

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Calendar 2024–2025

Introduction

"We are excited to further build on our collaboration with colleagues across the organization to deliver a consistent programme of events throughout the year and to achieve even higher engagement with our activities and campaigns. We are committed to continuing to deliver impactful EDI and Wellbeing focused activity to promote EDI and foster an inclusive environment. Make sure to have a look at our fantastic activity which ran throughout the 2023 – 2024 academic year on the last page of this calendar and to check the calendar regularly as we update it with new opportunities to participate and contribute to a culture that prioritises Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and Wellbeing."

Astrid Smallenbroek, UWS EDI Consultant

The calendar has been developed as a resource for UWS staff and students to demonstrate a visible and supportive role which is committed to respecting and celebrating diverse communities, cultures, and faiths.

This calendar provides details of some of the main religious festivals*, major national and international days of celebration or memorial which reflect the diverse population of our staff, students and UWS community. The UWS Equalities team:

- · Encourage good mental health and wellbeing.
- · Support you in organising diversity and inclusion campaigns, events, and activities.
- · Support planning across the academic year.

We also want to use this calendar to highlight a number of events organised by our staff Network Groups that will be taking place throughout the year. We are continually trying to improve the information we provide, therefore if you have any constructive feedback or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us. For equality related advice and enquiries or to learn more about any of our staff networks and events, contact the Equalities Team via email equality@uws.ac.uk.

*We focus further on the six major world faiths - Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. This does not mean we do not recognise that there are many more faiths equally as important. We also recognise that a large proportion of our university community may have no religion or belief.

Support at UWS

This calendar is intended to raise awareness and understanding of equality, diversity, inclusion, and wellbeing but we understand that some of the dates mentioned may be sensitive to some so have the provided the following information on UWS support services should this be required.

Employee Networks

Employee Networks provide peer support, guidance, and advice. They are open to all and welcome allies.

Contact equality@uws.ac.uk regarding the following:

- BME Network
- Carer's Network
- Disability Action Network
- HigHER Network (Women's Leadership Development)
- Liberty Network (LGBTQ+)
- Menopause Network
- Men's Head On Network (Men's Mental Health)

Contact equality@uws.ac.uk for further information, support, signposting and advice. You can also follow us on Twitter @UWSequality for equality, diversity and inclusion news and information.

Staff can access support regarding health and wellbeing through our Occupational Health department. Contact occupationalhealth@uws.ac.uk.

Colleague Support

UWS's Staff Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) Health Assured provides useful health and wellbeing information to all staff and their immediate family. You can instantly access free, confidential, personalised health and wellbeing advice and resources 24/7, 365 days of the year – contact the EAP by phone on 0880 028 0199 or online. Username: university Password: westscotland

Health Assured also offer:

- Webinars providing information and self-help guidance to support and educate on a range of issues.
- Bright TV a monthly TV series, featuring well-known personalities talking about their personal experiences with mental health issues.
- A range of 4-week programmes to help with a variety of issues, such as sleep, healthy eating, and energy.
- Wellbeing Podcasts.
- Health checks.

In addition, all UWS colleagues and immediate family have access to telephone, online video, and face-to-face counselling.

Student Support

UWS Student Services teams are ready to help with all matters of non-academic and student admin enquiries, and can help students access support services including Careers, Study Skills, Disability Services, Counselling, International Student Support and Funding and Money Advice.

See the <u>Student Support &</u>
<u>Wellbeing page</u> on the UWS
website or email hub@uws.ac.uk.
If you have a disability, a longstanding medical condition or
have specific learning needs the
<u>Disability Service</u> can help you
make the most of your time at
UWS.

