DIVERSITY CALENDAR 2018
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### Monthly Phases

- **New Moon**
- **First Quarter**
- **Full Moon**
- **Last Quarter**
February marks Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month.
The University is proud to be a Stonewall Scotland Diversity Champion. We have vibrant LGBTI student societies, such as the award-winning GUGLGBTQ+ and oSTEM, as well as an active staff and postgraduate network. 2017 saw the staff and postgraduate network change its name to LGBT+ Network, to better reflect its inclusive nature, launch a Facebook group which has over 130 members and appoint a new Co-Chair to help coordinate events, campaigns and raise the Network’s profile.

Check out the Equality and Diversity Unit’s dedicated LGBT+ student and staff pages for more information and contact details for the various groups.

February is Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month  I  National Heart Month

Special Days

1st Imbolc – Lughnassadh – Wicca/Pagan
Rainbow Flag Raising (SRC & GUGLGBTQ+)

2nd Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) – Christian

3rd Saint Blaise Day – Christian
Setsubun-sai – Shinto

4th World Cancer Day

11th Our Lady of Lourdes – Christian
Autism Sunday

12th International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers
Darwin Day
SRC Spring Elections – Nominations open

13th Shrove Tuesday – Christian
Maha Shivaratri – Hindu

14th Nirvana Day – Buddhist – Jain
International Childhood Cancer Day

19th Great Lent begins – Clean Monday – Orthodox Christian

20th World Day of Social Justice
Interfaith Dinner (GUMSA)

23rd SRC Spring Elections – Nominations close

25th Intercalary Days (end) – Baha’i
**March 2018**

8 March is International Women’s Day.

**FemEng**, a student society for engineering students, focuses on outreach, international collaborations, mentoring first-year students and networking with professionals, ultimately working towards diversifying the engineering sector. In 2016 the group successfully pioneered “FemEng in Rwanda”, a student-led learning project collaborating with the University of Rwanda. This brought together female engineering students at both universities to encourage more high school pupils in Rwanda to pursue further education in STEM. Following praise from both Scottish and UK Parliaments, 2017 saw eight female students return to Rwanda where they, along with their University of Rwanda counterparts, delivered workshops to over 1,000 school pupils and purchased 180 AFRIpad kits for distribution to girls in rural areas, alongside careers-based student development activities. Follow the [FemEng blog](#) and on Twitter [@UofGfemeng](#).

### 8 March is Women’s History Month

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  - **1st** UN Zero Discrimination Day
  - **Saint David’s Day** – Christian
  - **Intercalary Days (end)** – Baha’i
  - **Self Injury Awareness Day**
  - **Purim** – Jewish
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  - **20th** Spring Equinox
  - **Ostara – Mabon – Wicca/Pagan**
  - **21st** Naw-Rúz (New Year) – Baha’i
  - **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**
  - **World Down’s Syndrome Day**
  - **22nd** World Water Day
  - **SRC Student Teaching Awards Ceremony**
  - **23rd** University – End of Semester 2 Teaching Period
  - **25th** Palm Sunday – Christian
  - **Ram Navami – Hindu**
  - **British Summer Time begins**
  - **28th** Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) – Zoroastrian University – Annual Learning and Teaching Conference (28th & 29th)
  - **29th** Maundy Thursday – Christian
  - **Mahavir Jayanti – Jain**
  - **30th** Good Friday – Christian
  - **Bank Holiday – University closed**
  - **31st** Holy Saturday – Christian
  - **Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian**
  - **Pesach (Passover) – Jewish**
  - **Lord’s Evening Meal – Jehovah’s Witness Christian**
  - **Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu**

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**March** is Women’s History Month | Prostate Cancer Awareness Month | Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

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The University’s Student Services Enquiry Team is located on Level 2 of the Fraser Building. The team of Student Services Officers, Administrators and First Line Support Assistants provide support, guidance and access to vital information and services that enhance the student journey, from registration to graduation and beyond.

Among the 90,000+ requests for assistance in 2016–17, the team handled 27,000+ face-to-face enquiries. Over 5,000 of these came during September, when the Registration and Enrolment Support Team were on hand during Freshers’ Week and International Student Welcome Week.

The team regularly update their extensive online information and “How to guides”, available on their dedicated University webpages and are also happy to assist any student who contacts them direct.

