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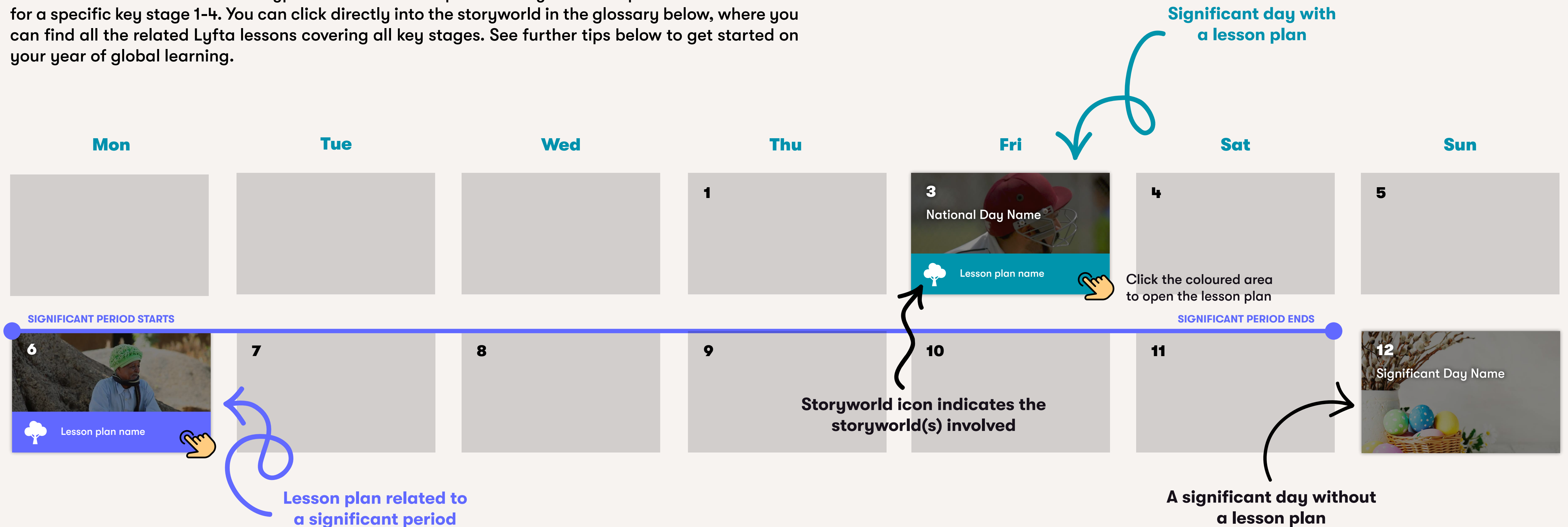
# 2023-2024 CALENDAR

# HOW THE CALENDAR WORKS

The Lyfta calendar maps out global days, weeks and months of awareness and celebrations across the school academic year. Its purpose is to help you to engage your students in global learning and citizenship.

The significant dates can be brought to life through Lyfta's immersive storytelling resources. Each Lyfta storyworld features an inspiring real human story, carefully selected to spark curiosity, empathy and compassion.

You'll find that each date has a hyperlink to a relevant pre-made Lyfta lesson plan which is suitable for a specific key stage 1-4. You can click directly into the storyworld in the glossary below, where you can find all the related Lyfta lessons covering all key stages. See further tips below to get started on your year of global learning.



2023

# SEPTEMBER



Sylvain, United Kingdom (Keep London Smiling)

Mon

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ZERO WASTE WEEK

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Zero Waste Week

The power of creativity

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International Day of Charity

Fundraising and charity

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Zero Waste Week

Fun fashion

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International Literacy Day

Let's write a poem

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LONDON FASHION WEEK

GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN

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15  
International Day of Democracy

Election time

16  
International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer

Carlos in Guatemala

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London Fashion Week

Sustainable fashion

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London Fashion Week

Costume creation

19  
Great British Beach Clean

Reduce plastic waste

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International Day of Peace

The art of living in peace

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International Day of Sign Languages

Sign languages

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UK NATIONAL INCLUSION WEEK

25  
UK National Inclusion Week

Being an advocate

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European Day of Languages

Hopes and dreams

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World Tourism Day

As tourists in Awra Amba

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World Maritime Day

Women in fishing

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*I think what we owe each other is a celebration of life and to replace fear and hopelessness with fearlessness and joy.*

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**Vandana Shiva**

Scholar, environmental activist and ecofeminist

# OCTOBER

Catherine, Uganda (Boxing Clever)

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH UK** 🖐️

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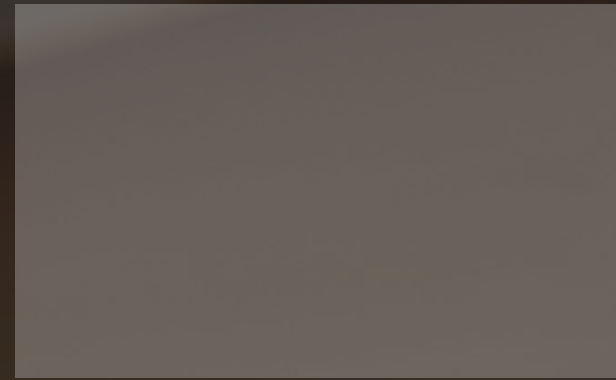
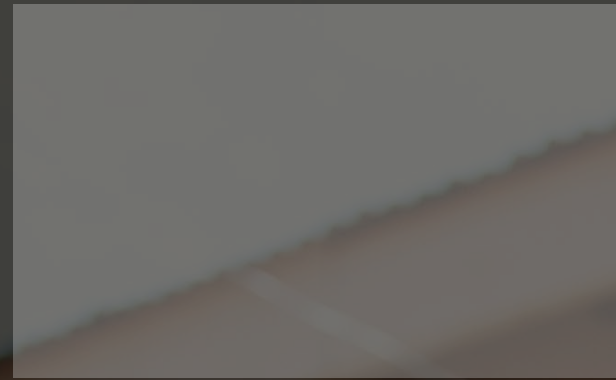
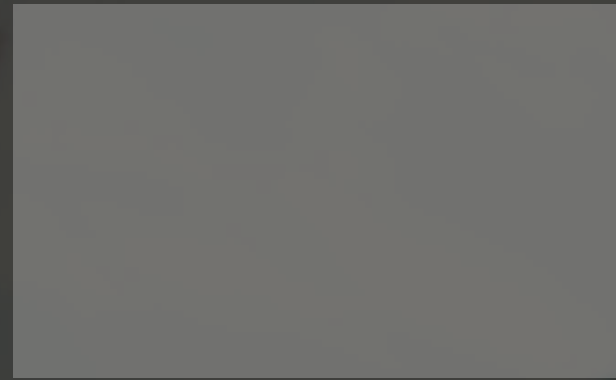
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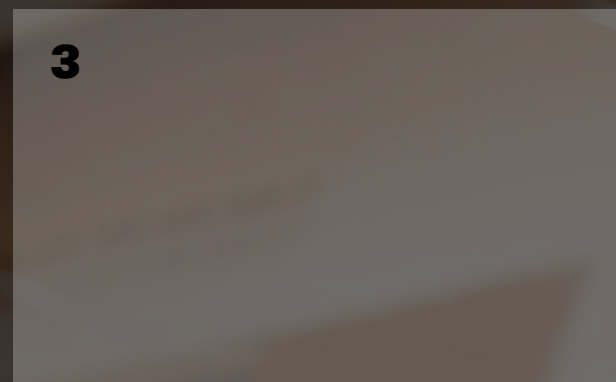
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**1**  
International Day of Older Persons

 Supporting elders

**2**  
World Habitat Day

 Visit the rainforest

**WORLD SPACE WEEK**

**4**  
World Animal Day

 New lesson plan coming soon!

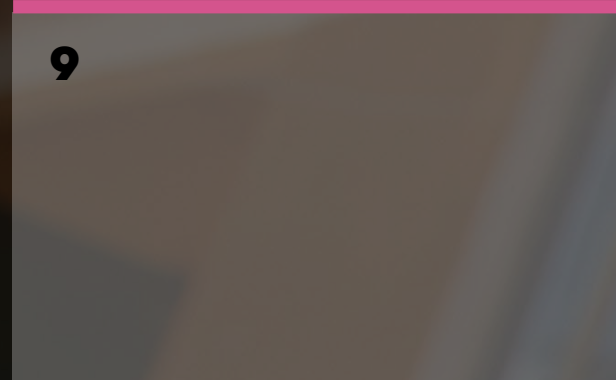
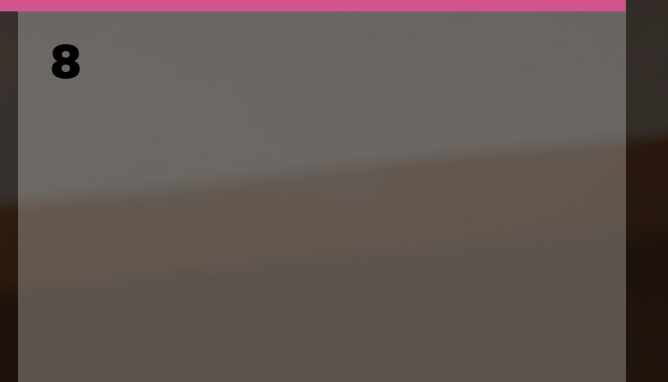
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World Teacher's Day

 Eshmaeil in Iran

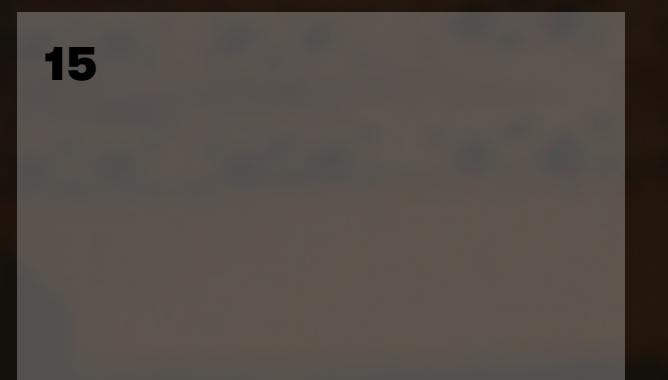
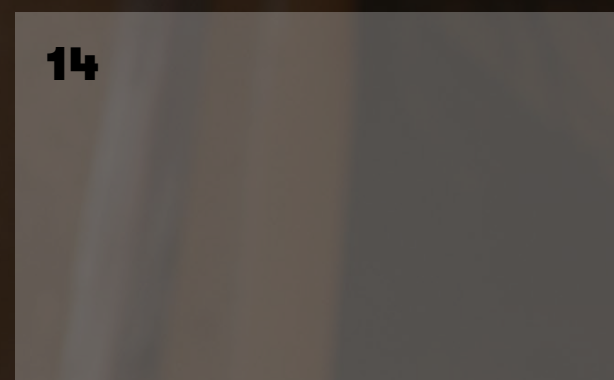
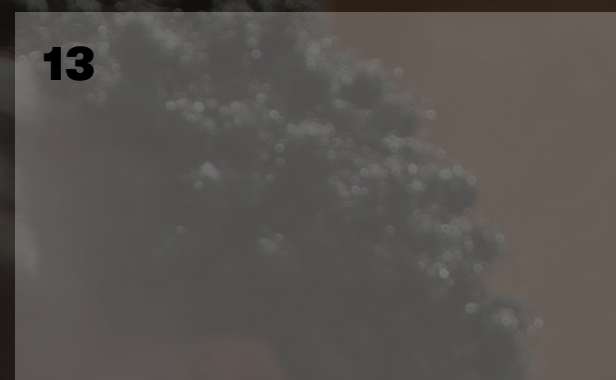
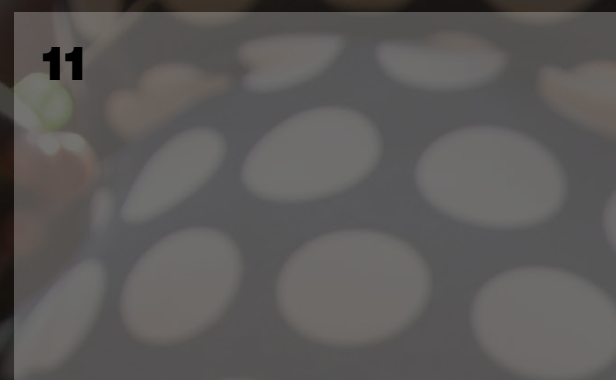
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World Space Week

