

UN / International Days and dates significance to Wales' Peace Heritage and Global Activism



- **Thematic 'UN Days'** are linked to relevant global initiatives (with several 100 UN observances, we have been selective for those of most relevance to Welsh internationalists. For those who *are* after International Tea Day, Bee Day or Sea Day, please explore further the [UN Observances Calendar](#).
- Major **Welsh cultural events** such as St Davids Day, Festivals and Eisteddfods are linked to their organising bodies.
- Welsh '**Peace Heritage**' **anniversaries** are included, such as the Temple of Peace, Women's Peace Appeal and dates for WCIA and other Welsh Civil Society Organisations
- **School terms and public holidays** are noted for reference, with links to Government guidance, along with [key religious holidays](#) across the UK's major faith groups.
- Most **dates recur every year** (with some variation for public events & religious festivals). This list has been updated for 2024-25, individual events for future years may move a few days either way.
- We intend to rotate the list every three months so that the **current 'quarter'** appears at the top, and update any changes.
- If you spot any dates (or useful resources / links) missing, **please email** walesforpeace@wcia.org.uk.

Winter



January

1 Jan - New Years Day [bank holiday](#), New Years Resolutions for a better world!

6 Jan - Start of [Schools Spring Term](#) (to 22 March)

10 Jan - Anniversary of Welsh League of Nations Union founder's meeting in Llandinam, Powys, 1922

10 Jan - Anniversary of the [1st UN General Assembly](#) in London, 10 Jan-14 Feb 1946, with much Temple of Peace involvement (organisers, secretaries, speakers and choir)

24 Jan - [International Day of Education](#) ([A/RES/73/25](#))

27 Jan - [Holocaust Memorial Day](#) in UK; UN [International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust](#) ([A/RES/60/7](#))

29 Jan 2025 - [Chinese New Year of the Snake](#) (changes annually with lunar cycles; 29 Jan 2025; 17 Feb 2026; 6 Feb 2027; 26 Jan 2028; 13 Feb 2029). Start of 1 week national holiday in China, and for many Chinese diaspora.

February

01 Feb - [World Interfaith Harmony Week, 1-7 February](#) ([A/RES/65/5](#))

02 Feb - [Women's Peace Appeal](#): 2 Feb 1924, Annie H-G & delegation departed Euston / Port of Liverpool for American Peace Tour.

06 Feb - FGM Awareness: [International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation](#) ([A/RES/67/146](#))

06 Feb - anniversary of the 1932 [World Disarmament Conference Memorial](#) from Wales being presented to [WDC](#) President Arthur Henderson in Geneva.

11 Feb - [Women's Peace Appeal](#) delegation arrived in New York 11 Feb 1924

19 Feb - [Women's Peace Petition](#) & chest presented to Women of America at Biltmore Hotel, New York 19 Feb 1924

20 Feb - [World Day of Social Justice](#) ([A/RES/62/10](#))

21 Feb - [International Mother Language Day](#) ([A/RES/56/262](#)) - celebrate Welsh alongside living languages worldwide

21 Feb - [Women's Peace Appeal](#) presented to US President Calvin Coolidge at White House, Washington 21 Feb 1924

24 Feb - [Women's Peace Tour](#) of US started from Washington towards Chicago (returning to NYC 19 March)

24-28 Feb - [Schools Spring Half Term](#)

28 Feb -30 Mar - [Ramadan](#) (Islam)

March

01 Mar - [St David's Day](#) / [Dydd Gwyl Dewi](#), national day of Wales

05 Mar - [International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness](#) ([A/RES/77/51](#))

08 Mar - [International Women's Day](#); [IWD2024 in UK](#);

11 Mar - [Moshoeshoe Day, Lesotho](#) - Wales' twin nation

12 March - Anniversary of [Founding of Dolen Cymru](#), Wales Lesotho Link, 12 March 1985

17 March - [St Patrick's Day](#) (Ireland)

20 Mar - [International Day of Happiness](#) ([A/RES/66/281](#))

21 Mar - [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) ([A/RES/2142 \(XXI\)](#))

21 Mar - [World Poetry Day](#) [UNESCO]

21 Mar - [International Day of Forests](#) ([A/RES/67/200](#))

22 Mar - [World Water Day](#) ([A/RES/47/193](#))

24 Mar - [World Tuberculosis Day](#) [WHO]

25 March - [International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade](#) ([A/RES/62/122](#))

30 Mar - [Mothering Sunday](#)

31 March 2025 - [Eid al-Fitr](#) / end of Ramadan (Islam)



Spring

April

1 April - April Fools Day (until 12.00!)

7 April - [World Health Day \(WHA/A.2/Res.35\)](#)

8 April - Temple of Peace [Foundation Stone](#) ceremony, laid on April 8 1937 by Lord Halifax ([PCW Collection](#); [feature article](#))

