

# Camden Council's Inclusion Calendar

2025



As Camden grapples with some of the greatest challenges in recent years, it is the most vulnerable and underrepresented communities who can often feel the least included. This is a pivotal moment in time to help and support each other in a bid to create an actively inclusive Camden.

Inclusion creates a sense of unity, belonging and empathy and in this year's calendar, we are taking key themes and actions to drive equality, diversity and inclusion.



# Camden Council's Inclusion Calendar 2025

Every year, this Inclusion Calendar will highlight important themes around diversity and inclusion with a special themed focus each month. This popular calendar contains:

Over 200 important dates including holy days, special events and festivals.

A special focus for each month across all Equalities themes.

An opportunity for our partners, citizens and communities to shape the calendar throughout the year with their activities.

Do you have an event that we can add? Let us know [equalities@camden.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@camden.gov.uk)



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# January

*“Let the dawn of the New Year’s first day be the beginning of a new era for everyone to be their true version”*  
Anuj Somany.

Each month, Camden concentrates on a specific theme of equity and inclusion such as faith and belief, disability, ageism, racial equality and community strength.

● This month we celebrate world religions and commemorate key religious events.

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## Special Events

- 1 January**  
● New Year’s Day.
- 8 January**  
● Ethnicity pay gap day.
- 13 January**  
● Maghi (Sikh)
- 19 January**  
● World Religion Day.
- 25 January**  
● Burns Night.
- 26 January**  
● Great Mental Health Day.
- 27 January**  
● Holocaust Memorial Day.
- 29 January**  
● Lunar new year
- 30 January**  
● Mahatma Gandhi death anniversary.



# Race Equality

Our diversity mission, and tackling racial inequalities, is a key priority for Camden: ‘by 2030, those in positions of power in Camden will be as diverse as the community, and the next generation will be ready to follow’.

*“Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it’s the only way forward.”*  
Ijeoma Oluo.

## February

● This month we mark the importance of LGBTQ+ history, race equality, mental health awareness and more.

### Special Events

- 1 February**  
● ○ LGBTQ+ History Month.
- 2 February**  
● Vasant Panchami.
- 3-9 February**  
● Children’s Mental Health week.
- 3-9 February**  
● Race Equality Week.
- 3-9 February**  
● Sexual Abuse Awareness Week.
- 4 February**  
● World cancer day.
- 6 February**  
● Time to Talk Day.
- 21 February**  
● International Mother Language Day.
- 28 February**  
● ○ Ramadan.

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# March

*"I raise up my voice – not so I can shout, but so those without a voice can be heard... we cannot succeed when half of us are held back"*  
Malala Yousafzai

● This month we fight for gender equality and transgender visibility, and work to tackle Islamophobia.

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## Gender equality

Gender equality is very important to Camden, and through Camden Women's Forum, our diversity mission, our work to tackle domestic violence and abuse, and other work related to International Women's Day, we are fighting for a fairer and more equal future for women and other marginalised genders.

### Special Events

- 1 March**  
● Women's History Month.
- 1 March**  
● St David's Day.
- 5 March**  
● Ash Wednesday.
- 6 March**  
● World Book Day.
- 8 March**  
● International Women's Day.
- 9 March**  
● National Day of Reflection.
- 14 March**  
● Holi.
- 15 March**  
● International day to combat Islamophobia.
- 17 March**  
● St Patrick's Day.
- 17-23 March**  
● Sign Language Week.
- 21 March**  
● International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- 26 March**  
● Bangladesh Independence Day.
- 27 March-2 April**  
● World Autism Awareness Week.
- 30-31 March**  
● Eid-al-Fitr.
- 31 March**  
● International Transgender Day of Visibility.



# April

*"We should celebrate neurodiversity - the world would be poorer and life would be duller if we were all the same."*  
Neil Mill.

## Spotlight on Neurodiversity

Recognising and celebrating neurodiversity, as well as supporting neurodiverse people, is a key priority in Camden. We are working to remove structural barriers in society for neurodiverse people, and ensure our services cater for everybody's needs.

● Camden's communities join together in our various faith celebrations this month.

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### Special Events

- 2 April**  
● World Autism Awareness Day.
- 7 April**  
● World Health Day.
- 12-20 April**  
● Pesach (Passover).
- 13 April**  
● Palm Sunday.
- 14 April**  
● Vaisakhi.
- 18 April**  
● Good Friday.
- 20 April**  
● Easter Sunday.
- 21 April**  
● Easter Monday.
- 22 April**  
● Earth Day.
- 22 April**  
● Stephen Lawrence Day.
- 23 April**  
● St George's Day.



