



Awareness days and events around Sensory Loss (Blindness and Sight Loss; Deafness and Hearing Loss; and Deafblindness and Dual Sensory Loss) for year 2022.

Blindness and Sight Loss (i.e. Blind; Partially Sighted; Vision Loss; Visual Loss)

Around 400,000 people in Scotland has a blindness and sight loss. That's 1 in 13 of the population.

Deafness and Hearing Loss (i.e. Deaf; Deafblind; Deafened; Hard of Hearing), including British Sign Language (BSL)

Around one million people in Scotland has a deafness and hearing loss. That's 1 in 5 of the population. 12,533* people in Scotland use BSL at home (*Census 2011).

Deafblindness and Dual Sensory Loss

Around 31,000 people in Scotland has a deafblindness and dual sensory loss.

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January:

National Glaucoma Awareness Month (World-wide)

Month of January 2022

World Braille Day (World-wide)

Tuesday 04 January 2022

Blue Monday (UK wide)

Monday 17 January 2022

Big Energy Saving Week (UK wide)

Monday 17 to Sunday 23 January 2022

UN International Day of Education (World-wide)

Monday 24 January 2022

February:

National LGBT+ History Month (UK wide)

Month of February 2022

Retinitis Pigmentosa Month (World-wide)

Month of February 2022

Time to Talk Day (UK wide)

Thursday 03 February 2022

Tinnitus Awareness Week (UK wide)

Monday 07 to Sunday 13 February 2022

Children's Mental Health Week (UK wide)

Monday 07 to Sunday 13 February 2022

National Apprenticeship Week (UK wide)

Monday 07 to Sunday 13 February 2022

Safer Internet Day (World-wide)

Tuesday 08 February 2022

UN International Day of Women and Girls in Science (World-wide)

Friday 11 February 2022

Random Acts of Kindness Day (UK wide)

Thursday 17 February 2022

Care Day (UK wide)

Friday 18 February 2022

UN World Day of Social Justice (World-wide)

Sunday 20 February 2022

International Cochlear Implant Day (World-wide)

Friday 25 February 2022

Cyber Scotland Week (Scotland)

Monday 28 February to Sunday 06 March 2022

March:

Save Your Vision Month (World-wide)

Month of March 2022

World Book Day (World-wide)

Thursday 03 March 2022

World Hearing Day 2022 (World-wide)

Thursday 03 March 2022

Employee Appreciation Day (UK wide)

Friday 04 March 2022

World Glaucoma Week (World-wide)

Sunday 06 to Saturday 12 March 2022

National Careers Week (UK wide)

Monday 07 to Saturday 12 March 2022

International Women's Day (World-wide)

Tuesday 08 March 2022

World Glaucoma Day (World-wide)

Saturday 12 March 2022

Sign Language Week (UK wide)

Monday 14 to Sunday 20 March 2022

Disabled Access Day (UK wide)

Wednesday 16 March 2022 TBC

Young Carers Action Day (UK wide)

Wednesday 16 March 2022

UK Sign Language Recognition Day (UK wide)

Friday 18 March 2022

World Sleep Day (World-wide)

Friday 18 March 2022

International Day of Happiness (World-wide)

Sunday 20 March 2022

World Storytelling Day (World-wide)

Sunday 20 March 2022

Neurodiversity Celebration Week (UK wide)

Monday 21 to Sunday 27 March 2022

International Trans Day of Visibility (World-wide)

Thursday 31 March 2022

April:

National Pet Month (Celebration of guide dogs) (UK wide)

Month of April 2022

Stress Awareness Month (World-wide)

Month of April 2022

World Autism Awareness Day (World-wide)

Saturday 02 April 2022

WHO World Health Day (World-wide)

Thursday 07 April 2022

National Pet Day (World-wide)

Monday 11 April 2022

World Voice Day (Recognition of mutism and stutter) (World-wide)

Saturday 16 April 2022

Earth Day (World)

Friday 22 April 2022

UN English Language Day (World-wide)

Saturday 23 April 2022

World Meningitis Day (World-wide)

Sunday 24 April 2022

UN World Day for Safety and Health at Work (World-wide)

Thursday 28 April 2022

On Your Feet Britain (UK wide)

Thursday 28 April 2022

May:

Local and Community History Month (UK wide)

Month of May 2022

National Walking Month (UK wide)

Month of May 2022

Deaf Awareness Week (UK wide)

Monday 02 to Sunday 08 May 2022

World Password Day (World-wide)

Thursday 05 May 2022

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Week (UK wide)

Monday 09 to Friday 13 May 2022

Mental Health Awareness Week (UK wide)

Monday 09 to Sunday 15 May 2022

Global Accessibility Awareness Day (World-wide)

Thursday 19 May 2022

**UN World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
(World-wide)**

Saturday 21 May 2022

June:

Cataract Awareness Month (UK wide)

Month of June 2022

Pride Month (UK wide)

Month of June 2022

Volunteers Week (UK wide)

Wednesday 01 to Tuesday 07 June 2022

The Big Lunch (UK wide)

Thursday 02 to Sunday 05 June 2022

Thank You Day (UK wide)

