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1. Choose calendar dates your organization would like to highlight.
2. Create the events on your personal calendar, set as recurring with a reminder one week before event.
3. Copy and paste the resources, hashtags and handles for each event.
4. Always check resource links for the latest hashtags; note some dates change year to year.
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@EWBUSA	@medadotorg	
@FAVACA_ORG	@meda_women	
@FSVCorg	@meda_youth	

JANUARY

JANUARY 15: NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

NOTE: National Day of Service is also applicable on 9/11

SOURCE: Corporation of National and Community Service

Resources

- » <https://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday>

Hashtags

- » #MLKDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@MLKDay](#)
- » [@CNCS](#)
- » [@911day](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

ALL OF JANUARY: NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

SOURCE: Harvard School of Public Health, MENTOR Nonprofit Organization, Corporation for National and Community Service

Resources

- » <https://youth.gov/feature-article/national-mentoring-month>
- » <https://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/national-mentoring-month>
- » <http://www.mentoring.org/our-work/campaigns/national-mentoring-month/>

Hashtags

- » #ThankYourMentor
- » #MentorIRL
- » #PromiseChat
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@MENTORnational](#)
- » [@HarvardChanSPH](#)
- » [@CNCS](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 11: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/index.shtml>
- » <http://www.womeninscienceday.org/>
- » <https://en.unesco.org/women-and-girls-in-science>

Hashtags

- » #WomeninScience
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@WomenScienceDay](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@UNESCO](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

FEBRUARY 14: VALENTINE'S DAY

SOURCE: Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance

Resources

- » <http://vegaalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/VEGA-Volunteer-Valentine-Social-Media-Toolkit.pdf>

Hashtags

- » #VolunteerValentine
- » #VolunteerTogether
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

FEBRUARY 17: RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

SOURCE: Random Acts of Kindness Foundation

Resources

- » <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>

Hashtags

- » #RAKday
- » #RandomActsofKindnessDay
- » #KindnessDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@RAKFoundation](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

FEBRUARY 20: WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

SOURCE: United Nations, American Library Association, International Labor Office

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/>
- » <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/international-days/world-day-of-social-justice/2018-2.html>

Hashtags

- » #wdsj
- » #WorldDayofSocialJustice
- » #SocialJustice
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@ALALibrary](#)
- » [@ilo](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@UNESCO](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

MARCH

MARCH 5-11 (DATES CHANGE): GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP WEEK

SOURCE: U.S. Department of State, Concordia, USAID Global Development Lab, PeaceTech Lab

Resources

- » <http://www.p3.co/>
- » <https://www.concordia.net/events/global-partnerships-week-2018/>

Hashtags

- » #GPW2019
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@GPatState](#)
- » [@GlobalDevLab](#)
- » [@ConcordiaSummit](#)
- » [@PeaceTechLab](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

MARCH 8: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/>
- » <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/international-womens-day>

Hashtags

- » #IWD2018
- » #TimelsNow
- » #PressforProgress
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@un_women](#)
- » [@womensday](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

MARCH 18: INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

SOURCE: Agriculture Council of America

Resources

- » <https://www.agday.org/>
- » <http://worldagday.com/en/>

Hashtags

- » #FoodForLife
- » #AgDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @agday
- » @USDA
- » @VegaAlliance

MARCH 21: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/>
- » <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/racialdiscriminationday>
- » <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/IDERD/2016/Pages/IntDay.aspx>

Hashtags

- » #FightRacism
- » #IDERD
- » #ItStopsWithMe
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UN
- » @UNESCO
- » @UNHumanRights
- » @VegaAlliance

MARCH 21: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS

SOURCE: Secretariat of the UN Forum on Forests in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/forestsday/>
- » <http://www.fao.org/international-day-of-forests/en/>

Hashtags

- » #IntlForestDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @FAOForestry
- » @FAOstatistics
- » @UNEnvironment
- » @UN
- » @UNESCO
- » @VegaAlliance

MARCH 22: WORLD WATER DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/waterday/>
- » <http://worldwaterday.org/>
- » <https://www.cdc.gov/features/worldwaterday/index.html>
- » <https://water.org/water-day/>
- » <https://www.unenvironment.org/events/un-day/world-water-day-2018-answer-nature>

Hashtags

- » #WorldWaterDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UN_Water
- » @UNEnvironment
- » @UN
- » @CDCGlobal
- » @VegaAlliance

APRIL

APRIL 7: WORLD HEALTH DAY

SOURCE: World Health Organization

Resources

- » <http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2018/en/>
- » <http://www.paho.org/world-health-day/>

Hashtags

- » #HealthForAll
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @WHO
- » @VegaAlliance

APRIL 15-21 (DATES CHANGE): NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