*“Wellbeing is attained by little and little, and nevertheless is no little thing in itself.”*  
Citium Zeno.

# May

● This month we focus on wellbeing and mental health awareness, as well as marking five years since the murder of George Floyd.

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## Wellbeing

Health and wellbeing is crucial to happiness, and we are working to support people to live healthy lives and support their own wellbeing and that of others. A key part of this is mental health awareness and ensuring all those with mental ill health have the support they need.

### Special Events

- 5-11 May** ● Deaf Awareness Week (UK).
- 8 May** ● VE day.
- 12 May** ● Food Allergy Awareness Week.
- 12 May** ● Buddha Day.
- 12-18 May** ● Mental Health Awareness Week.
- 12-19 May** ● Face Equality Week.
- 17 May** ● International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.
- 19-25 May** ● Dementia Awareness Week.
- 25 May** ● George Floyd Anniversary.

*“Equality means more than passing laws. The struggle is really won in the hearts and minds of the community, where it really counts.”*  
Barbara Gittings.



# June

● In June we celebrate LGBTQ+ pride, World Refugee Day, and the 76th anniversary of Windrush Day.

## LGBTQ+

Fighting for equality and empowerment for LGBTQIA+ people is a key part of our work, and this month we focus on this and celebrating LGBTQIA+ identities through Pride Month.

### Special Events

- 1 June**  
● ○ Pride Month.
- 1-3 June**  
● Shavuot.
- 2-8 June**  
● Volunteers Week.
- 2-8 June**  
● Child Safety Week.
- 5 June**  
● World Environment Day.
- 6-10 June**  
● Eid-al-Adha.
- 9-15 June**  
● Loneliness Awareness Week.
- 9-15 June**  
● Carers Week.
- 14 June**  
● Eighth Anniversary of Grenfell fire.
- 16-22 June**  
● Refugee Week.
- 20 June**  
● World Refugee Day.
- 22 June**  
● Windrush Day 77th anniversary.
- 25-26 June**  
● Al-Hijra.

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# July

## Faith and Belief

This month, we focus on recognising and celebrating all religions, cultures, and identities, and the importance of them for communities in Camden.

*“We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race.”*  
Kofi Annan.

● This July the NHS turns 76 and it's the start of South Asian Heritage Month.

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### Special Events

- 5 July**  
● NHS 77th birthday.
- 5 July**  
● PRIDE in London.
- 18 July-17 August**  
● South Asian Heritage Month.



# August

*“The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future.”*  
Wendell Phillips.

## Heritage empowerment month

Cultural heritage has the power to shape societies and to play a key role in enabling our communities to be involved in social action. At Camden, heritage is symbolic of cultural history and achievement, and we want all individuals to be proud of who they are, reflect on their ancestors, and appreciate the cultural legacy as it passes down to the next generation.

● This month we focus on celebrating people’s different cultural heritages, and the part that heritage plays in everybody’s lives.

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### Special Events

- August**
  - UK Black Pride.
- 9 August**
  - Raksha Bandhan.
- 23 August**
  - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

# Inclusion

Camden as an organisation and as a borough prides itself on being inclusive; a Camden for all. Keep an eye out this month on how we celebrate our inclusion journey.

*“Diversity is having a seat at the table, inclusion is having a voice, and belonging is having that voice be heard.”*

Liz Fosslie.

# September

● We celebrate World Afro Day with our schools in Camden, as well as National Inclusion Week.

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## Special Events

**8 September**  
● International Literacy Day.

**15 September**  
● World Afro Day.

**15-21 September**  
● National Inclusion week.

**22-24 September**  
● Rosh Hashanah.

**22 September-2 October**  
● Navaratri begins.

**23 September**  
● Bi Visibility Day.

**28 September-2 October**  
● Durga Puja Hindu festival.



# October

## Ageism

Ageism is an often forgotten form of discrimination, and this month we focus on tackling discrimination based on age - particularly for vulnerable older people and young people who are struggling to get the best start in life.

*"We've made so many advances in other areas - civil rights, gay rights - but ageism is still an area that's taboo."*  
Madonna Ciccone.

● This month we focus on tackling ageism that can be targeted to any age.

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### Special Events

- October-December** ● Black History Season.
- 10 October** ● World Mental Health Day.
- October** ● National Care Leavers Week.
- 11-18 October** ● Hate Crime Awareness Week.
- 1-2 October** ● Yom Kippur.
- 20 October** ● Diwali.
- 2 October** ● Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.
- 5 October** ● Silver Sunday - The National Day for Older People.



