaincentre.com



Jewish:
www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/



Muslim:
www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/



Pagan:
www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/paganism/



Rastafarian:
www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/rastafari/



Shinto:
www.japan-guide.com/e/e2056.html



Sikh
www.sikhs.org/



Zoroastrian:
www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/zoroastrian/



Chinese New Year - MM

“I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart.”

Anne Frank (1929 – 1945)

Author of diary published posthumously “The Diary of a Young Girl”

January 2012

Spring Term

9 January – 23 March

World Braille Day

4 January

Raising public awareness of blindness issues
www.cnib.ca/en/living/braille/louis-braille/

World Religion Day

16 January

Working to emphasise that “Religion must be the cause of unity”
www.worldreligionday.org/

‘Feel Good Week’ – Student Union

16 – 21 January

5 ways to Wellbeing
www.mmunion.co.uk/

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 – 25 January

National Holocaust Memorial Day

27 January

Remembering the victims and those whose lives have been changed beyond recognition because of genocide
www.hmd.org.uk/about

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---|---------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Week 1 | | | | | | | New Year's Day 1 (Western Calendar) Oshogatsu/Shogatsu (Shinto) |
| | Bank Holiday 2 | 3 | <i>World Braille Day</i> 4 | Fast of Tevet (Jewish) Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh) 5 | Epiphany (Christian) 6 | Christmas Day 7 (Christian – Orthodox, Old Calendar) Christmas Day – Ethiopian (Rastafari) | 8 |
| | Spring Term Starts 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Makar Sankrant/Lohri 14 (Hindu) | Seijin Shiki (Adult's Day) (Shinto) 15 |
| | <i>World Religion Day</i> 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | Chinese New Year – Year of the Dragon 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | National Holocaust Memorial Day 27 | Vasant Panchami (Hindu) 28 | 29 |
| 30 | Birthday of Guru Har Rai (Sikh) 31 | | | | | | |
| Week 5 | | | | | | | |



Canal Street - MM

“The white light streams down to be broken up by those human prisms into all the colours of the rainbow. Take your own colour in the pattern and be just that.”

Charles R. Brown

Author

February 2012

UK LGBT History Month

Celebrating the lives and achievements of the LGBT community

www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/

National Heart Month

Raising awareness of heart disease

www.bhf.org.uk

International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

6 February

An opportunity for people everywhere to end this harmful practice within a generation

www.endfgm.eu/en/about-us/vision-mission-and-guiding-principles/

UN International Mother Language Day

21 February

Promoting the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world

www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday/

Student Volunteering Week

20 - 26 February

Celebrating volunteering by students in Further and Higher Education

www.volunteering.org.uk/

World Thinking Day

22 February

Raise awareness of the environment and the impacts our lifestyles and choices have on it

(World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts)

www.worldthinkingday.org/en/home

Wear Red for National Heart Day

25 February

Raising awareness of heart disease

www.bhf.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/red-for-heart.aspx

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--------|
| Week 5 | | | Imbolc (Pagan) 1 | 2 | Rissun (Setsubun) – Bean Scattering (Shinto) 3 | Milad un Nabi (Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad) (Muslim) 4 | 5 |
| Week 6 | International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) 6 Tengh Chieh - Chinese Lantern Festival (Chinese) | Magha Puja (Buddhist) 7 | Parinirvana – Nirvana Day (Buddhist) 8 Tu B'Shevat – New Year for Trees (Jewish) | Milad un Nabi (Shia) (Muslim) 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Week 7 | 13 | St Valentine's Day (Christian) 14 | Nirvana Day (Buddhist/Jain) 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Week 8 | Mahashivratri (Hindu) 20 | UN International Mother Language Day 21 | World Thinking Day (Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) 22 Ash Wednesday – Lent 22nd Feb – 7th April (Christian) | 23 | 24 | Wear Red for National Heart Day 25 | 26 |
| Week 9 | Clean Monday – Beginning of Lent – 8th April (Christian - Orthodox) 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | |



“The mind, like the body, is prone to disease or disorder.
We must end the stigma of mental health problems.”