11-28 April - [Schools Easter Holidays](#) / end of Spring Term

12-20 April 2025 - [Passover](#) (Jewish)

18-21 April - **Easter [Bank Holidays](#)** (Good Friday / Easter Monday)

23 April - St George's Day (England)

23 April - [World Book Day \[UNESCO\]](#) ([UNESCO 28 C/Resolution 3.18](#))

24 April - [International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace \(A/RES/73/127\)](#)

28 April - Start of [Schools Summer Term](#) (to 21 July)

May

5 May - Mayday [Bank Holiday](#)

8 May - [VE Day](#), anniversary of [end of World War 2](#) in Europe ('Victory in Europe' Day), 8 May 1945

15 May - [International Conscientious Objectors Day, UK](#)

16 May - [International Day of Living Together in Peace](#) ([A/RES/72/130](#))

18 May - [Peace & Goodwill Day](#) - traditional broadcast date for Wales' [Youth Message of Peace & Goodwill](#) from 1923 to today.

22 May-1 June - [Hay Literature Festival](#), Hay on Wye, Powys

23 May - Anniversary of [Wales Conference of Women in Aberystwyth](#), 23 May 1923, which initiated the Women's Peace Appeal to America.

26-31 May 2025 - [2025 Urdd Eisteddfod @ Margam](#), Port Talbot; [25-31 May 2026 Urdd @ Mon / Anglesey](#); [2027 Urdd @ Newport](#)

27 May - Spring [Bank Holiday](#)

27-31 May - [Summer Half Term Schools Break](#)

June

5 June - [World Environment Day](#) ([A/RES/2994 \(XXVII\)](#))

7 June 2025 - [Eid al-Adha](#) (Islam)

9 June 2025 - [Whit Monday](#) (Whitsun weekend was traditionally the annual 'peace gathering' for the Welsh League of Nations Union through 1920s-30s)

15 June - [King's Birthday](#) (Commonwealth)

16 June - Anniversary of passing of Temple founder [Lord David Davies](#), 16 June 1944

20 June - [World Refugee Day](#) ([A/RES/55/76](#)) and [Refugee Week in Wales](#) 16-22 June (coordinated by [Refugee Council](#)) - Theme 'Community as a Superpower'

22 June - [Windrush Day](#)

24 June - [International Day of Women in Diplomacy](#) ([A/RES/76/269](#))

25 June - 3 July - Anniversary of [1926 World Peace Congress in Aberystwyth](#), the International Federation of League of Nations Societies (IFLNS)

30 June - [International Day of Parliamentarism](#) ([A/RES/72/278](#))

Summer

July

- 5 July - [NHS Anniversary](#) of the 'Appointed Day' on 5 July 1948 when the UK's National Health Service was launched (see [NHS75 event](#))
- 8-13 July - [Llangollen International Eisteddfod](#), Denbighshire
- 11 July - [World Population Day \(A/RES/45/216\)](#)
- 15 July - [World Youth Skills Day \(A/RES/69/145\)](#)
- 18 July - [Nelson Mandela International Day \(A/RES/64/13\)](#)
- 22 July - Start of [Welsh Schools Summer Holidays](#) (to 2 Sept 2024 - [2024-25 school year dates here](#))
- 22-25 July - [Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells](#)
- 30 July - [International Day of Friendship \(A/RES/65/275\)](#)

