



Take a minute or two to reflect on your daily reminders and flick through the pages to access a wealth of useful tips, guidance and recommendations. April material focuses on disability equality:

- What is a disability?
- National demographics, FE and skills statistics
- Mental health – facts and statistics
- The ‘social’ and ‘medical’ models for disability
- Supporting learners
- Disability equality and inspection
- FE and skills good practice projects

This is in addition to multi-faith, equality and health and wellbeing reminders.



World Autism Awareness Day

Sunday 2nd April, 2017

Autism is a developmental disability that remains with a person for his or her whole life.

This condition affects the brain's functions. The first signs usually appear before a child is three years old. People with autism can:

- Find social interaction difficult
- Have problems with verbal and non-verbal communication
- Demonstrate restrictive and repetitive behaviour
- Have a limited set of interests and activities

World Health Day

Friday 7th April, 2017

Marks the founding of the World Health Organisation. The WHO Institution says, "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity".



Earth Day

Saturday 22nd April, 2017

Marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. Do something nice for the Earth, have fun, meet new people and make a difference.



Multifaith Dates – April, 2017

4 th	Rama Navami (Hindu) Hindus celebrate the birth of Lord Rama.
9 th	Mahavir Jayanti (Jain) The most important religious holiday for Jains.
	Palm Sunday (Christian) Marks the beginning the week before Easter.
10 th	Passover (Pesach) (-18th) Jews remember the Israelites' liberation from slavery.
13 th	Maundy Thursday (Christian) Christians remember as the day of the Last Supper.
14 th	Good Friday (Christian) Christians remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
	Vaisakhi (Sikh) Sikhs celebrate the founding of the Khalsa.
16 th	Easter Day (Christian) Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the most important festival in the Christian calendar.
	Easter Day (Orthodox Christian) The most sacred time for the Orthodox Church.
21 st	Festival of Ridván (Bahá'í) (-2nd May) Bahá'ís remember the 12 days that their founder, Bahá'u'lláh, spent in the Garden of Ridván.
23 rd	Lailat al Miraj (Muslim) Commemorating the Prophet Muhammad's night-time journey from Mecca to Jerusalem.

“Why should society feel responsible only for the education of children, and not for the education of all adults of every age?”

Erich Fromm, *psychologist, psychoanalyst, sociologist, philosopher (1900 - 1980)*

April

- Equality Planner, 2017 -

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	1st	2nd
10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th		9th
17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	15th	16th
24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	22nd	23rd
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- Embedding Equality 2016/17 -

Saturday, 1st April 2017

Sunday, 2nd April 2017

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More information at: www.un.org/en/events/autismday/

Saturday, 15th April 2017

Sunday, 16th April 2017

Multifaith today: **Easter Day (Christian)**

Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the most important festival in the
Christian calendar

Easter Day (Orthodox Christian)

The most sacred time of year for the Orthodox Church, beginning with Great Lent
seven weeks before Easter Day

Saturday, 22nd April 2017

Today is... 'Earth Day'

Marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. The possibilities for getting involved are endless! Volunteer. Go to a festival. Install solar panels on your roof. Organise an event in your community. Change a habit. Help launch a community garden. Communicate your priorities to your elected representatives. Do something nice for the Earth, have fun, meet new people, and make a difference.

More information at: <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-history-movement>

Sunday, 23rd April 2017

Multifaith today: **Lailat al Miraj (Muslim)**

Muslims commemorate the Prophet Muhammad's night-time journey from Mecca to the 'Farthest Mosque' in Jerusalem