 Astronomy and people skills

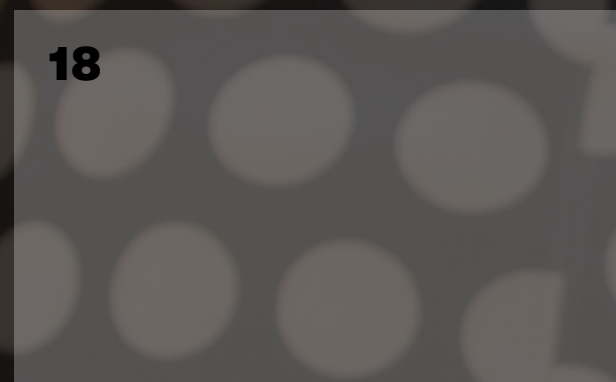
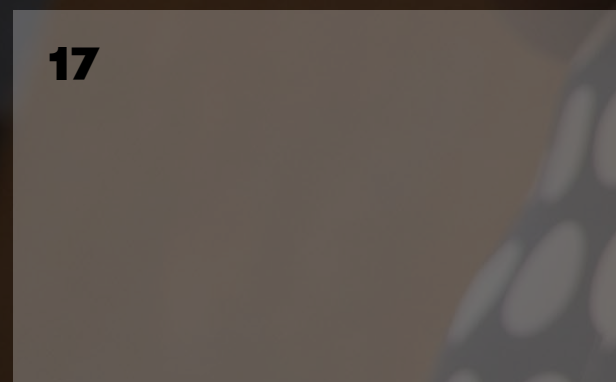
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World Space Week

 Astronomy and STEM skills

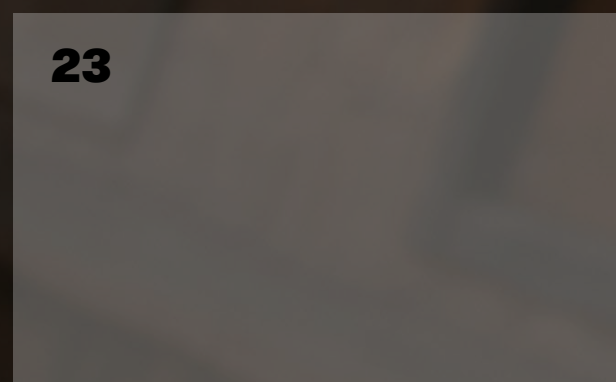
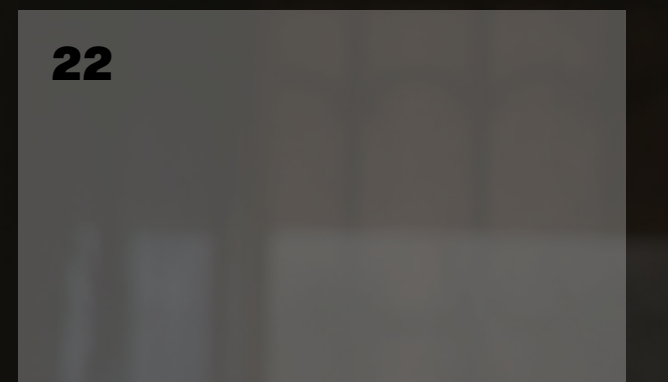
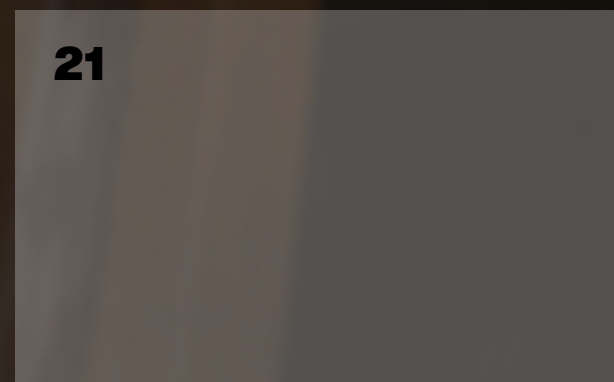
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World Mental Health Day

 Wellbeing and loneliness

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World Food Day

 Grow your own food

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World Values Day

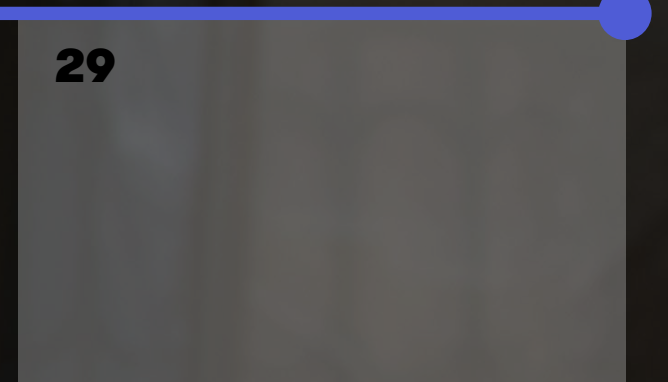
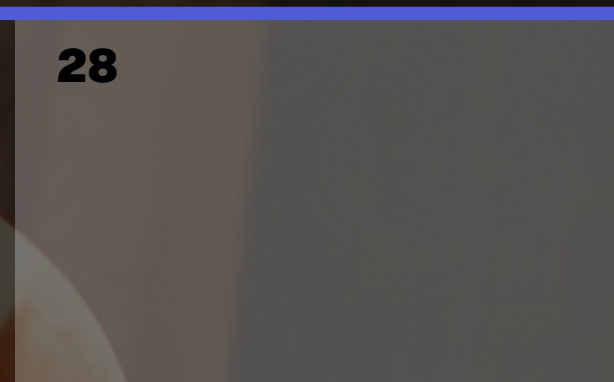
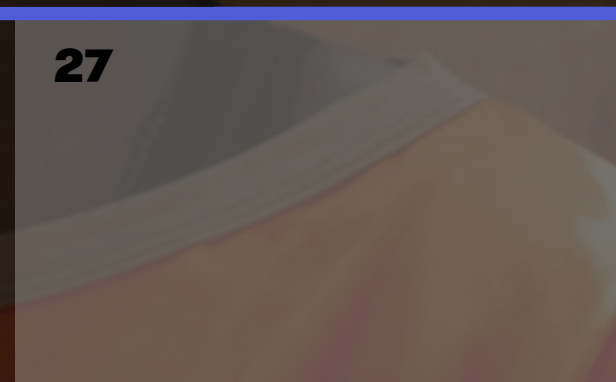
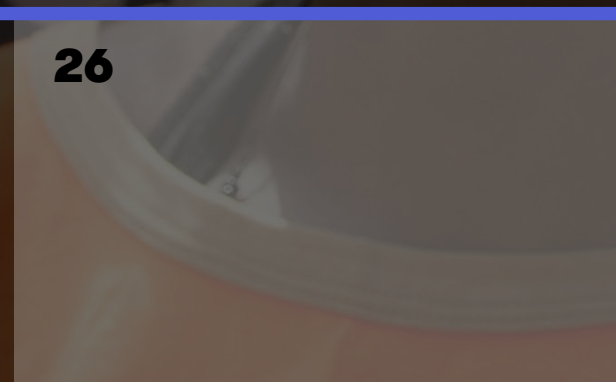
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**GLOBAL MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY WEEK**

**24**  
United Nations Day

 UNESCO World Heritage

**25**  
Global Media and Information Literacy Week

 Develop media literacy





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*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.*

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**Helen Keller**

Author, disability rights advocate,  
political activist and lecturer

# NOVEMBER



Natalie, Denmark (Becoming Me)

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World Science Day for  
Peace and Development

Careers in STEM

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UK Interfaith Week

Understanding worldviews

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

UK DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH

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World Kindness Day

Multicultural London

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Global Entrepreneurship  
Day

A beekeeper's day

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UK Interfaith Week

Mohammed's garden

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UK Disability History Month

Disability activism

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Anti-bullying Week

Building a united world

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Anti-bullying Week

Moving on

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World Children's Day

Working children

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International Buy Nothing  
Day (Anti Black Friday)

Meet Andrea

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*There is incredible generosity in the potentialities of Nature.  
We only have to discover how to utilise them.*

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**E.F.Schumacher**

Statistician, economist and author

# DECEMBER



Ahen, Indonesia (A Father's Legacy)

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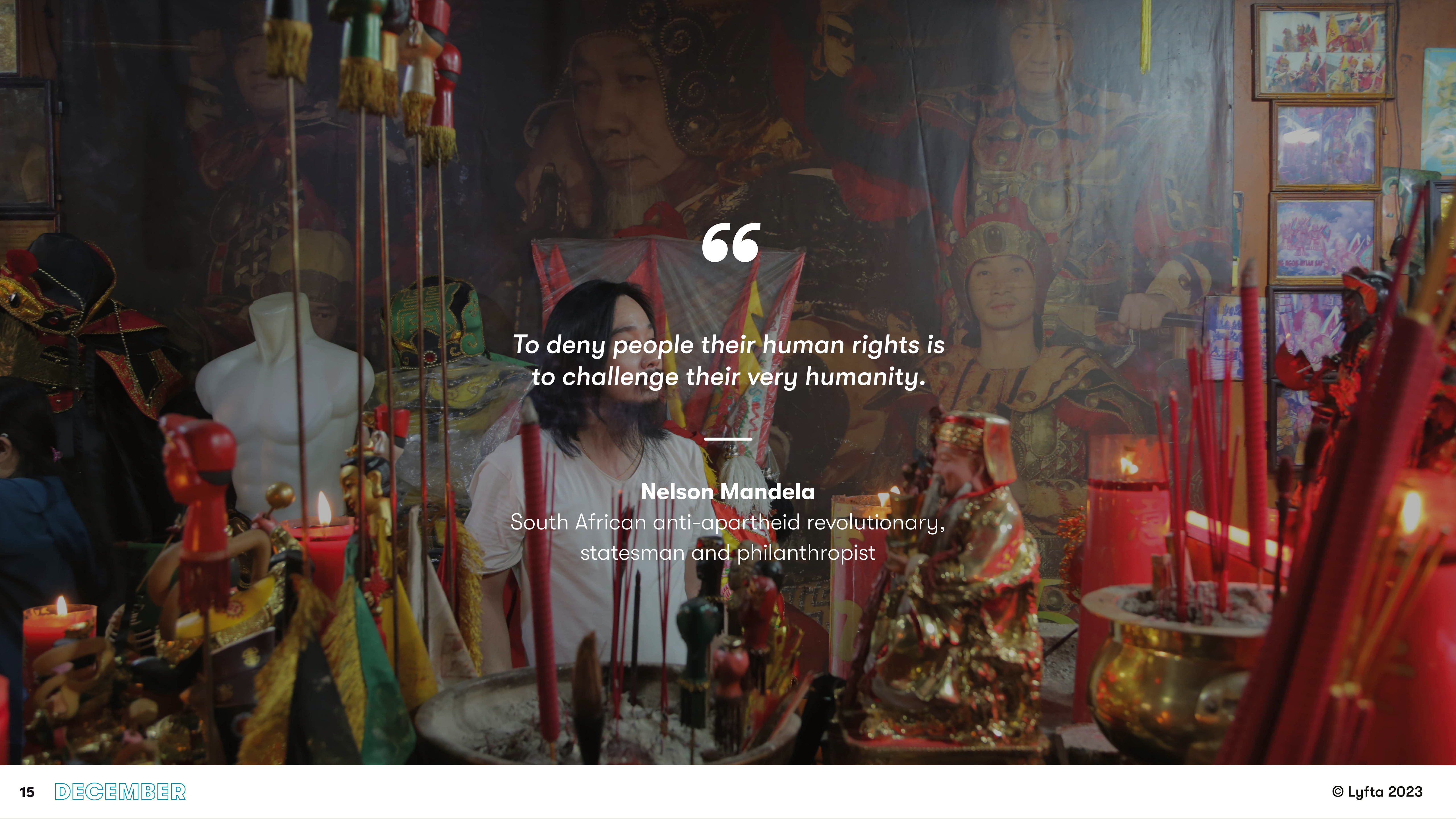
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UK DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH

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			HANUKKAH			
4	5 International Volunteer Day Fundraising and charity	6	7 Hanukkah begins New lesson plan coming soon!	8	9	10 International Human Rights Day Democracy
11 International Mountain Day Volcanoes	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 International Migrants Day Welcoming strangers	19	20 International Solidarity Day The right to protest	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31



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*To deny people their human rights is  
to challenge their very humanity.*

**Nelson Mandela**

South African anti-apartheid revolutionary,  
statesman and philanthropist

2024



# JANUARY



Asalif, Ethiopia (Ethiopian Treasures)

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New Years Day



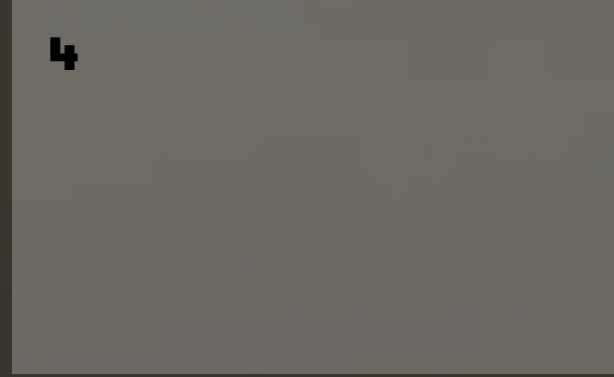
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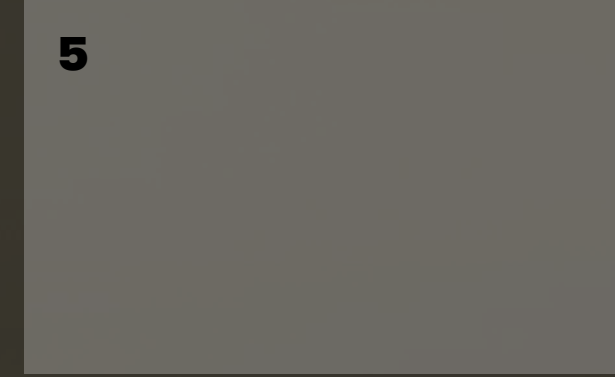
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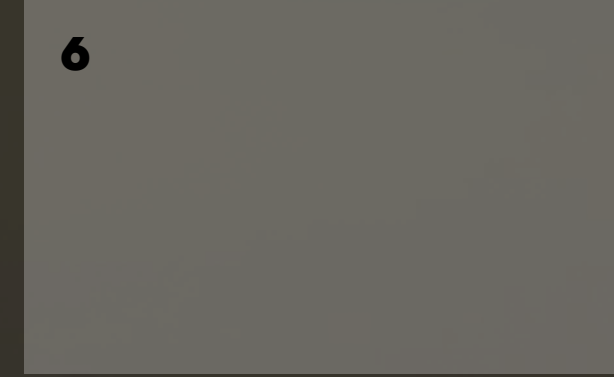
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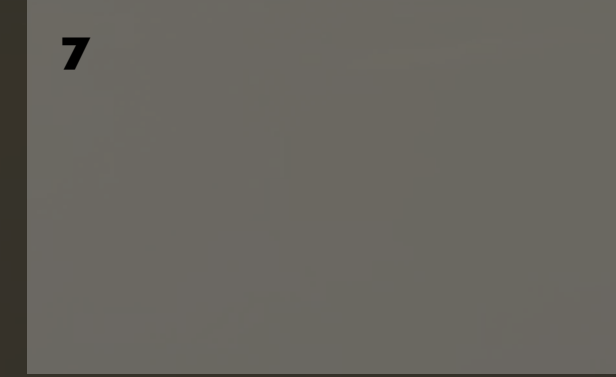
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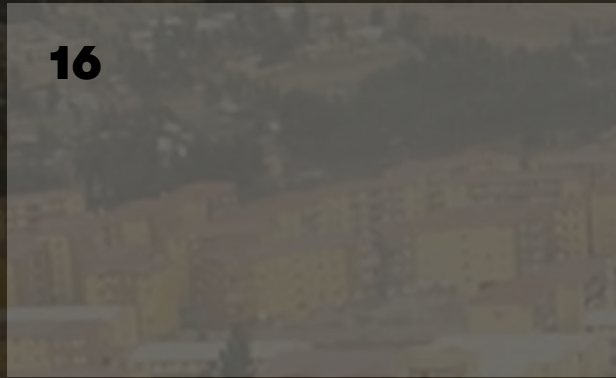
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The right to protest

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World Religion Day

Storyworld series: Becoming Me

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Lunar New Year

Intercultural understanding

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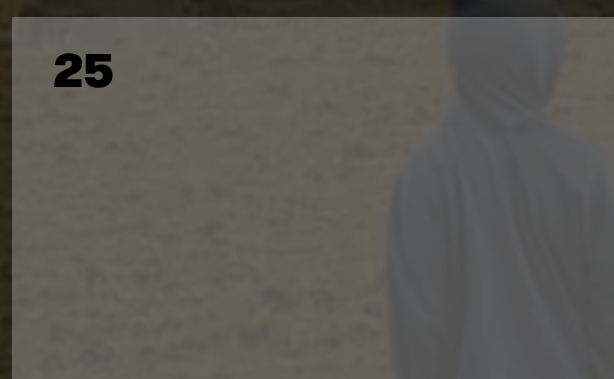
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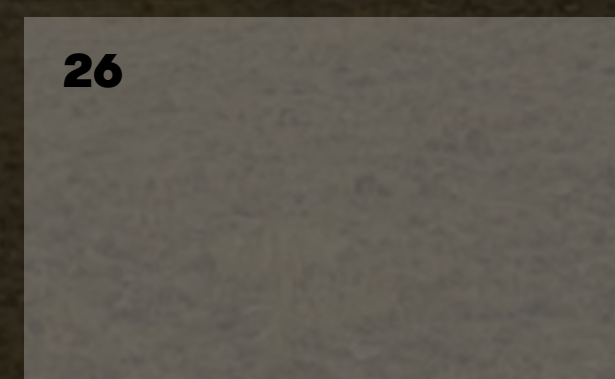
International Day of Education

The right to education

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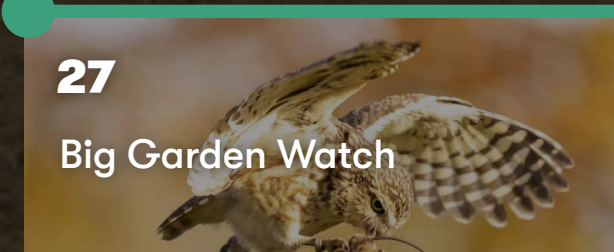


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BIG GARDEN WATCH

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Big Garden Watch

New lesson plan coming soon!

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International Lego Day

New lesson plan coming soon!

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

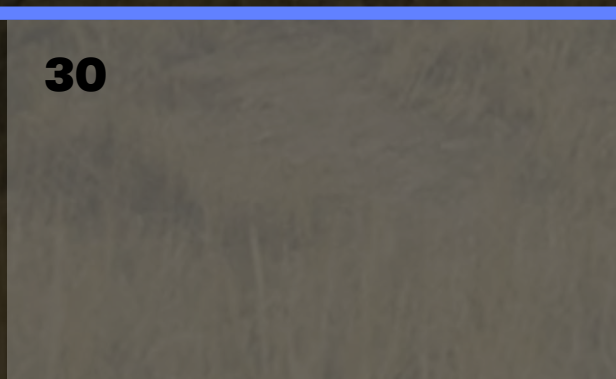
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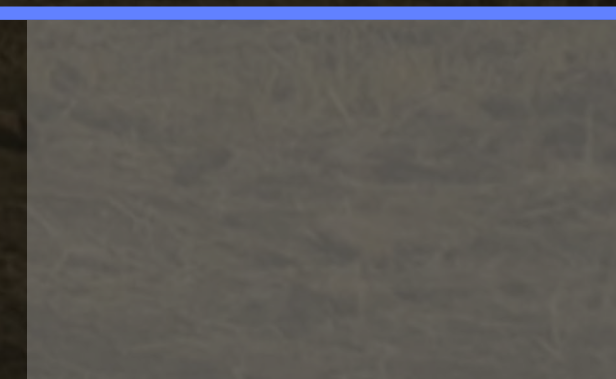
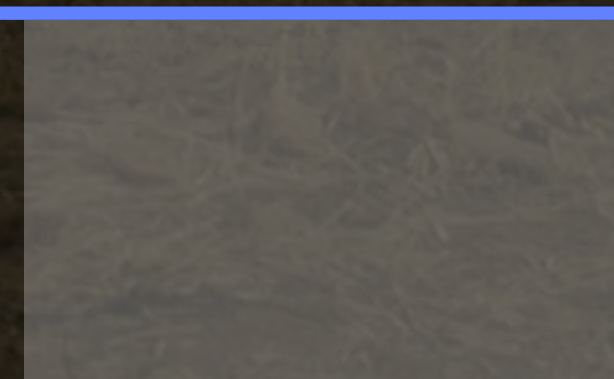
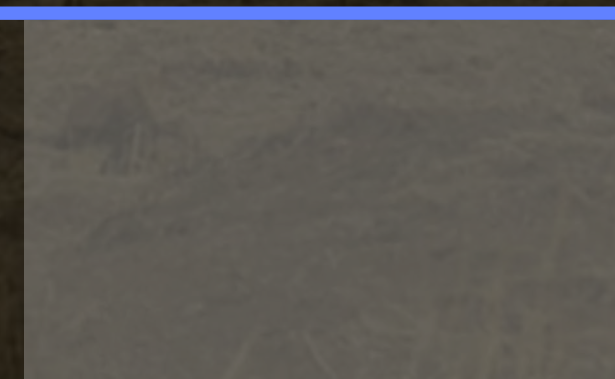
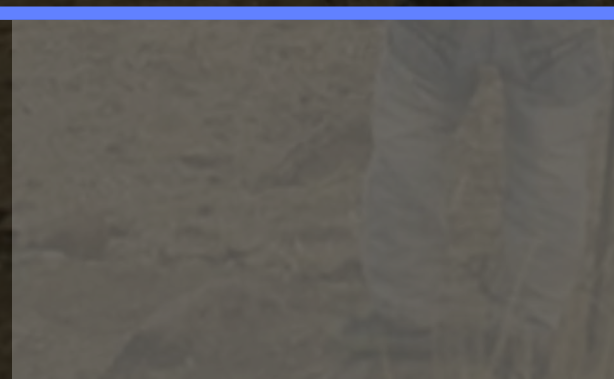
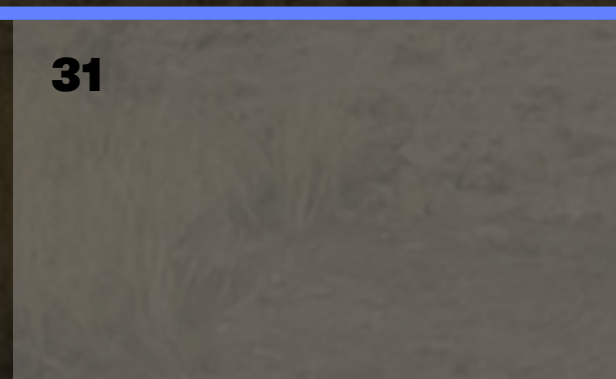
National Storytelling Week

Creation stories

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*Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.*

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

Baptist Minister and civil rights leader

# FEBRUARY

Qwensley, Curaçao (Pride)