# November

*“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”*  
Margaret J. Wheatley.

## Community strength

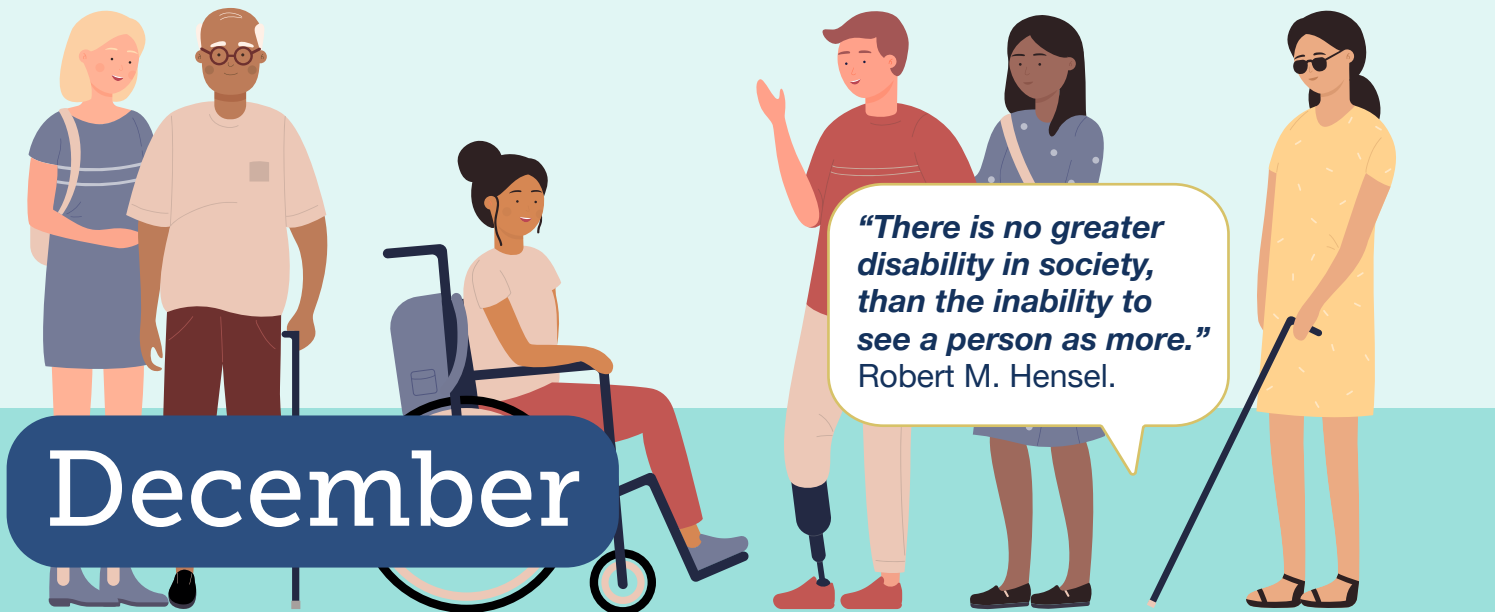
Community cohesion and creating equity in Camden is a key priority. Community strength was never more evident than during the pandemic, and it highlights the need to bring people together to leverage lived collective experience, cultures and backgrounds in order to tackle some of the hardest issues of society; from cost of living through to equity of access and opportunity.

Islamophobia Awareness Month - making people aware of discrimination against the Muslim community and the Islamic faith.

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### Special Events

- 9 November**  
● Remembrance Sunday.
- 9-16 November**  
● Interfaith Week begins.
- 13-19 November**  
● Trans Awareness Week.
- 16 November -16 December**  
● Disability History Month.
- 20 November**  
● Transgender Day of Remembrance.
- 25 November**  
● White Ribbon Day.



***“There is no greater disability in society, than the inability to see a person as more.”***  
Robert M. Hensel.

# December

## Disabilities - a seat at the table

Around 1 in 7 Camden residents have a long term health condition or disability that affects their daily life. The Disability Champion role is important to ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities always remains on the agenda.

From the 16th Nov - 16th Dec Camden celebrates Disability History Month.

### Special Events

- 1 December**
    - World AIDS Day.
  - 14-22 December**
    - Hanukkah begins.
  - 18 December**
    - International Migrants Day.
  - 25 December**
    - Christmas Day.
  - 26 December**
    - Boxing Day.
  - 26 December - 1st**
- January**
    - Kwanzaa.
  - 31 December**
    - New Year's Eve.

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