Stephen Fry (1957 – present)

Actor, comedian, author, journalist, broadcaster and film director

March 2012

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Raising the awareness of Ovarian Cancer
www.ovarian.org.uk/index.asp

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Raising the awareness of Prostate Cancer
www.prostate-cancer.org.uk/

Manchester Irish Festival

2 – 18 March

Officially Europe's biggest Irish Festival
www.manchesteririshfestival.co.uk

International Women's Day

8 March

Celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future
www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-womens-day

Brain Awareness Week

12 – 18 March

Global campaign to increase public awareness about the progress and benefits of brain research
www.dana.org/brainweek/

UN International Day for the Elimination of Racism

21 March

Reminding people of racial discrimination's negative consequences
www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-day-eliminate-racial-discrimination

World Poetry Day

21 March

A time to appreciate and support poets and poetry around the world
www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-poetry-day

Mental Health Action Week

23 – 29 March

Raise awareness of mental health issues across the country
www.mentalhealth.org.uk

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| Week 9 | | | | St David's Day/ Dewi Sant – Patron Saint of Wales (Christian) 1 | Nineteen Day Fast – start – 20th March (Baha'i) 2 | Hina-matsuri – Festival of Dolls (Shinto) 3 | 4 |
| Week 10 | 5 | 6 | Fast of Esther (Taanit Esther) (Jewish) 7 | <i>International Women's Day</i> 8 Purim (Jewish) Holi (Hindu) | Shushan Purim 9 (Jewish) Hola Mohalla (Lunar calendar) (Sikh) | 10 | 11 |
| Week 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | St Patrick's Day – Patron Saint of Ireland (Christian) 17 | Mothering Sunday (Christian) 18 |
| Week 12 | Spring Term Ends 19 | Spring Equinox – Easter 20th – 21st March (Pagan) 20 | <i>UN International Day for the Elimination of Racism</i> 21 <i>World Poetry Day</i> Naw-Ruz (New Year) (Baha'i) Shubun-sai – Equinox Day (Shinto) Jamshedi Noruz (Fasli) (Zoroastrian) | 22 | Ugadi (Yugadi) (Hindu) 23 | 24 | British Summer Time Begins 25 Passion Sunday (Christian) |
| Week 13 | Annunciation (Christian) 26 Khordad Sal (Fasli) (Zoroastrian) | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



April 2012

Holy Week - Christian
1 – 8 April

World Health Day
7 April

Ageing and health – educating the public and policy-makers on the issue of ageing
www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-health-day

Parkinson's Awareness Week
20 – 26 April

Raising awareness about this potentially devastating condition
www.parkinsons.org.uk/

Orchid Male Cancer Awareness Week
23 – 29 April

Orchid exists to save men's lives from testicular, prostate and penile cancers through pioneering research and promoting awareness
www.orchid-cancer.org.uk

“It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.”

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

Indian Philosopher, internationally esteemed for his doctrine of non violent protest

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|----------------|---|---------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Week 13 | | | | | | | Palm Sunday (Christian) 1 Rama Navami (Hindu) Swaminarayan Jayanti (Hindu) |
| Week 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Ching Ming Festival (Chinese) 5 Maundy Thursday (Christian) | Bank Holiday 6 Theravada New Year – 3 days (Buddhist) Good Friday (Christian) Mahavir Jayanti (Jain) Fast of the Firstborn (Jewish) Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu) | <i>World Health Day</i> 7 Pesach (Passover) – first day 7th – 14th April (Jewish) | Easter Sunday (Christian) 8 |
| Week 15 | Bank Holiday 9 | 10 | 11 | Holy Thursday (Christian - Orthodox) 12 | Holy Friday (Christian - Orthodox) 13 Vaisakhi – New Year (Sikh) | Passover - final day 14 (Jewish) Birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikh) Hola Mohalla (Sikh) | Easter (Christian - Orthodox) 15 |
| Week 16 | Summer Term starts 16 | 17 | Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh) Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh) | 18 Yom Hashoah (Jewish) 19 | 20 | Ridvan (Holy day) – first day 21st – 2nd May (Baha'i) 21 Anniversary of Haile Selassie's visit to Jamaica (Rastafari) | 22 |
| Week 17 | Revision Week 23 St George's Day – Patron Saint of England (Christian) | 24 | 25 | Yom Ha'atzmaut (Jewish) 26 Yom Hazikaron (Jewish) | 27 | 28 | Ridvan (Holy day) – ninth day (Baha'i) 29 |
| Week 18 | Examination Week 1 30 | | | | | | |



Great Manchester Run - MM

“People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things.”

Sir Edmund Hilary (1919 – 2008)

New Zealand mountaineer, explorer and philanthropist

May 2012

World Press Freedom Day

3 May

Reminding people that many journalists brave death or face jail to bring daily news to the public

www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-press-freedom-day

World Red Cross Red Crescent Day

8 May

Anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross

www.icrc.org

International Conscientious Objectors' Day – A World Without War!