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH 🖱️

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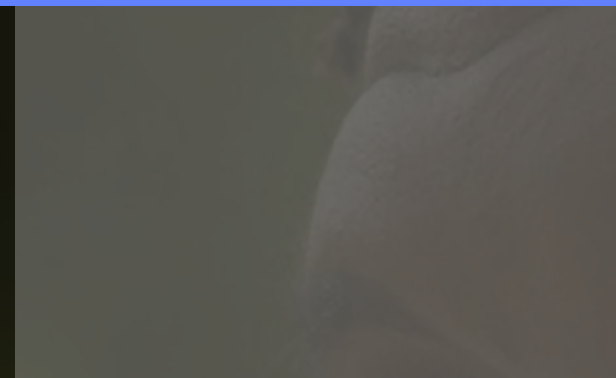
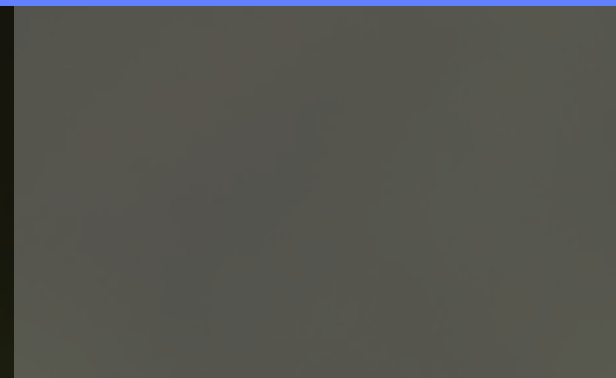
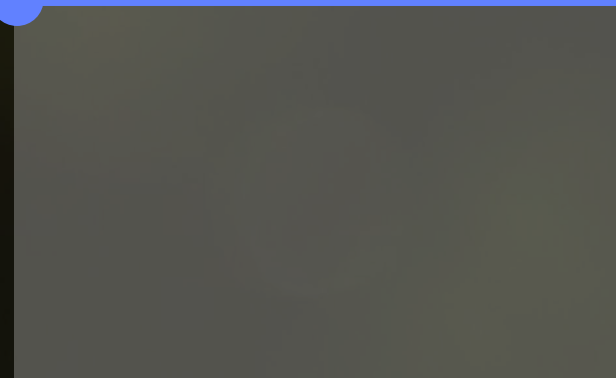
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NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

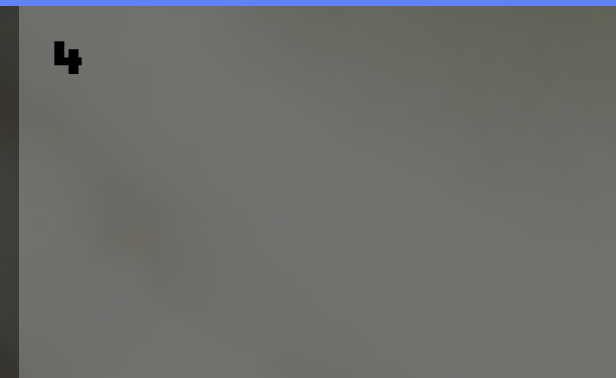
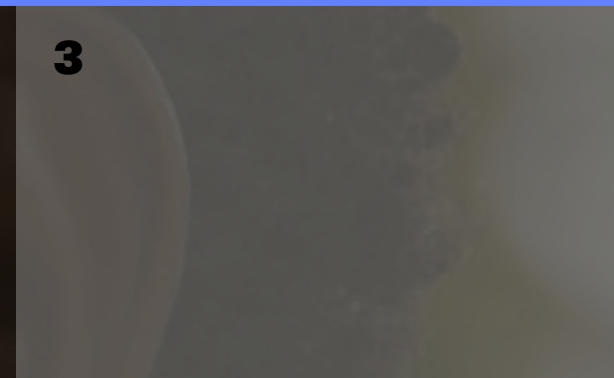
WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK



**1**  
Time to Talk Day

 Kids' Cup Yu

**2**  
World Interfaith Harmony Week

 Building a united world


CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

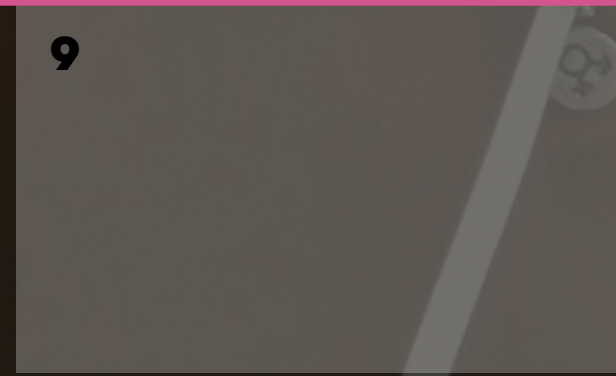
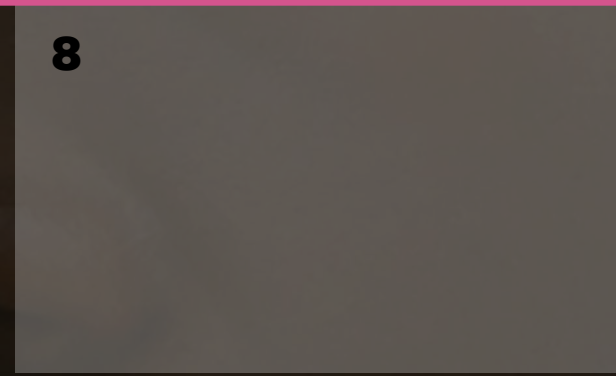
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Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

 Emotional wellbeing

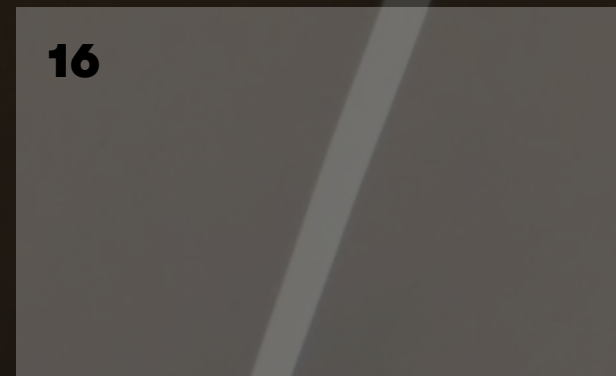
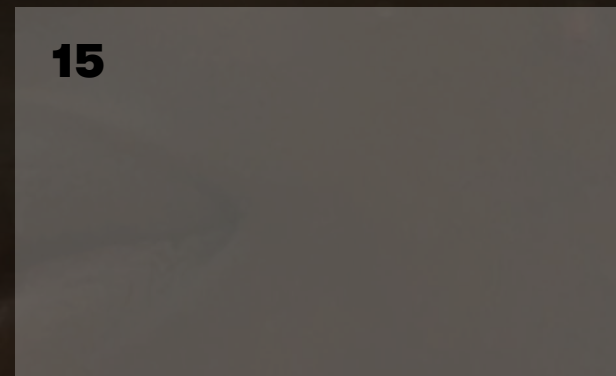
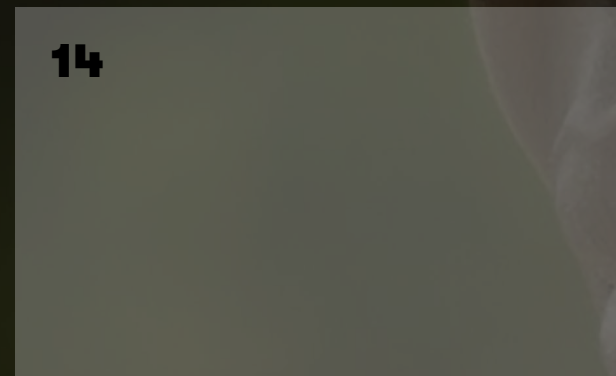
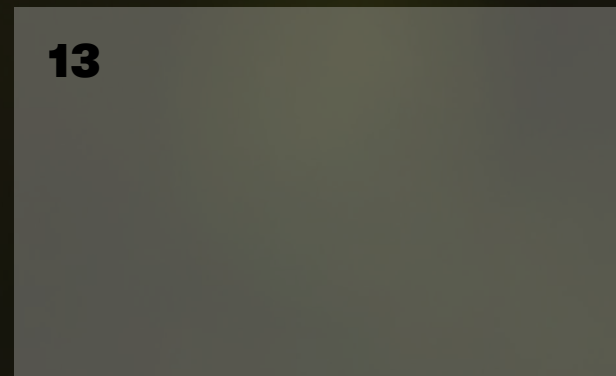
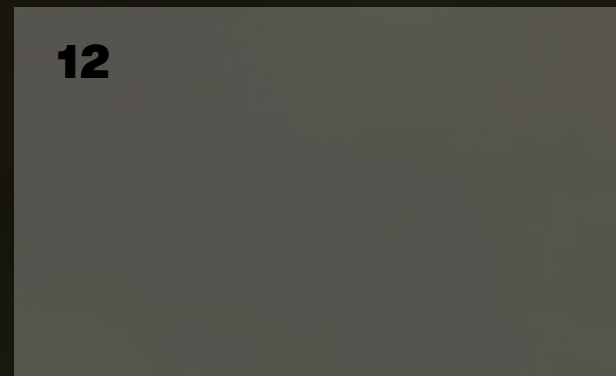
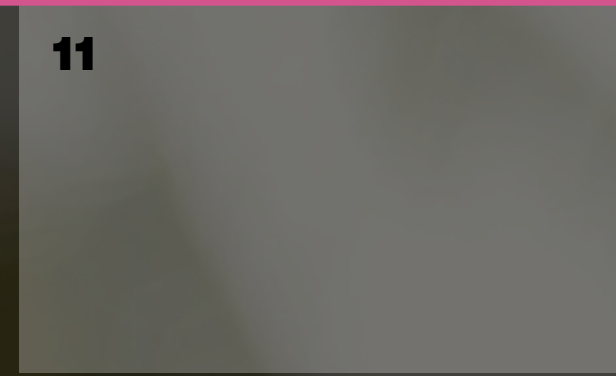
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Safer Internet Day

 Develop critical digital literacy

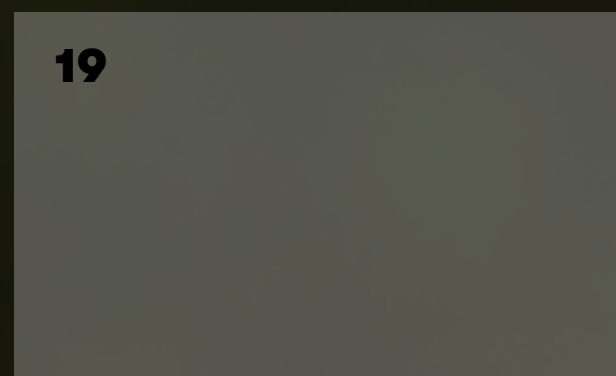
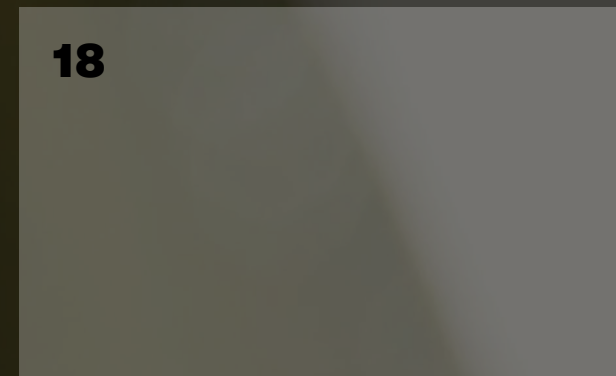
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Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

 Coping strategies



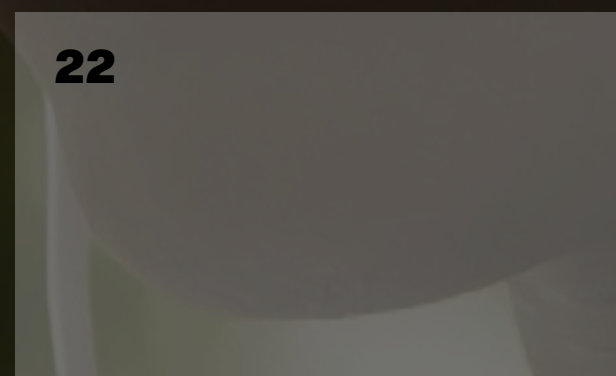
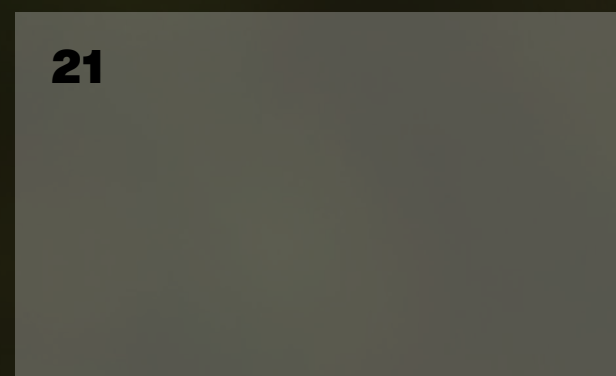
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International Day of Women and Girls in Science