Other UWS Support

- Multifaith Chaplaincy
- Report + Support
- <u>Care-experienced, Carer or</u>
 <u>Estranged Student</u>



SEPTEMBER

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World Dementia
Month



Sun 1		**	Mon 16	•
Mon 2	Know Your Numbers (Blood Pressure) Week (2nd – 8th)		Tues 17	
Tues 3			Wed 18	
Wed 4	Menopause Staff Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		Thur 19	
Thur 5	Working Mothers' Day <u>Disability Action Staff Network</u> (10:00 – 11:00, online meeting)		Fri 20	
Fri 6	, J		Sat 21	
Sat 7			Sun 22	,
Sun 8			Mon 23	
Mon 9			Tues 24	for UWS students (14:00 – 15:00, online) email equality@uws.ac.uk to enrol
Tues 10	World Suicide Prevention Day		Wed 25	
Wed 11			Thur 26	Men's Head On Staff Network (15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Thur 12	Recruitment Panel Chair Training for UWS employees (14:00 – 15:30, online)		Fri 27	
Fri 13			Sat 28	
Sat 14			Sun 29	
Sun 15			Mon 30	

OCTOBER

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Menopause Awareness
Black History &
Health Literacy Month



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Tues 1	Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)		Sun 13	
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	(14.00 – 15.50, Ayr Campus)		Mon 14	
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Wed 2	(2nd – 8th)	~;÷	lues is	World Students' Day
	Menopause Employee Network		Wed 16	
	(15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)			
	Disability Action Employee Network		Thur 17	
	(10:00 – 11:00, online meeting)			Show Racism the Red Card:
Thur 3	Let's Talk About Race Training		Fri 18	Wear Red Day
	for UWS employees			
	(14:30 – 16:30, Paisley Campus)		Sat 19	
Fri 4			Sun 20	
Sat 5			Mon 21	
Sun 6				Recruitment Panel Chair Training
	National Work Life Week		Tues 22	for UWS employees
Mon 7	(7th – 11th)			(14:00 – 15:30, Lanarkshire Campus)
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Tues 8			Wed 23	
Wed 9				Men's Head On Employee Network
				(15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
	World Mental Health Day			BHM Activity – Screening of
	Introduction to Building		Thur 24	Channel 4 documentary Defiance,
	Confidence in Equality, Diversity			employees and students welcome
	and Inclusion Training			(12:00 – 14:00, <u>Ayr</u> , <u>Dumfries</u> ,
	for UWS employees (09:30 – 12:30, Paisley Campus)			<u>Lanarkshire, London</u> & <u>Paisley</u>)
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	BHM Activity - Live recording	• •	Sat 26	
	of the UWS podcast Degrees			
	of Freedom, employees and		Sun 27	
	students welcome (13:00 – 14:00, online)		Mon 28	
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Fri 11	National Coming Out Day		Tue 29	
			Wed 30	
Sat 12	National Hate Crime Awareness Week		Thur 31	
	(12th – 19th)			

NOVEMBER

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Islamophobia Awareness
Movember, and
Disability History Month

Fri 1		**	Sun 17	
			Mon 18	Self-Care Week (18th – 24th)
Sat 2				Book Week Scotland (18th – 24th)
Sun 3				Transgender Awareness Training for UWS employees (10:30 – 12:00, online)
Mon 4			Tues 19	International Men's Day
Tues 5			Wed 20	Suicide Prevention Workshop for UWS employees (15:00 – 16:30, Ayr Campus)
Wed 6	Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		Thur 21	
Thur 7	<u>Disability Action Employee Network</u> (10:00 – 11:00, online meeting)		Fri 22	
Fri 8			Sat 23	Carer's Rights Day
Sat 9			Sun 24	
Sun 10				16 Days of Activism against
Mon 11	Remembrance / Armistice Day		Mon 25	Gender-Based Violence (25th Nov – 10th Dec)
Tue 12	Anti-Bullying Week (11th – 15th)		Tues 26	Gender-based Violence Workshop for UWS employees (13:30 - 16:30, online)
Wed 13	Transgender Awareness Week (13th – 19th)		Wed 27	Gender-based Violence Workshop for UWS students (13:30 - 16:30, online)
Thur 14			Thur 28	Men's Head On Employee Network (15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Fri 15			Fri 29	
Sat 16	Disability History Month begins		Sat 30	

DECEMBER

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<u>Christmas</u> <u>Jumper Day</u>