Sunday 05 June 2022

World Environment Day (World-wide)

Sunday 05 June 2022

Carers Week (UK wide)

Monday 06 to Sunday 12 June 2022

What Matters to You Day (UK wide)

Thursday 09 June 2022

Diabetes Awareness Week (UK wide)

Friday 10 to Friday 17 June 2022 TBC

Loneliness Awareness Week (UK wide)

Monday 13 to Friday 17 June 2022

Men's Health Week (UK wide)

Monday 13 to Sunday 19 June 2022

National Freelancers Day (UK wide)

Thursday 16 June 2022

Deafblind Awareness Week (Scotland)

Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June 2022

Macular Awareness Week (UK wide)

Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June 2022

July:

International Disability Awareness Day (World-wide)

Sunday 17 July 2022

UN International Friendship Day (World-wide)

Saturday 30 July 2022

September:

Self Management Month (Scotland)

The month of September 2022.

Lipreading Awareness Week (UK wide)

Typically held in the second week of September TBC

Balance Awareness Week (World-wide)

Monday 12 to Saturday 17 September 2022

World Suicide Prevention Day (World-wide)
Saturday 10 September 2022

World Patient Safety Day (World-wide)
Saturday 17 September 2022

International Week of the Deaf (World-wide)
Monday 19 to Sunday 25 September 2022

National Eye Health Week (UK wide)
Monday 19 to Sunday 25 September 2022

International Week of Happiness at Work (World-wide)
Monday 19 to Sunday 25 September 2022

Youth Mental Health Day (UK wide)
Monday 19 September 2022

Usher Syndrome Awareness Day (World-wide)
Monday 19 September 2022

National Eye Health Week (UK wide)
Monday 19 to Sunday 25 September 2022

UN International Day of Sign Languages (World-wide)
Friday 23 September 2022

National Inclusion Week (UK wide)
Monday 26 September to Sunday 02 October 2022

European Day of Languages (Europe)
Monday 26 September 2022

UN International Translation Day (World-wide)
Friday 30 September 2022

October:

International AAC Awareness (World-wide)
Month of October 2022

Global Diversity Awareness Month (World-wide)
Month of October 2022

Black History Month (UK wide)
Month of October 2022

International Day of Older Persons (World-wide)
Saturday 01 October 2022

UNESCO World Teacher's Day (World-wide)
Wednesday 05 October 2022

Dyslexia Awareness Week (UK wide)
Wednesday 05 to Tuesday 11 October 2022

World Smile Day (World-wide)
Friday 07 October 2022

National Work Life Week (UK wide)
Monday 10 to Friday 14 October 2022

World Mental Health Day (World-wide)
Monday 10 October 2022

National Braille Week (UK wide)
Monday 10 to Sunday 16 October 2022 TBC

World Sight Day (World-wide)
Thursday 13 October 2022

White Cane Safety Day (World-wide)
Saturday 15 October 2022

World Statistics Day (World-wide)
Friday 20 October 2022

BSL Scotland Day (Scotland)
Saturday 22 October 2022

International Stuttering Awareness Day (World-wide)
Saturday 22 October 2022

World Occupational Therapy Day (World-wide)
Thursday 27 October 2022

November:
National Stress Awareness Day (UK wide)
Wednesday 02 November 2022

Social Media Kindness Day (UK wide)
Wednesday 09 November 2022

Trans Awareness Week (World-wide)
Sunday 13 to Saturday 19 November 2022

World Diabetes Day (World-wide)
Monday 14 November 2022

Anti-Bullying Week (UK wide)
Monday 14 to Friday 18 November 2022

Book Week (Scotland)
Monday 14 to Sunday 20 November 2022

National Self Care Week (UK wide)
Monday 14 to Sunday 20 November 2022

Charles Bonnet Syndrome Awareness Day
Wednesday 16 November 2022

International Men's Day (UK wide)
Saturday 19 November 2022

World Children's Day (World-wide)
Sunday 20 November 2022

Captioning Awareness Week (UK wide)
Typically held in the second or third week of November TBC

Road Safety Week (UK wide)
Typically held in the third week of November TBC

Disability History Month (UK wide)
Tuesday 22 November to Thursday 22 December 2022

Black Friday (World-wide)
Friday 25 November 2022

Cyber Monday (World-wide)
Monday 28 November 2022

Giving Tuesday (World-wide)

Tuesday 29 November 2022

December:

National Grief Awareness Week

Typically held in the first week of December TBC

UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities (World-wide)

Saturday 03 December 2022

International Volunteer Day (World-wide)

Monday 05 December 2022

UN Human Rights Day (World-wide)

Saturday 10 December 2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If any information or dates are incorrect, other awareness days and events around or involved with sensory loss are omitted from this document by error, please contact the Scottish Sensory Hub by email: sensory@alliance-scotland.org.uk.

(Information compiled from deafscotland, Deafblind Scotland, Sense Scotland, Sight Scotland, Visibility Scotland, RNID, Hearing Link, NDCS, BDA, UKCoD, RNIB, Business Disability Forum, Guild, UN and WHO.)

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