 Astronomy and STEM skills


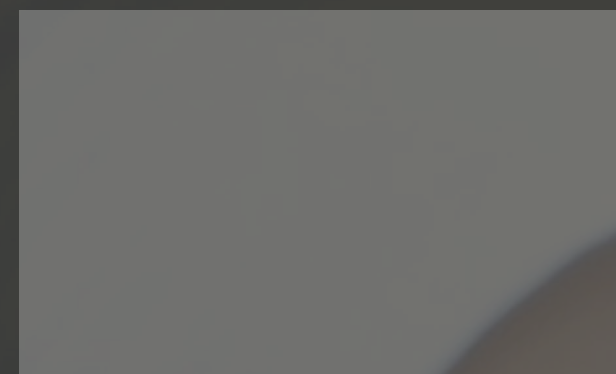
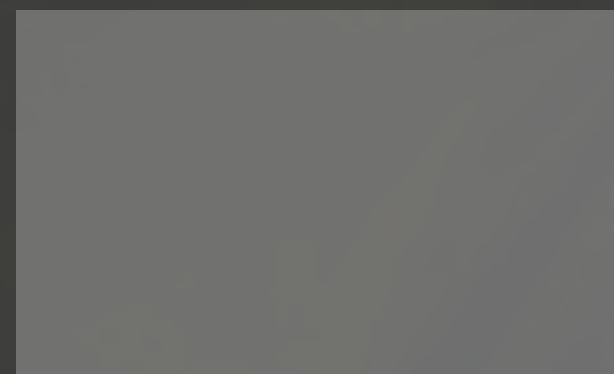
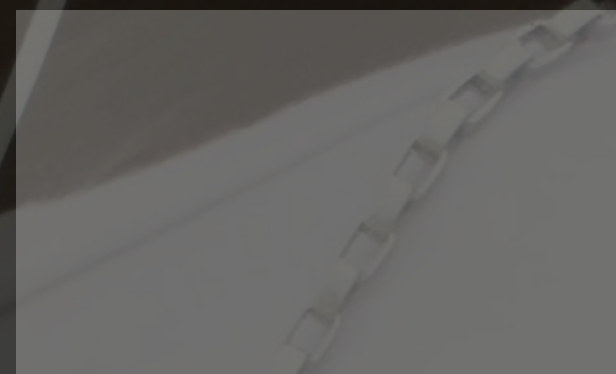
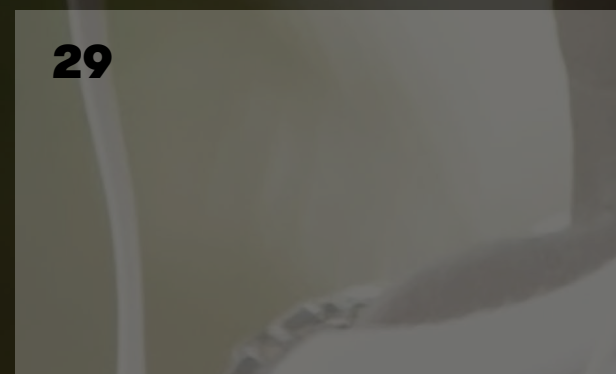
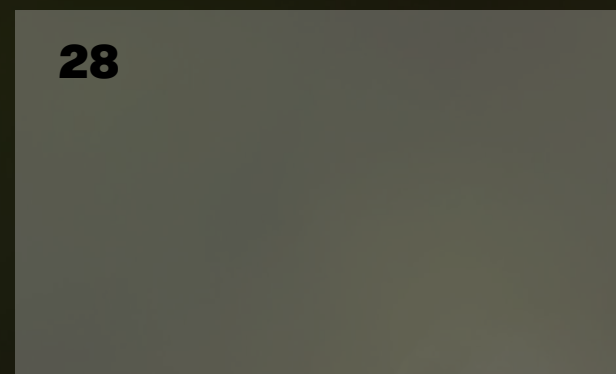
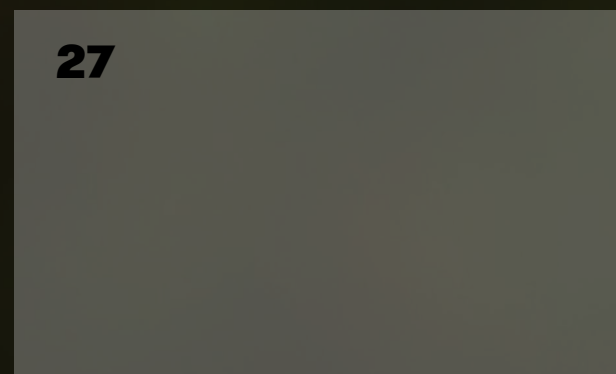
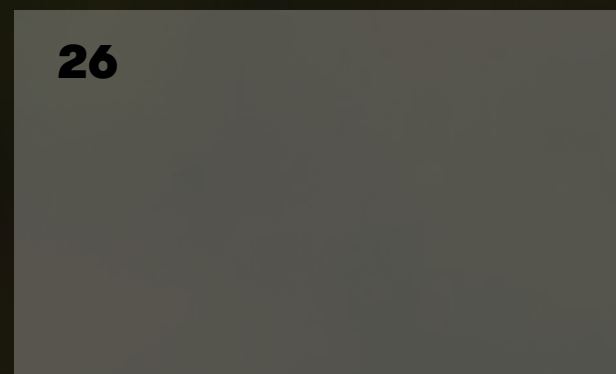
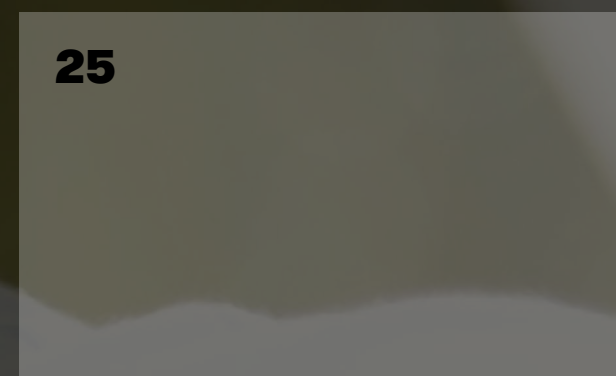
**17**  
National Random Acts of Kindness Day

 Kindness and humanity


**20**  
World Day of Social Justice

 Building opportunities


**23**  
Stand Up To Bullying Day

 Building a united world




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*No pride for some of us without liberation for all of us.*

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**Marsha P. Johnson**

American gay liberation activist and drag queen

# MARCH



Izandra, Brazil (Music Is My Social Tool)

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** 🙌

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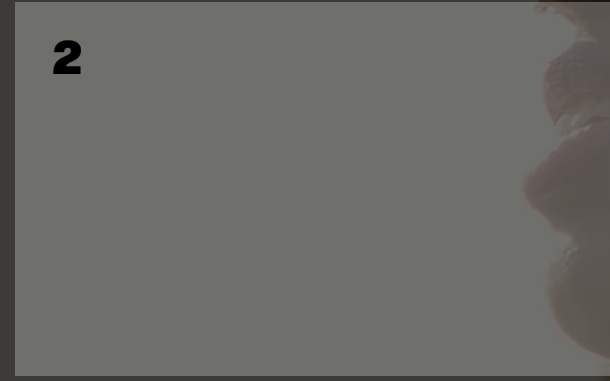
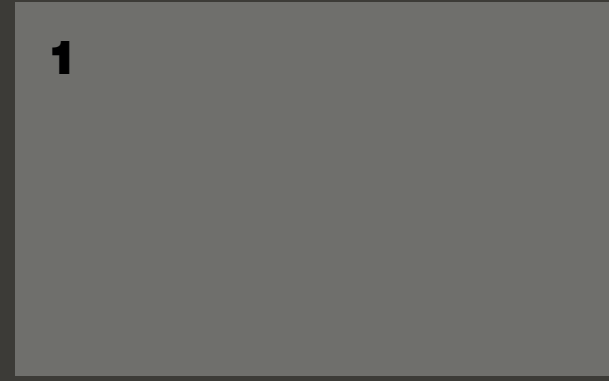
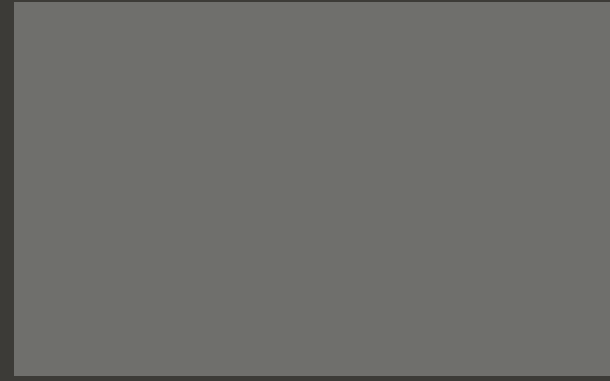
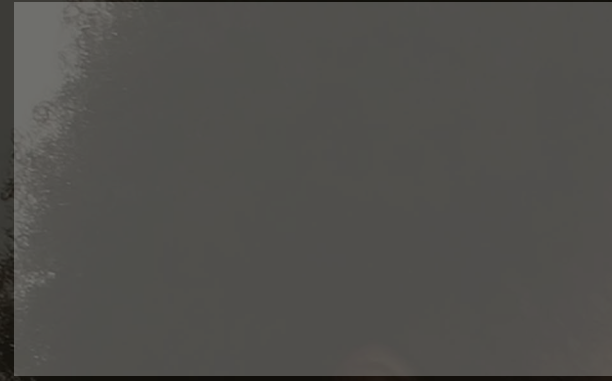
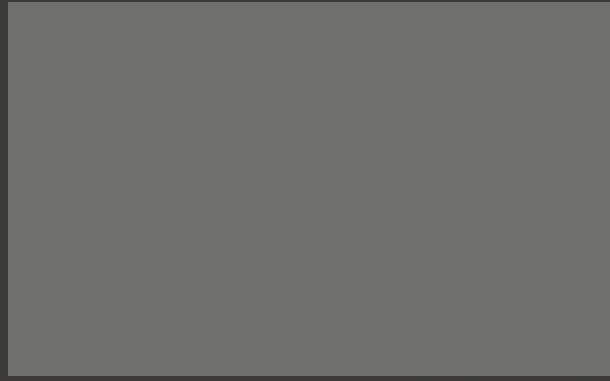
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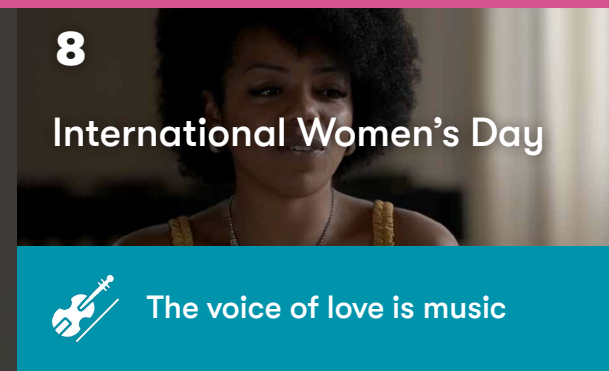
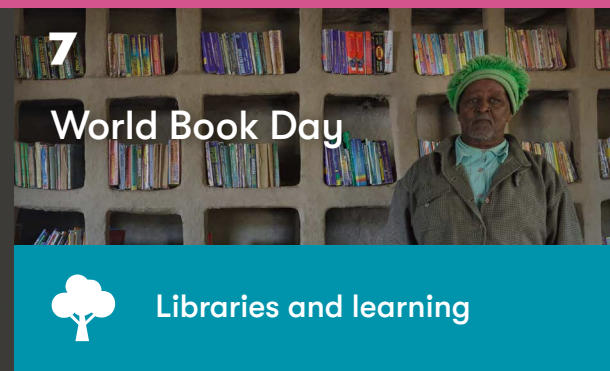
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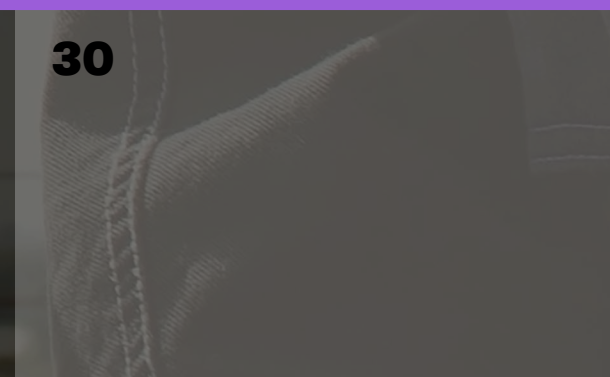
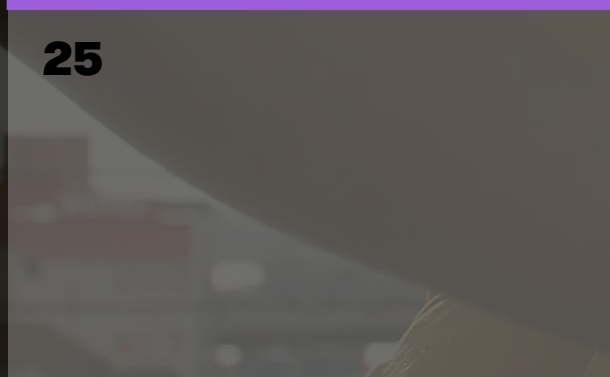
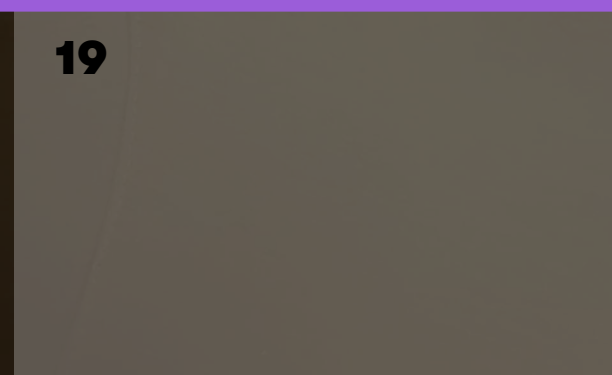
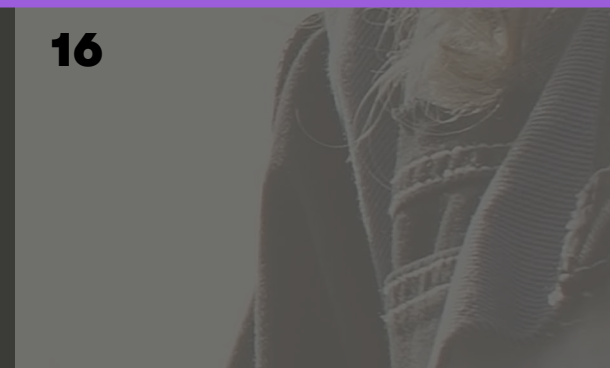
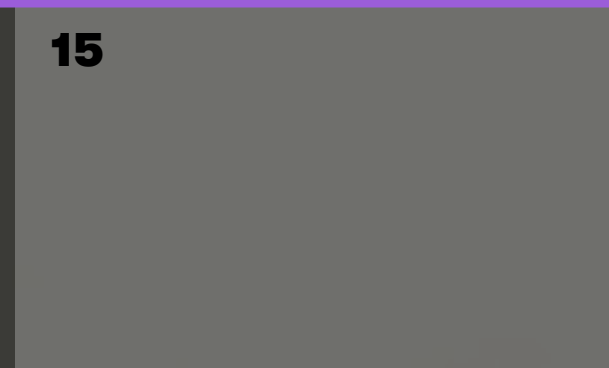
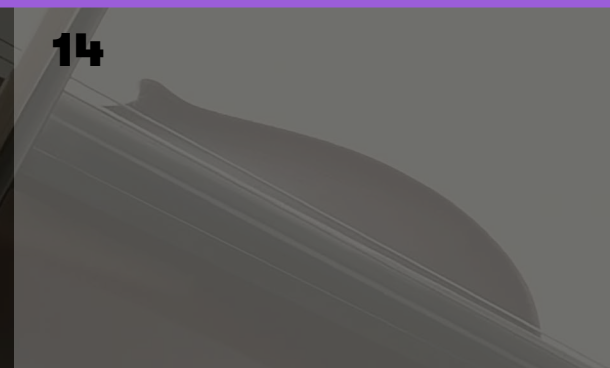
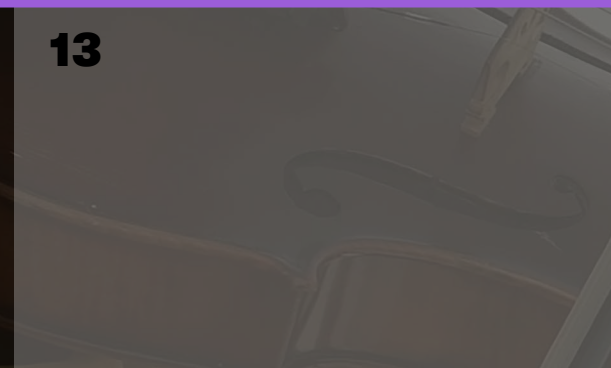
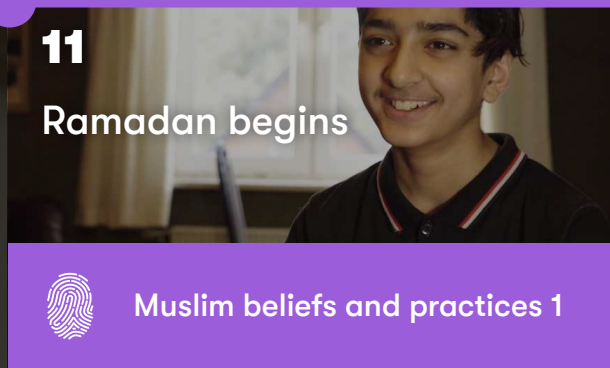


NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



RAMADAN





A photograph of two women on a rooftop. The woman on the left is wearing a yellow dress and playing a violin. The woman on the right is wearing a denim jacket and looking towards the first woman. The background shows a cityscape under a clear sky.

“

*I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when  
her shackles are very different from my own.*

---

**Audre Lorde**

Poet, feminist and civil rights activist

# APRIL



Spiderman, Sudan (Webs of Hope)

Mon

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RAMADAN

**1**

**2**  
International Children's Book Day  
Descriptive writing

**3**

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**6**  
International Day of Sport Development and Peace  
Olympic dreams

**7**  
World Health Day  
Faith in a higher power

**8**

**9**  
Eid al-Fitr  
Muslim beliefs and practices 2

**10**

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**15**  
World Art Day  
Plastic activism

**16**

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**18**  
World Heritage Day  
Honouring the dead

**19**

**20**  
World Circus Day  
Step right up!

**21**

PASSOVER

**22**  
Earth Day  
Climate change & extreme weather

**23**  
Passover  
Living my Jewish faith 1

**24**

**25**

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**29**  
International Dance Day  
Dancing on ice

**30**



“

*Today you are You, that is truer than true.  
There is no one alive who is Youer than You.*

---

**Dr. Seuss**

Children's author, illustrator and filmmaker

# MAY



Kootyin, Hong Kong (Everyone Has a Story)

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

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2 Children's Book Week



Libraries and learning

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5 International Day of the Midwife



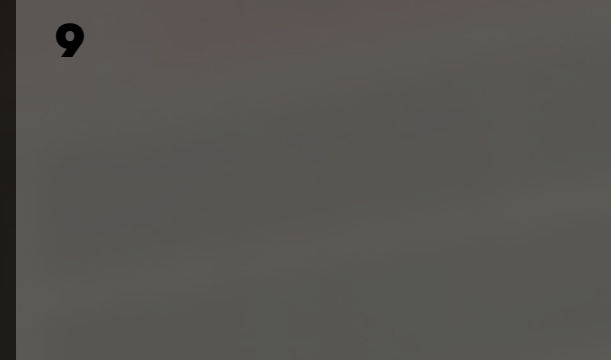
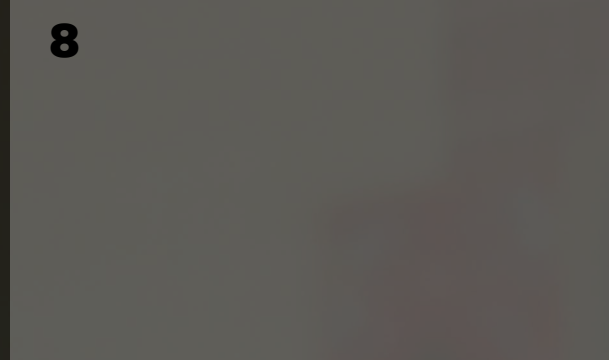
Storyworld series: Catching Babies

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

6 Deaf Awareness Week



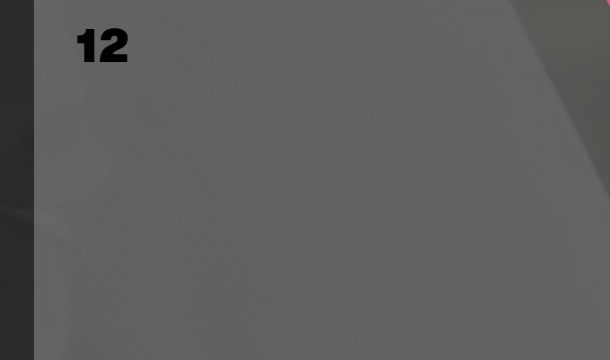
Sign languages



11 World Fairtrade Day



Sustainable growth

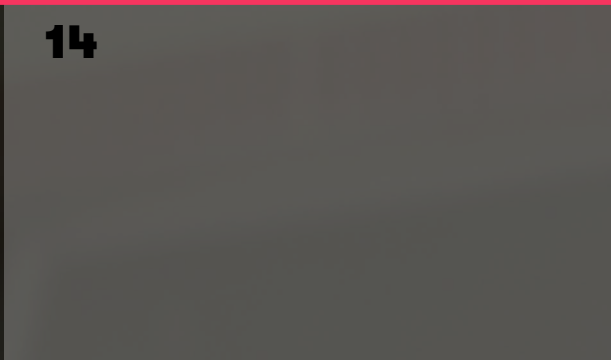


MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

13 Mental Health Awareness Week



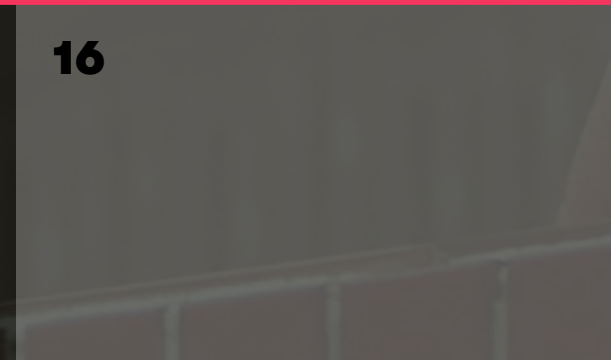
Resilience



15 International Day of Families



Diverse families



20 World Bee Day



Compare beekeeping

21 World Day for Cultural Diversity

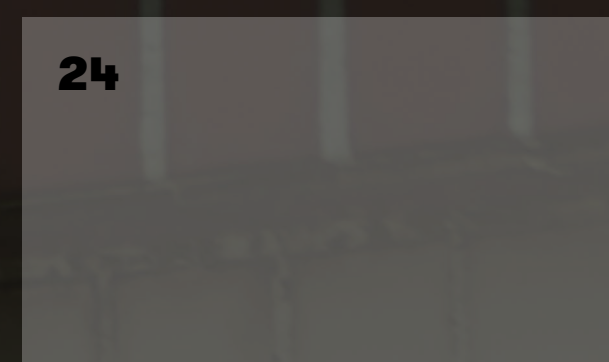
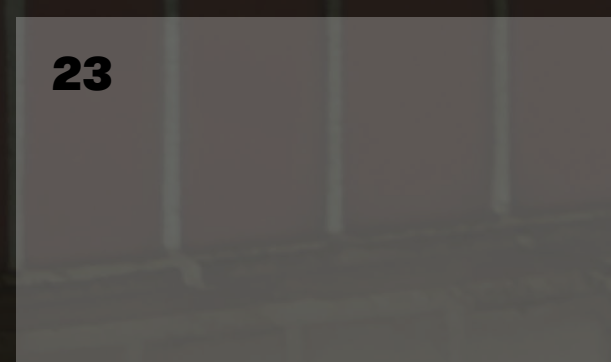