15 May

WRI works for a world without war

www.wri-irg.org

Christian Aid Week 15 - 21 May

Christian Aid has a vision – an end to poverty

www.christianaid.org.uk/

International Day Against Homophobia

17 May

Annual campaign to fight against homophobia

www.homophobiaday.org

Bupa Manchester Great Run

20 May

www.greatrun.org

Dementia Awareness Week

20 – 26 May

'Remember the person' campaign

alzheimers.org.uk/remembertheperson

National Family Week

30 May – 5 June

A celebratory national occasion to connect with families

www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

Queer Up North International Festival

Europe's leading festival of lesbian, gay and queer arts, lists dance, music, exhibitions, cabaret, comedy and film from around the world

www.queerupnorth.com

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Week 18 | | Beltane (Pagan) 1 | Twelfth day of Ridvan (Holy day) (Baha'i) Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh) 2 | World Press Freedom Day 3 | 4 | Wesak or Buddha day (Buddhist) 5 | 6 |
| Week 19 | May Day Bank Holiday Examination Week 2 7 | World Red Cross Red Crescent Day 8 | 9 | Lag B'Omer (Jewish) 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Week 20 | Examination Week 3 14 | International Conscientious Objectors' Day – A World Without War! 15 | 16 | International Day Against Homophobia Ascension Day (Christian) 17 | Latest date for submission of coursework 18 | 19 | Bupa Manchester Great Run Yom Yerushalayim (Jewish) 20 |
| Week 21 | Additional Examination Week 4 21 | 22 | Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i) Birthday of Guru Amar Das (Sikh) 23 | Ascension Day (Christian - Orthodox) 24 | 25 | 26 | Pentecost (Christian) Shavuot 27th – 28th May (Jewish) 27 |
| Week 22 | 28 | Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i) 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |



June 2012

National Family Week

30 May – 5 June

A celebratory national occasion to connect with families

www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

National Men's Health Week

11 – 17 June

Raise awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

www.menshealthforum.org.uk

Learning Disability Week

18 – 24 June

A campaign to end learning disability hate crime

www.mencap.org.uk/campaigns/learning-disability-week

Carers Week

18 – 24 June

Supporting the UK's six million carers

carersweek.org/

Deaf Blind Awareness Week

27 June – 3 July

A national charity offering specialist services and human support to deafblind people

www.deafblind.org.uk

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 - 1968)

U.S. civil rights leader and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Week 22 | | | | | 1 | 2 | Trinity Sunday (Christian) Pentecost (Christian - Orthodox) 3 |
| Week 23 | Spring Bank Holiday 4 Examination and Assessment Boards Week 1 | Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | All Saint's Day (Christian – Orthodox) 10 |
| Week 24 | Examination and Assessment Boards Week 2 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh) 16 | 17 |
| Week 25 | Summer Term Ends 18 | 19 | 20 | Summer Solstice – Litha (Pagan) 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Week 26 | Progression and Award Boards – Results issued to students 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |



“You know, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender - people are people.”

Judith Light (1949-present)

Actress, Gay Rights activist, Aids Activist and works for many LGBT Charities

July 2012

National Childhood Obesity Week 5 – 11 July

UK awareness week to focus on child obesity issues

www.mendcentral.org/aboutus/mendin2011/ncow

Sparkle

13 – 15 July

Celebrating all things Transgender

www.sparkle.org.uk/index.html

Manchester Jazz Festival, Various Venues Date TBC (mid – late July)

Showcasing musicians living and working in the North West

www.manchesterjazz.com

Mind, Body and Spirit Week at MMU – linked to adult learners' week

16 – 20 July

Encourages staff to engage in learning a new skill, knowledge or experience something different

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Week 26 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Week 27 | Progression and Award Boards – Results issued to students 2 | Asala – Dharma Day (Buddhist) 3 | 4 | Birthday of Guru Hargobind (Sikh) 5 | 6 | 7 | 18th Tammuz (Jewish) 8 |
| Week 28 | Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i) 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Week 29 | Award Ceremonies 16th – 20th Mind, Body and Spirit Week at MMU 16th - 20th 16 | 17 | 18 | Jamshedi Noruz (Qadimi) (Zoroastrian) 19 | Ramadan (start 20th Jul – 19th Aug) (Muslim) 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Week 30 | Birthday of Haile Selassie I (Rastafari) 23 Birthday of Guru Har Krishen (Sikh) | Khordad Sal (Qadimi) (Zoroastrian) 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | Tisha B'Av – Tenth of Av (Jewish) 29 |
| Week 31 | Start of Academic Year 2012/13 30 | 31 | | | | | |



Manchester Pride Parade - MM

“Labels are for filing. Labels are for clothing. Labels are not for people.”