August

- 2-9 Aug - [2025 Eisteddfod in Wrexham](#) (always 1st week of August); 1-8 Aug 2026 in [Pembrokeshire](#); TBC in South Wales for 31 July-7 Aug 2027
- 4 Aug - Anniversary of [Outbreak of WW1](#), 4 Aug 1914
- 6 Aug - [Hiroshima Day](#) against Nuclear Weapons, UK events coordinated by [CND](#)
- 9 Aug - [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples \(A/RES/49/214\)](#)
- 12 Aug - [International Youth Day \(A/RES/54/120\)](#)
- 19 Aug - [World Humanitarian Day \(A/RES/63/139\)](#)
- 23 Aug - [International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition \[UNESCO\] \(29 C/Resolution 40\)](#)
- 26 Aug - Summer [Bank Holiday](#)

September

- 1 Sept - Start of [Schools Autumn Term \(2025-26 term dates here\)](#)
- 2 Sept - Anniversary of [end of World War 2](#) (in Pacific), 2 Sept 1945
- 3 Sept - Anniversary of [Outbreak of WW2](#), 3 Sept 1939
- 5 Sept - [International Day of Charity \(A/RES/67/105\)](#)
- 8 Sept - [International Literacy Day \[UNESCO\] \(UNESCO 14 C/Resolution 1.441\)](#)
- 15 Sept - [International Day of Democracy \(A/RES/62/7\)](#)
- 21 Sept - [International Day of Peace \(A/RES/36/67\)](#)
- 23 Sept 2025 - [Rosh Hashanah](#), Jewish New Year



Autumn

October

1-31 Oct - [Black History Month](#) UK wide

5 Oct - [World Teachers' Day \[UNESCO\]](#) ((27 C/INF.7))

11 Oct - [International Day of the Girl Child](#) (A/RES/66/170)

11 Oct - **WCIA51, [Anniversary of the opening of WCIA](#) the Welsh Centre for International Affairs** on 11 Oct 1973 - end of WCIA's 50th year 'Golden Anniversary'.

17 Oct - [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (A/RES/47/196)

21 Oct - [Diwali](#) (Hindu, Sikh & Jain)

24 Oct - [United Nations Day](#) (A/RES/168 (II)) - list of [UN anniversaries](#)

27 Oct - Anniversary of 1st Conference of the [United Nations Association in Wales](#), post-WW2 successor to Welsh League of Nations Union, 27 Oct 1945.

27-31 Oct - Welsh Schools [Half Term Holiday](#)

31 Oct - [Hallowe'en](#) (marked internationally)

November

- 2 Nov - [Wales Festival of Remembrance](#), St Davids Hall, starts **week of Remembrance** activities UK wide
- 5 Nov - [Guy Fawkes Day](#), UK
- 9 Nov - [Remembrance Sunday](#)
- 11 Nov - Remembrance Day silence at 11.00 on 11/11/11 (UK coordination by [British Legion](#));
- 15 Nov - [BBC Children in Need](#) UK wide fundraiser
- 20 Nov - [World Children's Day \(A/RES/836\(IX\)\)](#)
- 20 Nov - Anniversary of the [1st UNESCO Conference](#) in Paris, 20 Nov - 10 Dec 1946 (approving Constitution and purposes drafted by Welsh Committee under Rev Gwilym Davies)
- 23 Nov - 85th Anniversary of [Temple of Peace & Health opening on 23 Nov 1938](#).
- 29 Nov - [International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People \(A/RES/32/40B\)](#)
- 30 Nov - St Andrews Day (Scotland)

December

- 1 Dec - [World AIDS Day](#)
- 2 Dec - [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery \(A/RES/317\(IV\)\)](#)
- 3 Dec - [International Day of Persons with Disabilities \(A/RES/47/3\)](#)
- 10 Dec - Welsh Churches Peace Appeal to America - [anniversary of presentation in Detroit](#), on 10th Dec 1925, to the Congress of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, by Rev Gwilym Davies.
- 10 Dec - [Human Rights Day \(A/RES/423 \(V\)\)](#) and UN75 [75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)
- 15 Dec 2025 - [Hannukkah](#) (Jewish)
- 18 Dec - [International Migrants Day \(A/RES/55/93\)](#)
- 20 Dec - [International Human Solidarity Day \(A/RES/60/209\)](#)
- 19 Dec-5 Jan - Welsh Schools [Christmas Holidays](#)
- 25-26 Dec - Christmas & Boxing Day [Bank Holidays](#)