



LSE DIVERSITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2016 – AUGUST 2017



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'An ideal society should be mobile, should be full of channels for conveying a change taking place in one part to other parts. In an ideal society, there should be many interests consciously communicated and shared'
– B.R. Ambedkar

SEPTEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 - International Literacy Day	9	10 - World Suicide Prevention Day	11
12 - Islam: Eid-ul- Adha	13	14	15 - International Day of Democracy	16	17	18
19	20	21 - World Alzheimer's Day - UN International Day of Peace	22 - Michaelmas Term begins - Autumn Equinox	23 - Bisexuality Day	24	25
26	27	28 - International Right to Know Day - Freedom from Hunger Day	29	30		



'We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race' – Kofi Annan

OCTOBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 - Black History Month Begins - International Day of Older Persons	2 - International Day of Non-Violence - Islam: Muslim New Year
3 - Judaism: Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year)	4 - Judaism: Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year)	5	6	7	8	9
10 - World Mental Health Day	11 - EDI Annual Lecture by Laura Bates - UN International Day of the Girl Child - Judaism: Yom Kippur	12 - Judaism: Yom Kippur	13 - World Sight Day	14	15	16 - World Food Day
17 - World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 - United Nations Day	25	26 - Asexual Awareness Day	27	28	29	30 - British Summer Time ends - Hindu/Sikh/Jain: Diwali/Deepavali
31 - Halloween - Beginning of reading week						



'I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up' – Rosa Parks

NOVEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - End of reading week
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 - World Kindness Day
14 - Beginning of the Interfaith Week at LSE - World Diabetes Day	15	16 - International Day of Tolerance	17 - International Men's Day	18	19	20 - Universal Children's Day - Transgender Day of Remembrance
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				





'The arrogance of the able-bodied is staggering. Yes, maybe we'd like to be able to get places quickly, and carry things in both hands, but only because we have to keep up with the rest of you. We would rather be just like us, and have that be all right' – Barbara Kingsolver, The Poisonwood Bible

DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 - World Aids Day	2 - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4
5 - International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	6	7	8 - Pan Pride Day	9 - Michaelmas Term ends	10 - International Human Rights Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 - International Migrants Day
19	20	21 - Winter Solstice	22 - School closure	23 - School closure	24 - Judaism: Hanukkah (24 Dec to 1 Jan) - Christian: Christmas Eve - School closure	25 - Christian: Christmas Day - School closure
26 - Christian: Boxing Day - School closure	27 - School closure	28 - School closure	29 - School closure	30 - School closure	31 - New Year's Eve	



'Peace cannot exist without justice, justice cannot exist without fairness, fairness cannot exist without development, development cannot exist without democracy, democracy cannot exist without respect for the identity and worth of cultures and peoples' – Rigoberta Menchú Tum

JANUARY 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 - New Year's Day - School closure
2 - New Year's Day Holiday	3 - Lent Term exams	4 - Lent Term exams	5 - Lent Term exams - Sikh: Guru Gobind Singh's birthday	6 - Lent Term exams	7 - Christian Orthodox: Christmas Day	8
9 - Lent Term begins	10	11	12	13	14	15 - World Religion Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 - Chinese New Year	29
30	31					



'The only queer people are those who don't love anybody' – Rita Mae Brown

FEBRUARY 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 - LGBT History Month begins (SPECTRUM Theme of the Year – Law and Human Rights)	2	3	4 - World Cancer Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 - Beginning of School reading week	14	15 - Buddhist: Nirvana Day	16	17	18 - End of School reading week	19
20 - World Day of Social Justice	21 - International Mother Language Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					



‘Repression is a seamless garment; a society which is authoritarian in its social and sexual codes, which crushes its women beneath the intolerable burdens of honour and propriety, breeds repressions of other kinds as well’
 – Salman Rushdie, *Shame*

MARCH 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 - Women's History Month begins	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 - International Women's Day	9	10	11	12
13 Hinduism: Holi-Spring Festival	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 - Spring Equinox - International Day of Happiness	21 - International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22	23	24 - Lent Term ends	25	26 - British Summer Time starts
27	28	29	30	31 - Transgender Visibility Day		