Multicultural London

22 International Day of Biological Diversity



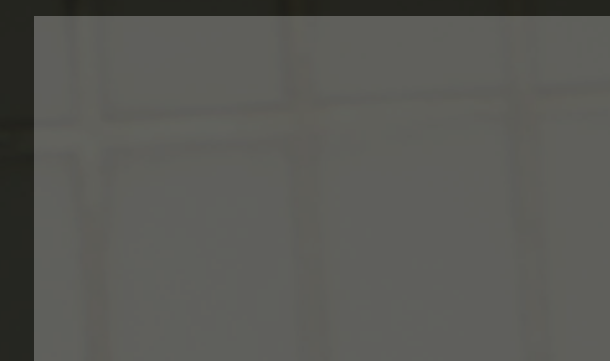
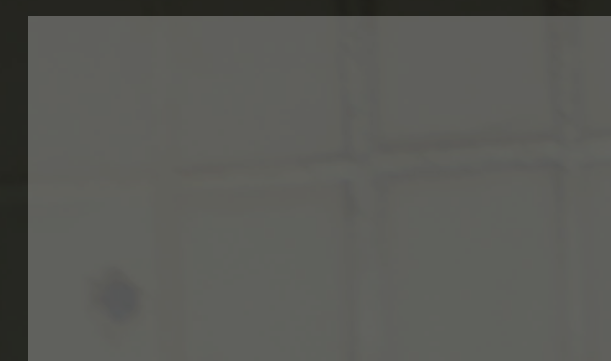
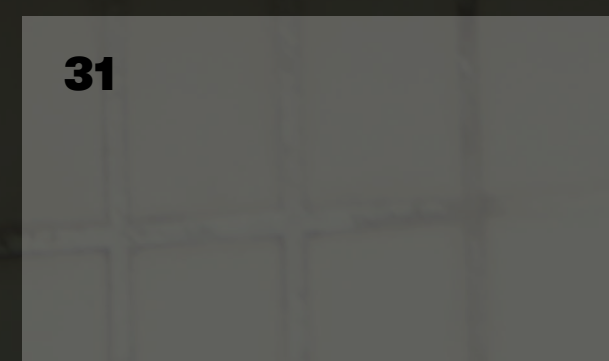
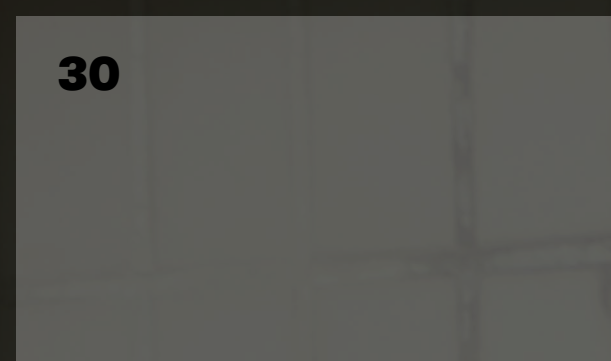
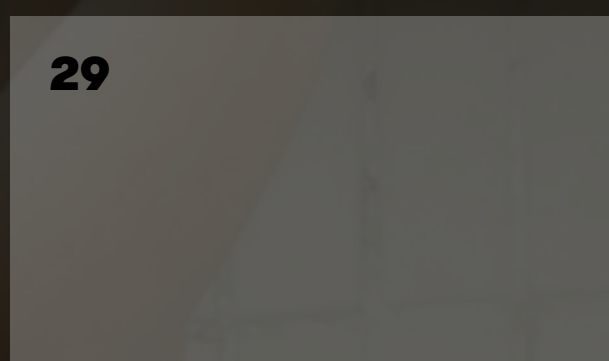
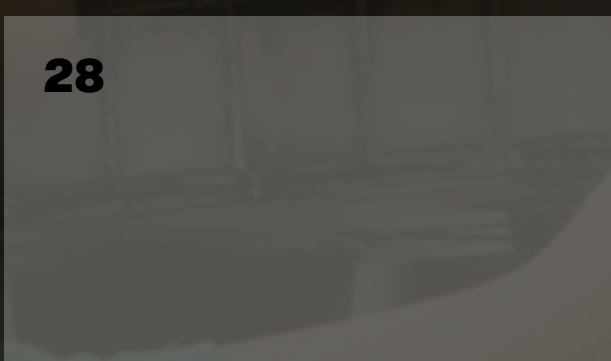
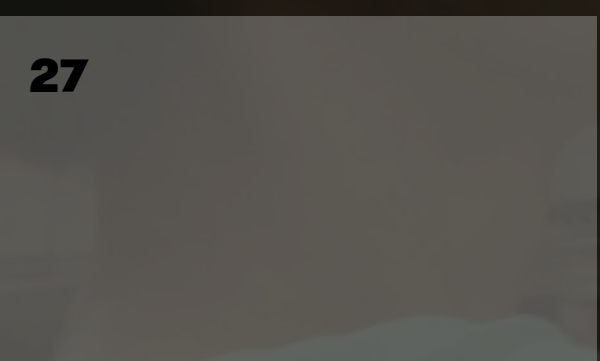
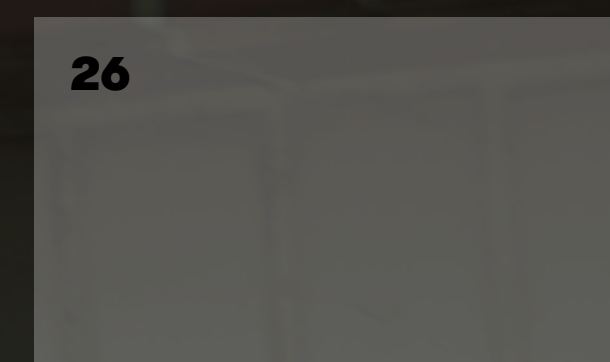
Life in deserts



25 Africa Day



Welcome to Nairobi



A photograph of an elderly man with glasses, wearing a white button-down shirt, leaning over a red brick railing. He is looking down at a woman with short dark hair, wearing a light green shirt, who is looking up at him. They are on a balcony with a white tiled wall. The background shows a building with red accents.

“

*Feelings come and go like clouds in a windy sky.  
Conscious breathing is my anchor.*

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**Thich Nhat Hanh**

Zen Buddhist monk and peace activist

# JUNE



Arlo, United Kingdom (Choose Your Character)

**LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH** 



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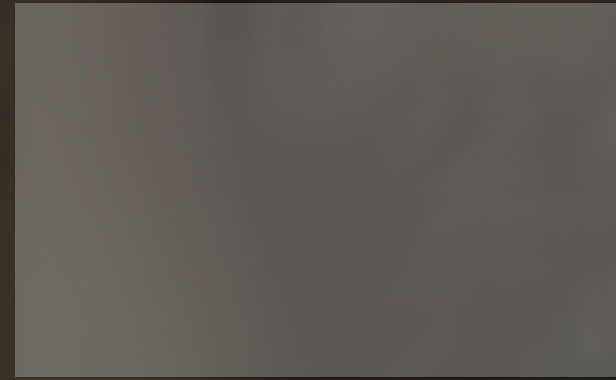
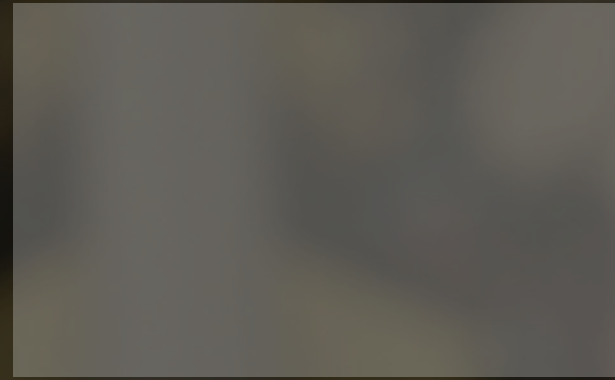
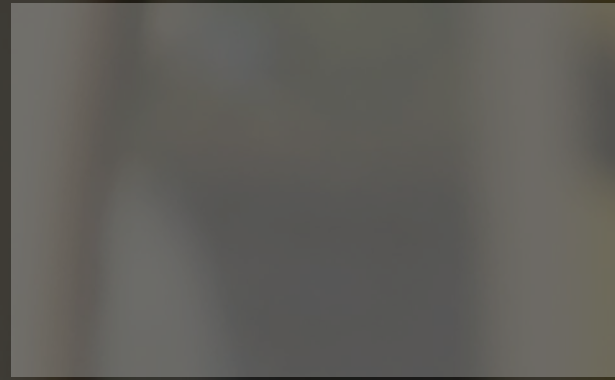
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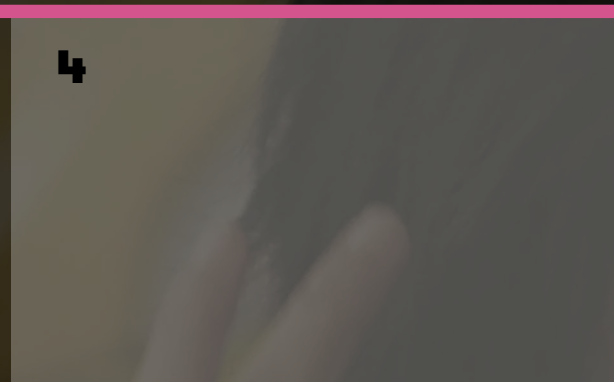
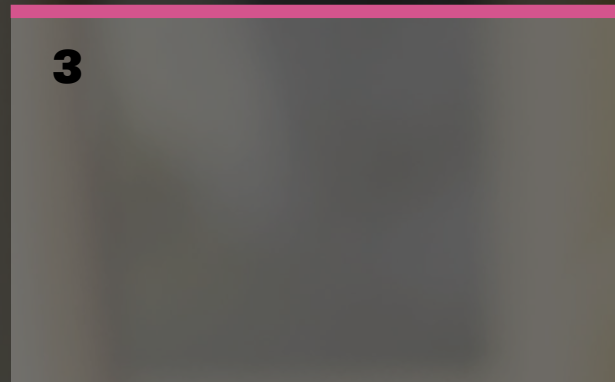
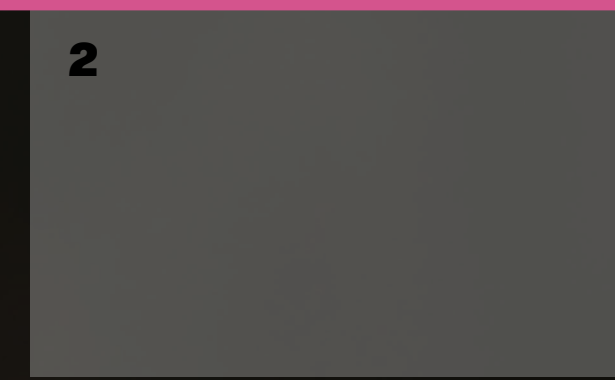
RSPCA WEEK




**1**  
Global Day of Parents




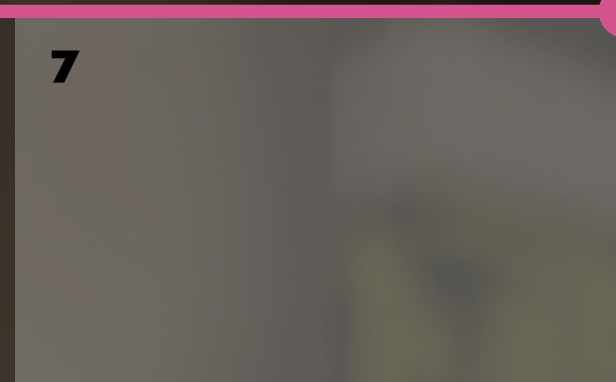
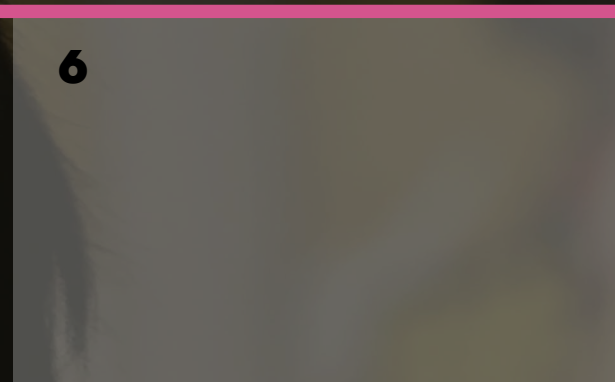
 Family life: Muhammed & Amina



