



WEST MIDLANDS RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

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Key Racial Awareness Events 2026

1 Race Equality Week

- **Dates:** 2nd – 8th February 2026
- **Description:** A UK-wide movement uniting organisations to address barriers to race equality in workplaces.
- **Theme:** #ChangeNeedsAllOfUs
- **Website:** <https://www.raceequalitymatters.com/race-equality-week/>

2 Racial Justice Sunday

- **Date:** 8th February 2026
- **Description:** Observed by British Christian churches to reflect on racial justice, give thanks for human diversity, and commit to ending racism.
- **Theme:** "Love Your Neighbour"
- **Website:** <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/racial-justice-sunday-8-february-2026/>

3 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

- **Date:** 21st March 2026
- **Description:** A UN-designated day raising awareness about racial discrimination and promoting equality.
- **Website:** <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>

4 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

- **Dates:** 1st – 30th June 2026
- **Description:** Recognises the history, culture, and contributions of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities in the UK.
- **Website:** <https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/>

5 Refugee Week

- **Dates:** 15th – 21st June 2026
- **Description:** A UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity, and resilience of refugees, fostering understanding between communities.
- **Website:** <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

6 Windrush Day

- **Date:** 22nd June 2026
- **Description:** Commemorates the arrival of the Windrush generation to the UK and recognises their contributions to British society.
- **Website:** <https://windrush-monument.communities.gov.uk/>

7 South Asian Heritage Month

- **Dates:** 1st – 31st July 2026
- **Description:** Highlights the cultural heritage and contributions of South Asian communities in Britain.
- **Website:** <https://southasianheritage.org.uk/>

8 East and South East Asian Heritage Month

- **Dates:** 1st – 30th September 2026
- **Description:** A month dedicated to celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of East and South East Asian communities in the UK.
- **Website:** <https://www.eseaheritagemonth.co.uk/>

9 National Inclusion Week

- **Dates:** 14th – 20th September 2026
- **Description:** An annual event dedicated to celebrating inclusion and promoting inclusive workplaces and communities.
- **Website:** <https://www.inclusiveemployers.co.uk/national-inclusion-week/>

10 Black History Month

- **Dates:** 1st – 31st October 2026
- **Description:** A month-long celebration recognising the achievements, history, and culture of Black communities in the UK.
- **Website:** <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

11 Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day

- **Dates:** 16th October 2026 (third Friday in October)
- **Description:** An annual day of action encouraging schools, businesses, and individuals to wear red and donate to support anti-racism education programs across the UK.
- **Website:** <https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day>