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*Maya Angelou, Author & Poet*
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“We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race”

Kofi Annan, United Nations (1938 - )

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Black History Month

October, 2012 (whole month)

Black History Month has been celebrated across the UK every October for over 30 years, each year going from strength-to-strength.

Black History Month is a time when we highlight and celebrate the achievements of the Black community and uncover hidden history about our communities.

For more information visit  www.blackhistorymonthuk.co.uk

UK Older People’s Day
1st October, 2012

Highlights older people’s contribution to society and the economy.

Aims to celebrate the opportunities and achievements that later life can bring.

Useful link  www.direct.gov.uk

World Mental Health Day
10th October, 2012

Since 1992 World Mental Health Day has been observed annually on 10 October.

One in four of us will be affected by a Mental Health condition in our lifetimes.

Useful link  www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Multifaith Dates – October, 2012

1st  Sukkot (Jewish)
2nd  Feast of the Guardian Angels (Christian)
7th  Hoshanah Rabbah (Jewish)
8th  Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
9th  Simchat Torah (Jewish)
     Birthday of Guru Ram Das (Nanakshahi calendar) (Sikh)
13th  St Edward’s Day (Christian)
16th  Navaratri (start) (Hindu)
20th  Birth of the Bab (Bahai)
24th  Dussehra (Hindu)
26th  Eid-Ul-Adha (Muslim)
31st  Samhain (Hallowe’en) (Pagan)
     Hallowe’en (All Hallows' Eve) (Christian)

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“Peace is not unity in similarity but unity in diversity, in the comparison and conciliation of differences”

Mikhail Gorbachev, former Soviet Leader (1931 - )

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