'I know there is strength in the differences between us. I know there is comfort, where we overlap'
– Ani DiFranco

APRIL 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2 - World Autism Awareness Day
3	4	5	6	7 - World Health Day	8	9
10	11	12	13 - School closure	14 - Christian: Good Friday - Sikh: Guru Nanak's birthday - Birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar (LSE alumnus and global anti-caste pioneer)	15	16 - Christian: Easter
17 - School closure	18 - School closure	19 - School closure	20	21	22	23 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
24 - Summer term begins - Holocaust Remembrance Day	25	26 - Lesbian Visibility Day	27	28	29	30





'In itself, homosexuality is as limiting as heterosexuality: the ideal should be to be capable of loving a woman or a man; either, a human being, without feeling fear, restraint, or obligation' – Simone de Beauvoir

MAY 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 - May bank holiday	2	3 - World Asthma Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 - Buddhism: Vesak (depends on lunar calendar)	11	12	13	14
15 - International Day of Families	16 - Mental Health Awareness Week begins	17 - IDAHOT (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia)	18	19	20	21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity Dialogue and Development
22 - Mental Health Awareness Week ends	23	24 - Pan Day of Visibility	25	26	27 - Islam: Ramadan month begins (date subject to change as per the sighting of the moon)	28
29 - Spring bank holiday	30	31 - World No Tobacco Day				



'It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength'

– Maya Angelou

JUNE 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 - International Children's Day	2	3	4 - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5 - World Environment Day	6	7	8	9 - Summer Term ends	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 - World Refugee Day	21 - Summer Solstice - World Humanist Day	22	23	24	25 - Islam: Eid al-Fitr – end of the month of Ramadan (date subject to change as per the sighting of the moon)
26	27	28	29	30		



'Strength lies in differences, not in similarities' – Stephen R. Covey

JULY 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 - Pride in London Parade	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 - World Population Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 - International Justice Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 - Rastafari: Birthday of Haile Selassie
24	25	26	27	28 - World Hepatitis Day	29	30 - International Day of Friendship
31						



'That's the way I do things when I want to celebrate, I always plant a tree. And so I got an indigenous tree, called Nandi flame – it has this beautiful red flowers. When it is in flower it is like it is in flame' – Wangari Maathai

AUGUST 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 - International Day for the World's Indigenous People	10	11	12 - International Youth Day	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 - World Humanitarian Day	20
21	22	23 - International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and its Abolition - European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Stalinism and Nazism	24	25	26 - Women's Equality Day	27
28 - Summer bank holiday	29	30	31			



IMAGE DESCRIPTIONS AND ATTRIBUTION

September 2016: Recent LSE graduates taking a selfie after graduation on 17 July 2015. The photo highlights the multicultural student representation at LSE. (Source: [LSE in Pictures](#).)

October 2016: LSE staff network EMBRACE (Ethnic Minorities Broadening Racial Awareness and Cultural Exchange) food stall during the 'Learning at Work' street fair in Houghton Street, 20 May 2010. (Source: LSE Image Bank; © LSE/Nigel Stead, all rights reserved.)

To join the network and find out more, please email embrace@lse.ac.uk.

November 2016: Visit of Nelson Mandela on 6 April 2000 to give a lecture at the Peacock Theatre on 'Africa and its position in the world'. At the end of the lecture Joan Armatrading and the Kingdom Chorus Singers sang 'The Messenger'. (Source: [LSE Library](#).)

The Race in the Academy project, which forms part of EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) at LSE, explores experiences of race at the School and the barriers to creating a more inclusive organisation. For more information on the project, events and updates, please email Dr Akile Ahmet (a.ahmet@lse.ac.uk).



December 2016: Anastasia Somoza studying in the LSE Library for her MSc in Human Rights. (Source: LSE Image Bank; © LSE/Nigel Stead, all rights reserved.)

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed on 3 December every year. LSE's [Disability and Wellbeing Service \(DWS\)](#) – disability-dyslexia@lse.ac.uk is a primary point of contact for current and prospective students. The LSE Student Union disabled students' officer can be contacted at su.disability@lse.ac.uk.

