**Gardens Trust Training Handout:**

**Theme Awareness Calendar**

**January:**

**World Religion Day**

16th January

**Big Schools Garden Watch**

**16th – 30th January**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-wild-challenge/activities/big-schools-birdwatch/>

**RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend**

**28th – 29th January**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

**National Storytelling Week**

**28th January – 4th February**

<https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>

**February:**

**LGBT History Month**

[www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk)

**March:**

**International Women’s Day**

8th March

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

**World Storytelling Day**

March Equinox (c20th)

<https://storytellingday.org/>

**International Day of Forests**

21st March

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day>

**World Water Day**

22nd March

<https://www.worldwaterday.org/>

**April:**

**World Health Day**

<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2020>

**Earth Day**

22nd April

Earthday.org

**May:**

**National Gardening Week**

Last week of April/ first week of May

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/national-gardening-week>

**Local History and Community Month**

<https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/1567/local-and-community-history-month>

**June:**

**Volunteers Week**

1-7th June

Volunteersweek.org

**World Environment Day**

5th June

<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

**Refugee Week**

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

**July:**

**Love Parks Week**

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/love-parks-week>

**Children’s Art Week**

<https://engage.org/happenings/childrens-art-week/>

**Festival of Archaeology**

[www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/](http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/)

**August:**

**National Allotments Week**

<https://www.nsalg.org.uk/news-events-campaigns/national-allotments-week/>



**September:**

**Organic September**

<https://www.soilassociation.org/organic-living/organic-september/>

**European Heritage Days** www.europeanheritagedays.com

**England: Heritage Open Days** https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/

**Northern Ireland:** [European Heritage Open Days](http://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/european-heritage-open-days)

**Scotland:** [Doors Open Days](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/)

**Wales:** [Open Doors Days](http://cadw.gov.wales/opendoors/?lang=en)

**London:** [Open House](http://www.openhouselondon.org.uk/)

**Landscapes for Life (**Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

<https://landscapesforlife.org.uk/events/landscapes-for-life-week>

**October:**

**Fun Palaces**

Find a place where the arts and sciences meet in a fun, creative way in your local community.

[www.funpalaces.co.uk](http://www.funpalaces.co.uk)

**World Architecture Day**

1st Monday in October

<https://www.uia-architectes.org/webApi/en>

**National Poetry Day**

1st Thursday of October

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>

**World Mental Health Day**

10th October

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

**Apple Day**

21st October

<http://www.commonground.org.uk/apple-day/>

**The Big Draw**

Over 1,500 events use drawing - in many different forms - to connect participants with museum and gallery collections, local heritage and the wider community.

[www.thebigdraw.org/](http://www.thebigdraw.org/)

**Black History Month**

[www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

**November:**

**National Tree Week**

27 November-5 December

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/>

**December:**

**Tree Dressing Day**

3-4 December

<https://www.commonground.org.uk/tree-dressing-day/>

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