Martina Navratilova (1956 – Present)

Czech American Tennis player

August 2012

World Breastfeeding Week

1 – 7 August

Raising awareness of the role of breastfeeding for children's development and lifelong health and the health of mothers

www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org/

United Nations International Youth Day

12 August

Recognise efforts of the world's youth in enhancing global society

www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-youth-day

22nd Manchester Pride 2011

Pride Fringe 17 – 23 August

Big Weekend 24 – 27 August

(Parade on 25th)

A celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender life

www.manchesterpride.com

Caribbean Carnival of Manchester

Date tbc

A two day event held annually with the sounds, sites and smells of the Caribbean in Alexandra Park, Moss Side

www.manchestercarnival.co.uk/

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Week 31 | | | Lughnasadh – Lammas (Pagan) 1 | Raksha Bandhan (Hindu) 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Transfiguration (Christian) 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Janmashtami – Krishna Jayanti (Hindu) 10 | 11 | United Nations International Youth Day 12 |
| Week 32 | | | | | | | |
| | Re-sit examinations 13 | Lailat al Qadr (Muslim) 14 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian) 15 | 16 | Birthday of Marcus Garvey (Rastafari) 17 | Jamshedi Noruz (Shenshai) (Zoroastrian) 18 | Eid-UI-Fitr (end of Ramadan) (Muslim) 19 |
| Week 33 | | | | | | | |
| | Re-sit examinations 20 | 21 | 22 | Khordad Sal (Shenshai) (Zoroastrian) 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Week 34 | | | | | | | |
| | Summer Bank Holiday 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Ghost Festival (Chinese) 31 | | |
| Week 35 | | | | | | | |



September 2012

Autumn Term
17th September 2012

Freshers Week
17 – 23 September (unconfirmed)

MMU Cheshire Centenary Celebrations
8 – 15 September

175 years since Crewe was established and
100 years of FE/HE in Crewe

World Suicide Prevention Day
10 September

Promoting worldwide action to prevent
suicides

www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-suicide-prevention-day

UN International Day of Peace
21 September

Provides an opportunity for individuals,
organizations and nations to create practical
acts of peace on a shared date

www.internationaldayofpeace.org/

World Alzheimer's Day
21 September

Making people aware about the disease
and how it can affect the nation, people
and families

www.alz.org

“And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.”

Nelson Mandela (1918 – Present)

Served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999, and was the first South African president to be elected in a fully representative democratic election.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Week 35 | | | | | | New Year (Christian – Orthodox) 1 | 2 |
| Week 36 | Combined Unit and Progression re-sit Boards 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian) Nativity of the Virgin Mary (Christian – Orthodox) 8 | 9 |
| Week 37 | Results issued to students 10 <i>World Suicide Prevention Day</i> | Ethiopia New Year (Rastafari) 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Week 38 | Autumn Term starts 17 Enrolment/Induction week Rosh Hashanah 17th – 18th Sept (Jewish) | 18 | 19 | Paryushana Parva 20 – 29 September (Jain) Fast of Gedalliah (Jewish) 20 | UN International Day of Peace 21 <i>World Alzheimer's Day</i> | Autumn Equinox (Pagan) 22 | 23 |
| Week 39 | Teaching starts 24 | 25 | Yom Kippur (Jewish) 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | Autumn Moon Festival (Chinese) 30 |



“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

Booker T. Washington, (1856 - 1915)

Educator, Author, and African American Civil Rights Leader

October 2012

Black History Month

Promoting knowledge of black history and experience

www.black-history-month.co.uk/

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Raising awareness of breast cancer