April 2018

| 1st | Easter Sunday – Christian |
| 2nd | World Autism Awareness Day |
| 3rd | Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian |
| 4th | April Fool’s Day |
| 5th | Easter Monday – Christian |
| 6th | Bank Holiday – University closed |
| 7th | Good Friday – Orthodox Christian |
| 8th | World Health Day |
| 9th | International Romani Day |
| 10th | Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian |
| 11th | Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) – Jewish |
| 12th | Lailat al Miraj – Islam |
| 13th | Creation of the Khalsa (Vaisakhi) and New Year – Sikh |
| 16th | University – Start of Revision Period |
| 18th | Birthday of Guru Tegh Bahadur – Sikh |
| 21st | First Day of Ridvan – Baha’i |
| 22nd | Earth Day |
| 23rd | Saint George’s Day – Christian |
| 25th | World Malaria Day |
| 28th | World Day for Health & Safety at Work |
| 29th | Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha’i |
| 30th | Saint James the Great’s Day – Orthodox Christian |
| 31st | Theravada New Year – Buddhist |

Special Days

April is Autism Awareness Month  I  Stress Awareness Month  I  Bowel Cancer Awareness Month  
Parkinson’s Awareness Month

- Last Quarter
- New Moon
- First Quarter
- Full Moon
### Special Days

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Beltane – Samhain – Wicca/Pagan  
Lailat al Bara’ah – Islam

**2nd**  
Twelfth Day of Ridvan – Bahá’í  
Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev – Sikh

**3rd**  
World Press Freedom Day  
Lag B’Omer – Jewish

**7th**  
Bank Holiday – University closed

**8th**  
World Ovarian Cancer Day  
World Red Cross Red Crescent Day

**9th**  
Europe Day

**10th**  
Ascension Day – Christian

**13th**  
Our Lady of Fatima – Christian  
Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) – Jewish

**14th**  
Mental Health Awareness Week

**15th**  
International Day of Families

**16th**  
Ramadan begins – Islam

**17th**  
International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia  
Ascension of the Lord – Orthodox Christian

**18th**  
University – End of Main Examination Period

**20th**  
Shavuot – Jewish  
Pentecost – Christian

**21st**  
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

**22nd**  
International Day for Biological Diversity

**23rd**  
Birthday of Guru Amar Das – Sikh  
Declaration of the Báb – Bahá’í

**25th**  
University – End of Semester 2  
Trinity Sunday – Christian  
Pentecost – Orthodox Christian

**28th**  
Spring Bank Holiday – University closed

**29th**  
Ascension of Baha’u’LLah – Bahá’í  
Vesak – Buddha Day – Buddhist  
International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

**31st**  
World No Tobacco Day  
Corpus Christi – Christian

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**May 2018**

**May incorporates Mental Health Awareness Week.**

The University’s [Mental Health Action Plan](#) was launched in 2017. Countersigned by both the Mental Health Equality Champion and the SRC, it represents a first step towards an integrated strategy and policy to promote mental health and wellbeing, provide advice to staff and students on mental health issues, and support those who need assistance.

The [Counselling and Psychological Services](#) team offer students a confidential and judgement-free space to explore, reflect upon and develop ways of overcoming difficulties.

University staff can access the free, independent and confidential Employee Assistance Programme which offers support, expert advice and specialist counselling. For more information on this service, visit the [Staff Counselling webpages](#).

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**May is Action on Stroke Month | Mental Health Awareness Month | National Walking Month**

![Calendar](#)

- Last Quarter
- New Moon
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**Corpus Christi – Christian**
International Student Support (ISS) assists international students and their families at different stages of their university programme. The assistance starts with pre-arrival information and guidance, through settling in and ongoing support, right up until they prepare to go home.

Throughout the year, the team of six delivers orientation and welcome programmes, information sessions, both practical and cultural, and regular opportunities to drop in and ask questions, as well as individual appointments. ISS expands its support network during busy periods by training students to act as a welcome committee and to provide visa application assistance.

The team also organise a variety of activities and support for international students’ accompanying spouses/partners and children via the International Family Network.
Living away from home for the first time is exciting but can sometimes be challenging. For many of the students from our diverse international student community, it is also their first time being abroad.

Did you know all our University residences have a team of Living Support staff on site to lend a hand? The Living Support teams provide a vital point of contact for student residents, providing advice, pastoral support and help with emergencies outside normal office hours.

Our fully trained Wardens, Senior Living Support and Living Support Assistants are typically postgraduates or later year undergraduate students who live in the residences; this year they represent 13 countries and speak 16 languages. Meet the Living Support teams.

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July is International Women with Alopecia Month | Scams Awareness Month

- 1st Canada Day
- 4th US Independence Day
- 5th Birthday of Guru Hargobind – Sikh
- 10th Martyrdom of the Báb – Baha’i
- 11th Saint Benedict’s Day – Catholic Christian
- World Population Day – Secular
- 15th Saint Vladimir the Great’s Day – Orthodox Christian
- 16th Glasgow Fair Monday – University closed
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