SOURCE: Points of Light Foundation

Resources

- » <https://ww2.pointsoflight.org/nvw>
- » <https://ww2.pointsoflight.org/nvw-toolkit>

Hashtags

- » #NVW
- » #ivolunteer
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@PointsofLight](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

APRIL 22: EARTH DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/motherearthday/>
- » <https://www.earthday.org/>
- » <https://www.epa.gov/earthday>

Hashtags

- » #EarthDay
- » #EveryDaysEarthDay
- » #ActOnClimate
- » #EndPlasticPollution
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@EarthDayNetwork](#)
- » [@EPA](#)
- » [@UNEnvironment](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

APRIL 22-28 (DATES CHANGE): GLOBAL ACTION WEEK FOR EDUCATION

SOURCE: Global Campaign for Education, UNESCO

Resources

- » <http://www.campaignforeducation.org/en/global-action-week>
- » <https://en.unesco.org/node/269613>

Hashtags

- » #GAW2018
- » #SDG4
- » #PowerToCitizens
- » #KeepYourPromises
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@educationweek](#)
- » [@UNESCO](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

APRIL 25: WORLD MALARIA DAY

SOURCE: World Health Organization

Resources

- » <http://www.who.int/campaigns/malaria-day/2018/en/>
- » <https://www.cdc.gov/features/worldmaliaday/index.html>

Hashtags

- » #WorldMalariaDay
- » #Malaria
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [worldmaliaday](#)
- » [@WHO](#)
- » [@CDCGlobal](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

APRIL 26: ARBOR DAY

SOURCE: Arbor Day Foundation

Resources

- » <https://www.arborday.org/>

Hashtags

- » #ArborDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@arborday](#)
- » [@FAOForestry](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

MAY

MAY 12 (DATE CHANGES): WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY

SOURCE: World Fair Trade Organization

Resources

- » <https://wfto.com/events/world-fair-trade-day-2018-0>

Hashtags

- » #FairTradeDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@WFTO_FairTrade](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

MAY 20: WORLD BEE DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/beeday/>
- » <https://www.worldbeeday.org/en/>

Hashtags

- » #WorldBeeDay
- » #SaveTheBees
- » #20May
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@worldbeeday](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

JUNE

JUNE 5: WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentday/>
- » <http://worldenvironmentday.global/>
- » <https://www.unenvironment.org/events/un-environment-event/world-environment-day-2018>

Hashtags

- » #WorldEnvironmentDay
- » #BeatPlasticPollution
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@UNEnvironment](#)
- » [@EPA](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

JUNE 20: WORLD REFUGEE DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/>
- » <http://www.unhcr.org/refugeeday/ehgl/>
- » <http://www.rcusa.org/world-refugee-day/>

Hashtags

- » #WithRefugees
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@WorldRefugeeDay](#)
- » [@Refugees](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

JUNE 27: MICRO-, SMALL- AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/smallbusinessday/>

Hashtags

- » #MSMEDay
- » #MSME
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@ITCNews](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

JULY

JULY 1: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COOPERATIVES

SOURCE: International Cooperative Alliance, United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/cooperativesday/>
- » <http://www.copac.coop/day-of-cooperatives/>
- » http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/cooperatives/news/WCMS_550219/lang--en/index.htm

Hashtags

- » #CoopsDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@icacoop](#)
- » [@ilo](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

JULY 15: WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/youthskillsday/>
- » <https://www.worldskills.org/what/promoting-skills/world-youth-skills-day/2017/>
- » <https://unevoc.unesco.org/go.php?q=World%20Youth%20Skills%20Day>

Hashtags

- » #WYSD
- » #SkillsForAll
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@UN4Youth](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

AUGUST

AUGUST 9: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/>
- » <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/indigenous-peoples-day>

Hashtags

- » #WeAreIndigenous
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@UN4Indigenous](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@UNESCO](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

AUGUST 12: INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/youthday/>
- » <https://en.unesco.org/events/international-youth-day>

Hashtags

- » #YouthDay
- » #Youth4Peace
- » #ActOn2250
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@UN4Youth](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@UNESCO](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

AUGUST 19: WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanitarianday/>
- » <https://www.unocha.org/events/world-humanitarian-day>

Hashtags

- » #NotATarget
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@UNOCHA](#)
- » [@UN](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 8: INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

SOURCE: United Nations, International Literacy Association

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/literacyday/>
- » <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/meetings-events/international-literacy-day>
- » <https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy-all/literacy-day>

Hashtags

- » #LiteracyDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » [@ILAToday](#)
- » [@WorldLiteracy](#)
- » [@UNESCO](#)
- » [@VegaAlliance](#)

SEPTEMBER 11-15 (DATES CHANGE): FEED THE FUTURE WEEK

SOURCE: Feed the Future

Resources

- » <https://twitter.com/feedthefuture?lang=en>

Hashtags

- » #endhunger
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @FeedtheFuture
- » @VegaAlliance