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Tues 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities		T
04	Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		W
Wed 4	Suicide Prevention Workshop		II
	for UWS employees (15:00 – 16:30, Paisley Campus)		F
Thur 5	Recruitment Panel Chair Training for UWS employees		S
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Wed 25	Christmas Day (Christianity) Hanukkah (Judaism) (25th Dec – 2nd Jan)
Thur 26	
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JANUARY



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Wed 1	New Years' Day		Fri 17	
Thur 2		•	Sat 18	
			Sun 19	World Religion Day
Fri 3				Blue Monday
Sat 4			Mon 20	Introduction to and Building Confidence in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training for UWS employees
Sun 5				(13:00 – 16:00, online)
			Tues 21	
Mon 6			Wed 22	
Tues 7	<u>Disability Action Employee Network</u> (14:00 – 15:00, online meeting)		Thur 23	Transgender Awareness Training for UWS employees (10:00 – 11:30, online meeting)
Wed 8	Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		Inur 25	Men's Head On Employee Network (15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Thur 9			Fri 24	
Fri 10			Sat 25	
			Sun 26	
Sat 11			Mon 27	Holocaust Memorial Day
Sun 12			Tues 28	
				Lunar New Year
Mon 13			Wed 29	Suicide Prevention Workshop
Tues 14				for UWS employees (15:00 – 16:30, online)
	Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)		Thur 30	
Wed 15	Training for UWS employees (10:30 – 12:00, online)	7	Fri 31	

FEBRUARY



Sat 1	World Hijab Day		Sat 15	
Sun 2			Sun 16	
Mon 3			Mon 17	
Tues 4			Tues 18	
Wed 5	Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		Wed 19	
	<u>Time to Talk Day</u>			
Thur 6	Recruitment Panel Chair Training for UWS employees (10:30 – 12:00, online)		Thur 20	
Fri 7	(10.00 12.00, 0111110)		Fri 21	
Sat 8		_	Sat 22	
Sun 9			Sun 23	
Mon 10			Mon 24	
Tue 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science		Tue 25	
Wed 12	Let's Talk About Race Training for UWS employees (10:00 – 12:00, Lanarkshire Campus)		Wed 26	Suicide Prevention Workshop for UWS employees (15:00 – 16:30, Lanarkshire Campus)
Thurs 13	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Thur 27	Men's Head On Employee Network (15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Fri 14			Fri 28	International STAND UP to Bullying Day
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MARCH



Sat 1			Mon 17	Nutrition and Hydration Week (17th – 25th)
Sun 2			Tues 18	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Mon 3			Wed 19	
Tues 4			Thur 20	
Wed 5	Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		Fri 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Thur 6			Sat 22	
Sat 8	International Women's Day		Sun 23	
Sun 9			Mon 24	
Mon 10			Tue 25	
Tue 11			Wed 26	Recruitment Panel Chair Training for UWS employees (10:30 – 12:00, Ayr Campus)
Wed 12	Suicide Prevention Workshop for UWS employees (15:00 – 16:30, Dumfries Campus)		Thur 27	Men's Head On Employee Network (15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Thurs 13	University Mental Health Day Sign Language Week		Fri 28	
Fri 14	Holi (Hinduism)	7.	Sat 29	
Sat 15			Sun 30	
Sun 16			Mon 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility

APRIL

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Care Experienced
History Month



Tues 1	Stress Awareness Month	
	Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder Awareness Month	
Wed 2	Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)	
Thur 3		
Fri 4		
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Sun 6		
Mon 7	World Health Day	
Tues 8	International Romani Day	
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Thur 10		
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Sat 12		
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Wed 16		

Thur 17	
Fri 18	Good Friday (Christianity)
Sat 19	
Sun 20	
Mon 21	Easter Monday (Christianity)
Tues 22	
Wed 23	
Thur 24	Equality Impact Assessment Training for UWS employees (13:30 – 15:00, Lanarkshire Campus) Men's Head On Employee Network (15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Fri 25	
Sat 26	
Sun 27	
Mon 28	National BSL Day
Tue 29	
Wed 30	