January 2017: Students celebrating graduation day on the LSE campus. (Source: [LSE in Pictures](#).)

15 January is World Religion Day. The Faith Centre (faithcentre@lse.ac.uk) is the home for LSE's diverse religious activities and a reflective space for all students and staff.

February 2017: Demonstration in Trafalgar Square with Gay Liberation Front banner, circa 1972. (Source: [LSE History Blogs](#).)

February is a month-long celebration of LGBT History Month in the UK, marking the history of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans rights movements. The Gay Liberation Front, which led the early LGBT movement in the UK, was founded in a basement classroom in the Clare Market building at LSE. The [Hall-Carpenter Archives \(HCA\)](#) at LSE consist of around 2,000 boxes of material relating to LGBT activism in the UK. Most of the archives date from after the publication of the Wolfenden Report in 1957.

[Spectrum](#) (spectrum@lse.ac.uk) is the LGBT+ staff network at LSE, which represents staff from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other minority sexual orientation and gender identities. The LSE Student Union LGBT+ Alliance (pride.alliance@lsesu.org) represents LGBT+ students on campus.

March 2017: 2010 women's football team at LSE. (Source: Football – [LSESU, Women's gallery](#); Inga Driksne.)

March is Women's History Month, with 8 March marked as International Women's Day. The month celebrates the achievements of women's struggle for equality and focuses on what remains to be done.

In order to offer advice and support, LSE has an adviser to female students. The current adviser is Dr Bingchun Meng (b.meng@lse.ac.uk). The LSE Student Union has a women's officer (su.womens@lse.ac.uk), who campaigns on issues of interest to women and men and who coordinates and organises related events.

The LSE Library has launched the [Women's Library](#), which documents all aspects of women's lives, with an emphasis on women in the UK, throughout the great political, economic and social changes of the past 150 years. The Women's Library Reading Room is a 40-seat research facility located on the fourth floor of the Lionel Robbins Building. Please contact the library (library.enquiries@lse.ac.uk) for more information on the Women's Library and its archives.

April 2017: Health Response UK stand, a company which specialises in musculoskeletal injury-prevention education, at the Adult Learners' Week street fair in Houghton Street. (Source: LSE Image Bank; © LSE/Nigel Stead, all rights reserved.)

On 7 April World Health Day is celebrated across the world. For more information on facilities for overseas students and access to emergency services, please refer to the LSE [healthcare](#) page.



May 2017: The comedy drag troupe Denim at the official opening of the LSE Student Union Saw Swee Hock Student Centre on 24 October 2014. (Source: [LSE in Pictures.](#))

17 May marks IDAHOT (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia).

June 2017: Primary school children at the end of their visit to LSE on 12 June 2009. (Source: LSE Image Bank; © LSE/Nigel Stead, all rights reserved.)

1 June is International Children's Day and 4 June is the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression. LSE undertakes a number of [widening participation](#) (WP) and access initiatives, with the aim of raising the aspirations of school and college students. In the 2014–15 academic year, the WP team worked with over 2,500 school students from some 260 schools. For more information, please email the Widening Participation team (widening.participation@lse.ac.uk).

July 2017: Year 11 Summer School teenagers take a break in the Brunch Bowl on the 4th Floor of the LSE Old Building. 10th July 2009. (Source: LSE Image Bank; © LSE/Nigel Stead, all rights reserved). The LSE Student Union nominates a community and welfare officer each year. If you have a question about mental health, liberation groups or other wellbeing matters at LSE, please get in touch (su.communitywelfare@lse.ac.uk).

August 2017: Sakina Kabir Badamasuiy, co-founder of the LSE Africa Summit, talking with participants at the 'Challenging Conventions' research conference, held in the New Academic Building on 22 April 2016 at the third annual LSE Africa Summit on the theme of 'Africa within a global context'. (Source: [LSE in Pictures; Flickr.](#))

If you have suggestions for other events, dates or images for inclusion in the calendar, please contact the EDI team (edi@lse.ac.uk).

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