SEPTEMBER 15: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/democracyday/>
- » <http://archive.ipu.org/dem-e/idd/overview.htm>

Hashtags

- » #InternationalDemocracyDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @Democracy_Day
- » @IPUparliament
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

SEPTEMBER 21: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>
- » <http://internationaldayofpeace.org/>
- » <http://www.upf.org/united-nations/international-day-of-peace>

Hashtags

- » #PeaceDay
- » #StandUp4HumanRights
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @PeaceDay
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

SEPTEMBER 27: WORLD TOURISM DAY

SOURCE: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/tourismday/>
- » <http://wtd.unwto.org/>

Hashtags

- » #WorldTourismDay
- » #WTD2017
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UNWTO
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1 (DATE CHANGES): INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY

SOURCE: International Coffee Organization

Resources

- » <https://internationalcoffeeday.org/>
- » <http://www.ico.org/international-coffee-day.asp>

Hashtags

- » #internationalcoffeeday
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @ICOCoffeeOrg
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER 1: CHILD HEALTH DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/child-health-day>

Hashtags

- » #ChildHealthDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UN4Youth
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER 5: WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

SOURCE: UNESCO

Resources

- » <https://en.unesco.org/themes/teachers/world-teachers-day>
- » <https://www.worldteachersday.org/map/index.php/main>

Hashtags

- » #WorldTeachersDay
- » #teachers
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UNESCO
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER 11: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/girlchild/>
- » <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child>
- » https://www.unicef.org/gender/gender_dayofthegirl.html
- » <http://www.dayofthegirl.org/>

Hashtags

- » #DayOfTheGirl
- » #IDG2018
- » #FreedomForGirls
- » #ENDviolence
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @DayoftheGirl
- » @UNICEF
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER 13: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/disasterreductionday/>
- » <https://www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/iddr>
- » <http://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/disaster-management/preparing-for-disaster/risk-reduction/international-day-for-risk-reduction/>

Hashtags

- » #IDDR2018
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @unisdr
- » @RedCross
- » @UN
- » @UNESCO
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER 15: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/ruralwomenday/>

Hashtags

- » #ruralwomen
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UN_Women
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER 16: WORLD FOOD DAY (ALSO WORLD FOOD PRIZE)

SOURCE: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/2017/home/en/>
- » <https://www.wfp.org/worldfoodday>

Hashtags

- » #WFD2018
- » #ZeroHunger
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @WFP
- » @FAOKnowledge
- » @VegaAlliance

OCTOBER 17: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/povertyday/>
- » <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/#.Wv7a69Mvxg0>

Hashtags

- » #EndPoverty
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UN
- » @UNESCO
- » @VegaAlliance

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 20: AFRICA INDUSTRIALIZATION DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/africaday/>
- » <http://www.un.org/en/africa/osaa/events/2017/africaindustrializationday.shtml>
- » <https://www.unido.org/2017-africa-industrialization-day>

Hashtags

- » #AfricanIndustrializationDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UNIDO
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

NOVEMBER 25: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>
- » <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/end-violence-against-women>
- » <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/international-day-for-the-elimination-of-violence-against-women>
- » <http://www.who.int/life-course/news/events/2017-intl-day-for-elimination-of-violence-against-women/en/>

Hashtags

- » #OrangeTheWorld
- » #16Days
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UN_Women
- » @UN
- » @UNESCO
- » @WHO
- » @VegaAlliance

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1: WORLD AIDS DAY

SOURCE: World Health Organization

Resources

- » <https://www.worldaidsday.org/>
- » <https://www.hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/world-aids-day>

Hashtags

- » #WAD2016
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @WHO
- » @HIVGov
- » @VegaAlliance

DECEMBER 5: INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/volunteerday/>
- » <http://vegaalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Social-Media-Toolkit-VEGA-IVD2017.pdf>
- » <http://vegaalliance.org/success-stories/ivd2017/>
- » <https://www.unv.org/internationalvolunteerday2017>

Hashtags

- » #IVD2018
- » #VolunteersActFirst
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UNVolunteers
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance

DECEMBER 9: INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/anticorruptionday/>
- » <http://www.anticorruptionday.org/>

Hashtags

- » #UnitedAgainstCorruption
- » #AntiCorruption
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UNDP
- » @UNODC
- » @UN
- » @anticorruption
- » @VegaAlliance

DECEMBER 10: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

SOURCE: United Nations

Resources

- » <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>
- » <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/HumanRightsDay.aspx>

Hashtags

- » #HumanRightsDay
- » #VolunteerImpact360

Handles

- » @UNHumanRights
- » @UN
- » @VegaAlliance