www.breastcancercare.org.uk

World Mental Health Day

10 October

To promote mental health and prevent mental disorders

www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/wmhd/

United Nations Day

24 October

Includes celebrating and reflecting on the work of the United Nations

www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/united-nations-day

Interfaith Week of Prayer for World Peace **Date tbc**

Bringing together people of all faiths to pray for peace

interfaithorganisations.net/2008/10/20/week-of-prayer-for-world-peace/

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Week 40 | Succot 1st – 7th Oct (Jewish) 1 | 2 | 3 | Dusshera/Durga Puja (Hindu) 4 | 5 | 6 | Hoshanah Rabbah 7th day of Succot (Jewish) 7 |
| Week 41 | Shemini Atzeret (Jewish) 8 | Simchat Torah (Jewish) Birthday of Guru Ram Das (Sikh) 9 | World Mental Health Day 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Week 42 | 15 | Navaratri – nine nights (Hindu) 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Birth of the Bab (Baha'i) 20 | 21 |
| Week 43 | 22 | 23 | United Nations Day 24 Dussera (Sikh) | 25 | Eid-Ul-Adha (Muslim) 26 | 27 | British Summer Time Ends 28 |
| Week 44 | 29 | 30 | Samhain (Hallowe'en) (Pagan) 31 | | | | |



Manchester Christmas Markets - MM

“Gossip harms relationships and that’s why it’s bad. While we all do it at times, there’s a point where it crosses the line and becomes bullying if it damages friendships and causes people to dislike someone.”

Rachel Simmons (1974 - Present)
Author, Educator and Life Coach

November 2012

“Movember”!

Grow a Moustache for Prostate Cancer Awareness in “Movember”!
uk.movember.com/

14th National Stress Awareness Day 2 November

Aiming to develop greater understanding of stress nationwide
www.isma.org.uk

International Men’s Day 19 November

Improving gender relations and promote unity
www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/international-mens-day

Transgender Day of Remembrance 20 November

Remembering those killed as a result of transphobia and aiming to highlight the continuing violence endured by the trans community
www.transgenderdor.org/

National Anti-Bullying Week Date tbc

Join the MMU Anti-Bullying & Harassment Advisors’ (ABHA) Network during Anti-bullying Weeks who will be delivering activities to raise the profile of what the Network do and inform staff of the support available at MMU.
www.mmu.ac.uk/humanresources/equalities/harassment/advisers.php

Manchester Christmas Markets Date tbc

Enjoy food, gifts, crafts, and festive fun from around Europe and beyond
www.manchestermarkets.com/

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Week 44 | | | | All Saints' Day (Christian) 1 | National Stress Awareness Day 2 All Soul's Day (Christian) Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I (Rastafari) | 3 | 4 |
| Week 45 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Remembrance Sunday 11 Armistice Day – marks the end of the First World War Jain New Year (Jain) |
| Week 46 | Birth of Baha'u'l-ah (Baha'i) 12 | Diwali Festival of Lights (Hindu/Jain/Sikh) 13 | Vikram New Year 2069 (Hindu) 14 | Al-Hijira – New Year (Muslim) 15 Shichigosan (7-5-3 festival) (Shinto) | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Week 47 | International Men's Day 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | Niinamesei (Shinto) 23 | Ashura (Muslim) 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh) | 25 |
| Week 48 | Day of the Covenant (Baha'i) 26 | 27 | Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i) 28 Birthday of Guru Nanak – Lunar Calendar (Sikh) | 29 | St Andrew's Day Patron Saint of Scotland, Greece and Russia (Christian) 30 | | |



Manchester Christmas Markets - MM

“Our minds are as different as our faces: we are all traveling to one destination; happiness; but few are going by the same road.”

Charles Caleb Colton (1780–1832)

Cleric, writer and collector

December 2012

Manchester Christmas Markets

Date tbc

Enjoy food, gifts, crafts, and festive fun from around Europe and beyond

www.manchestermarkets.com/

World Aids Day

1 December

Raising awareness to tackle HIV prejudice and help stop the spread of HIV

www.worldaidsday.org

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 December

Aiming to increase the understanding of the issues around disabilities and give attention to the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities

www.un.org/disabilities/

International Human Rights Day

10 December

Marks the anniversary of the presentation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/human-rights-day

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| Week 48 | | | | | | World Aids Day 1 | 2 |
| Week 49 | International Day of Persons with Disabilities 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Bodhi Day (Buddhist) 8 | Chanukah Festival of Lights 9th – 16th Dec (Jewish) 9 |
| Week 50 | International Human Rights Day 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Week 51 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Winter Solstice – Yule (Pagan) 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Week 52 | Christmas Eve 24 | Christmas Day (Christian, including Orthodox – New Calendar) Bank Holiday 25 | Boxing Day Bank Holiday 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Week 53 | New Years Eve (Western Calendar) 31 | | | | | | |

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For information on sacred places around Manchester go to **www.mmu.ac.uk/humanresources/equalities/pdf/sacred-spaces.pdf**



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www.marketingmanchester.com

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