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Fri 2			Sun 18	
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Sun 4			Mon 19	Transgender Awareness Training for UWS employees (14:00 – 15:30, Lanarkshire Campus)
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Mon 5	International Day of the Midwife		Tues 20	
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14450				Men's Head On Employee Network
			Thur 22	(15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Wed 7	Menopause Employee Network			(13.00 13.43, 6/111/16 (1166)
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Thur 8	Let's Talk About Race Training for UWS employees			
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	(12th – 18th)		Wed 28	
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	(14:00 – 15:30, Lanarkshire Campus)			
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JUNE

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LGBTQ+ Pride Month



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Mon 2	Carer's Week		Tues 17	
Tues 3			Wed 18	
Wed 4	Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		Thur 19	
Thur 5			Fri 20	World Refugee Day
Fri 6			Sat 21	
Sat 7			Sun 22	
Sun 8			Mon 23	World Wellbeing Week (23rd – 27th)
Mon 9			Tues 24	
Tues 10			Wed 25	
Wed 11			Thur 26	Men's Head On Employee Network (15:00 – 15:45, online meeting)
Thur 12			Fri 27	
Fri 13			Sat 28	
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JULY

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Disability Pride Month



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	Wed 2	employees (09:30 – 12:30, Paisley Campus)		Fri 18	
		Menopause Employee Network (15:00 – 16:00, online meeting)		Sat 19	
	Thur 3		_	Sun 20	
	Fri 4			Mon 21	
	Sat 5			Tues 22	
	Sun 6			Wed 23	
	Mon 7			Thur 24	Recruitment Panel Chair Training for UWS employees (10:00 – 11:30, Paisley Campus)
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	Wed 9 Thur 10			Sat 26	
	Fri 11			Sun 27	
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	Mon 14	International Non-Binary People's Day		Wed 30	International Day of Friendship
	Tues 15			Thur 31	

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AUGUST

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Tues 5	Let's Talk About Race Training for UWS employees (10:00 – 12:00, Paisley Campus)	
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Thur 14	Financial Awareness Day	
Fri 15		
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Sat 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
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Mon 25	
Tues 26	Transgender Awareness Training for UWS employees (14:00 – 15:30, Ayr Campus)
Wed 27	
Thur 28	
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Here's what we got up to last academic year...

October was a busy month for UWS! We held several events for Black History Month, Show Racism the Red Card (Wear Red Day) and Menopause Awareness Month.

For Black History Month, we hosted an online talk with the Swadhinata Trust to learn more about the history of the Bengali community in London. Later in the month Paisley Campus colleagues were treated to a Fireside Chat with Dr Khadija Mohammed and Barbara Becnel all about how to construct a socially just scholarship. The School of Computing, Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS) hosted a screening event of the 2016 film Hidden Figures with engineer and entrepreneur Oduwa Agboneni.

Later in the month, for Show Racism the Red Card Day, Team UWS worked together with the EDI Team and the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Network to host some friendly employee vs. student football matches in Paisley and London.





For Menopause Awareness Month, the Menopause Network hosted Dr Wendy Sweet of My Menopause Transformation to give an online talk all about menopause symptoms.

In November the Men's Head On Network hosted a hybrid panel discussion event online and at Paisley Campus around men's mental health and male suicide.

For Disability History Month, which runs through mid-November to mid-December, the EDI Team pinned up a poster display all the support that employees and students who have a disability can access at UWS.

After a break for winter, the Liberty Network and the Library Team marked LGBTQ+ History Month in February with several events across all five campuses including book displays, free coffee, and a book fair event at London Campus.

The HigHER Network relaunched in March with guest speakers Fiona Morton (VP People and Student Wellbeing) and Stephanie Pitticas (VP Internationalisation) for an International Women's Day event.

Then, in April, we marked National British Sign Language (BSL) Day with BSL training for frontline colleagues across the University.

As we began our wind-down for summer, the Employee Networks brought the energy levels up by organising a week-long 'Keep Active' challenge in May with 58 colleagues getting involved to complete 150 minutes of activity throughout the week. And Occupational Health supported Mental Health Awareness Week by offering drop-ins across all five campuses.



