



Cultural Awareness Factsheet


August 2010

National Days at a glance

7th	Jamaica	
9th	Singapore	
15th	Korea	
20th	Hungary	

Quick August Fact Summary

August is the eighth month, renamed by the Romans from *Sextilis*, meaning sixth, to honor their emperor, Augustus. August is the height of the summer time in the temperate zone of the Northern Hemisphere. The longest day of the year has passed, but the hot days remain. In the northern regions and mountains, cool nights and early frosts lets one know that the summer is about to come to an end. In the Southern Hemisphere, August means the winter will soon be over. The birds are already planning to fly south for the winter. The insects are more noisier and numerous than in any other month.

Day		Community	Festival
Su	1	UK (Yorkshire)	Yorkshire Day - Celebrates the historic English county of Yorkshire, the largest region in England. Also anniversary of the Battle of Minden which was in 1759. 
Su	1	Pagan	Lammas - The harvest Sabbat, which falls midway between summer and autumn. The name derives from an ancient tradition of baking a loaf from the grains of the first harvest. It was called Loafmass, which got shortened to Lammas. One of the four Major Sabbats in the Pagan year.
F	6	Christian	Transfiguration - Orthodox Christian feast commemorating the sudden emanation of radiance from the person of Jesus that occurred on the mountain
Th	12	Muslim	Ramadan starts- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic Lunar calendar and the holiest of the four holy months. It begins with the sighting of the new moon after which all physically mature and healthy Muslims are obliged to abstain from all food, drink, gum chewing, and any kind of tobacco use, between dawn and sunset.
Su	15	Christian	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A largely Roman Catholic festival celebrating their belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven Dormition of the Theotokos - An Orthodox festival that commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. Dormition means "falling asleep"
Tu	17	Rastafarian	Marcus Garvey's Birthday - The Jamaican politician born in 1887 who foretold the crowning of a Black King in Africa and instigated the 'Back to Africa' movement.
Th	19	Zoroastrian	Jamshedi Noruz - New Year's Day for those Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai calendar (thought to be the majority in the UK), although many people celebrate all 3 New Years. There are special services in the temples.
Tu	24	Hindu	Raksha Bandhan - A popular festival celebrating the bond (Bandhan) between brothers and sisters. When girls tie 'rakhi' twisted red and gold around the wrists of their brothers who in return, usually give their sister a present. 'Rakhi' can also be given to close friends.

Did you Know that...**Marin Luther King**- American civil rights campaigner, made his famous 'I have a dream' speech on 28th August 1963





More about August...

**What types of services do we provide?
ON TRAK**

On-TRAK is the new Alcohol Service for Kirklees, funded by NHS Kirklees and Kirklees Council. Operating as a partnership between Community Links and Lifeline, the service is aimed mainly at moderately and severely dependent drinkers. It provides comprehensive treatment provision for people experiencing problems with alcohol in Kirklees.

We also offer support for those who find it difficult to engage with services through assertive engagement provision. Structured treatment is on an appointment basis but we also offer open access sessions for new referrals.

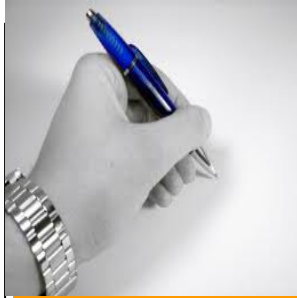
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**Date for the diary every 13th August-
International left hander's day**

On 13th August 1992 the Club launched International Left-Handers Day, an annual event when left-handers everywhere can celebrate their sinistrality and increase public awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed.

This event is now celebrated worldwide, and in the U.K. alone there were over 20 regional events to mark the day in 2001- including left-v-right sports matches, a left-handed tea party, pubs using left-handed corkscrews where patrons drank and played pub games with the left hand only, and nationwide "Lefty Zones" where left-handers creativity, adaptability and sporting prowess were celebrated, whilst right-handers were encouraged to try out everyday left-handed objects to see just how awkward it can feel using the wrong equipment!

These events have contributed more than anything else to the general awareness of the difficulties and frustrations left-handers experience in everyday life, and have successfully led to improved product design and greater consideration of our needs by the right-handed majority - although there is still a long way to go!!



International Youth day- 12th August 2010

International Youth Day will be celebrated at United Nations headquarters in New York with the global launch event of the International Year of Youth. The event will be a celebration of young peoples' energy, imagination and initiatives and will recognize their crucial contributions to enhancing peace and development.

The event is an opportunity for the international community and the UN system to demonstrate their commitment to young people. But it will also be a fun occasion with musical guests and performances. A photo exhibit entitled "Visual Voices - Youth perspectives on Global Issues" will be inaugurated in the UN visitors lobby. The exhibit will be open to the public until early September.

In addition to the global launch event at UN Headquarters, there will be celebrations all over the world, which will highlight opportunities and challenges for youth throughout the International Year of Youth in different regions and countries.



Did you Know that...

William Wilberforce, British statesman and crusader against slavery was born August 24, 1759.

Please note care has been taken to ensure the above information is correct if there are any errors or omissions please let Donna Gooby or Becki Maud know for future factsheets.

Thank you.