**5**  
World Environment Day



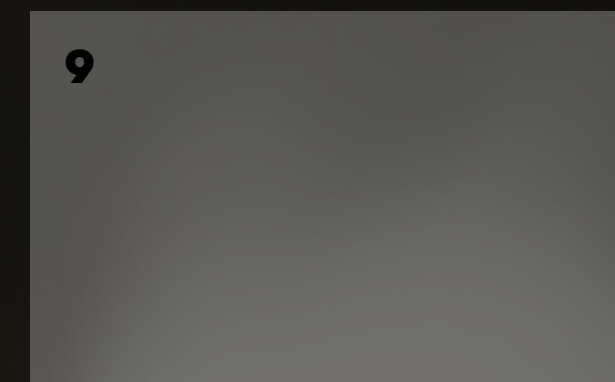
 Visit the rainforest



**8**  
World Oceans Day



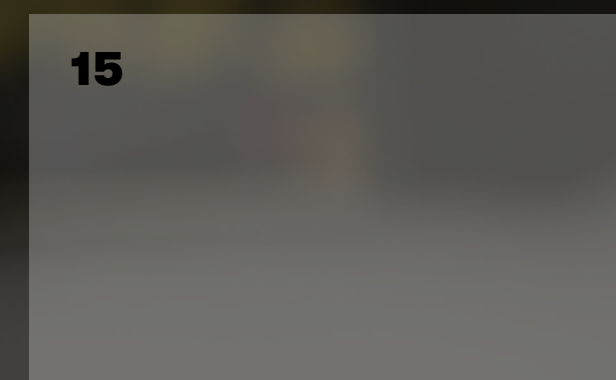
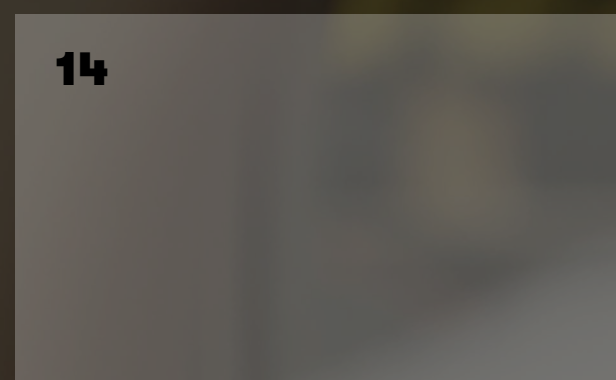
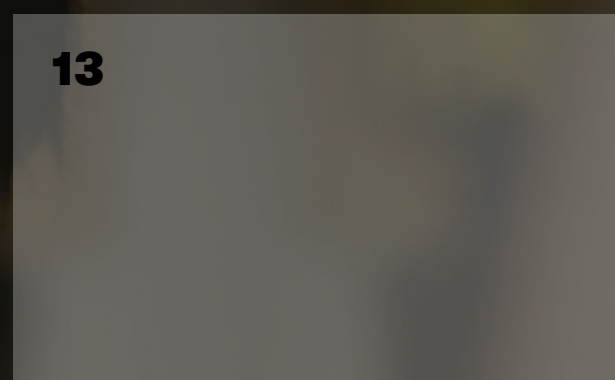
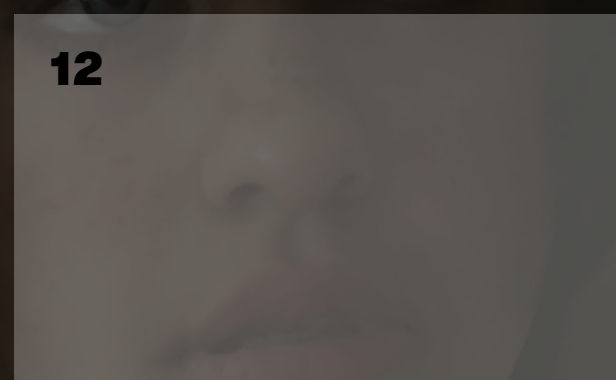
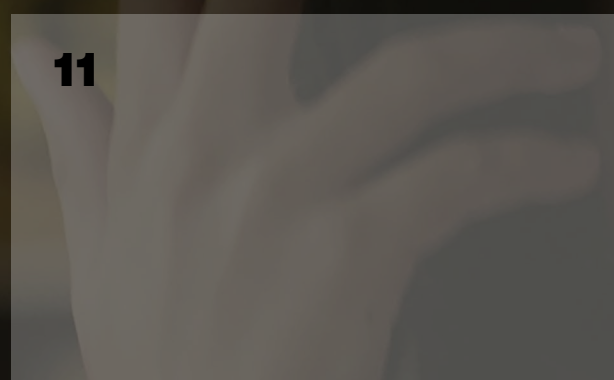
 Ocean plastic



**10**  
Human Rights Day



 Intersectionality



**16**  
Father's Day (UK)

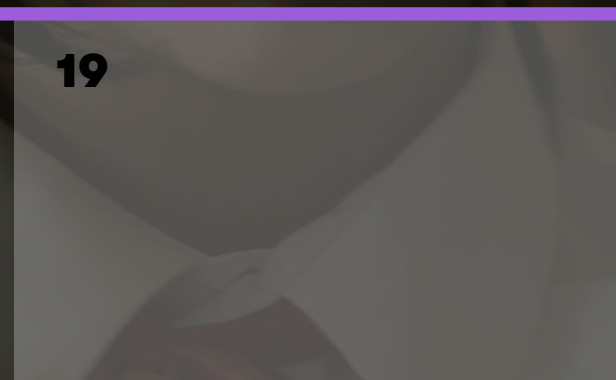
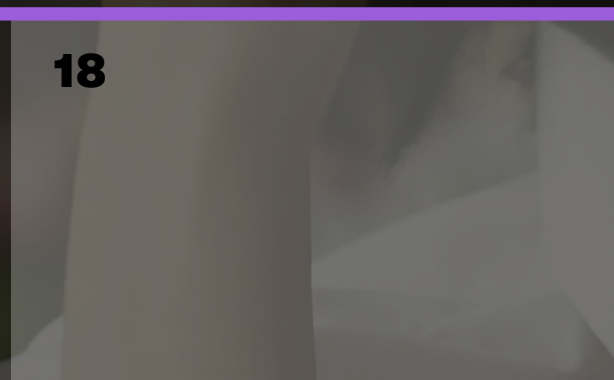


**EID AL-ADHA**

**17**  
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought



 What is desertification?





**20**  
World Refugee Day and Refugee Week

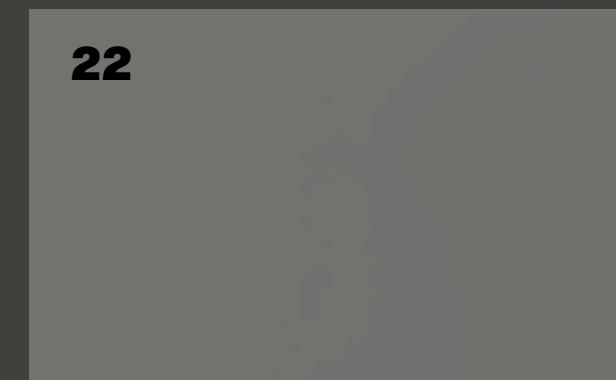


 Why are there refugees?

**21**  
World Music Day



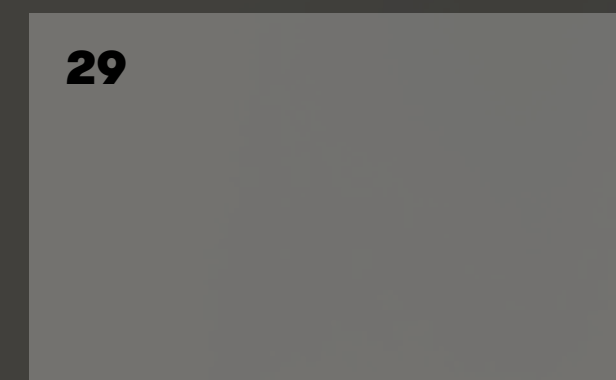
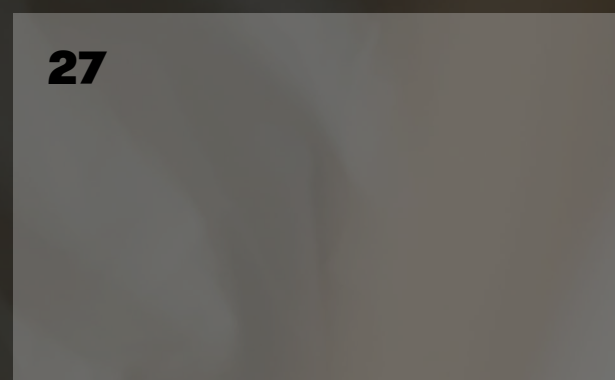
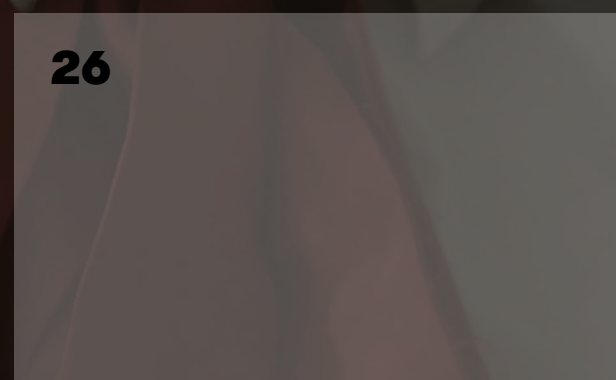
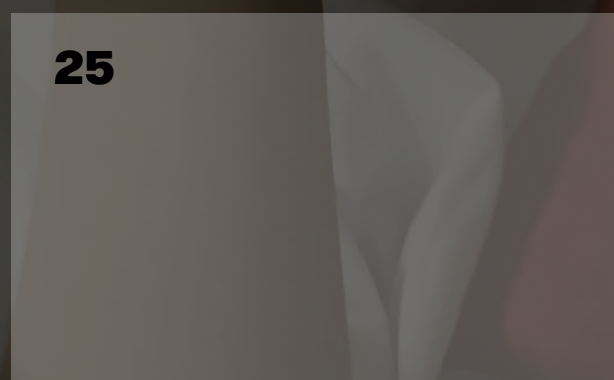
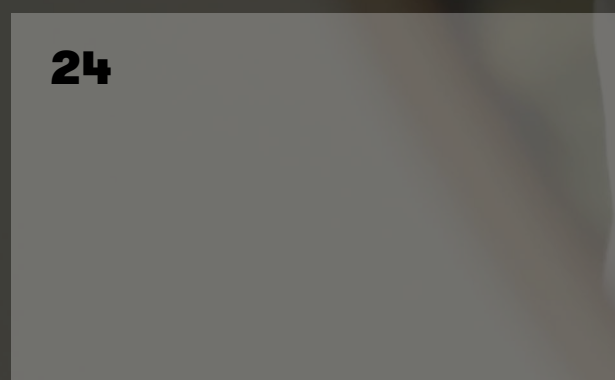
 The voice of love is music



**23**  
International Women in Engineering Day



 Storyworld: Space Mission Lucy



**30**  
Social Media Day



 Social media for a positive change



“

*Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.*

—

**Maya Angelou**





Poet, memoirist and civil rights activist

# JULY



Maria, Colombia (Catching Babies)

**PLASTIC FREE JULY** 🗑️

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	<b>6</b> International Day of Cooperatives  Sustainable growth	7
8	9	10	11	<b>12</b> Malala Day  When marriage is forced	13	14
<b>15</b> World Youth Skills Day  Design your own electrical toy	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	<b>30</b> International Friendship Day  Two homes	31				

A silhouette of a man holding a baby, with a quote overlaid. The man is on the right, wearing a patterned shirt, and the baby is on the left, looking up at him. The background is a window with a grid pattern and a red curtain on the left.

“

*Real friendship or love is not manufactured or achieved by an act of will or intention. Friendship is always an act of recognition.*

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**John O'Donohue**

Poet, author, priest and philosopher

# AUGUST

Freddy, Brazil (Kids' Cup)

Mon

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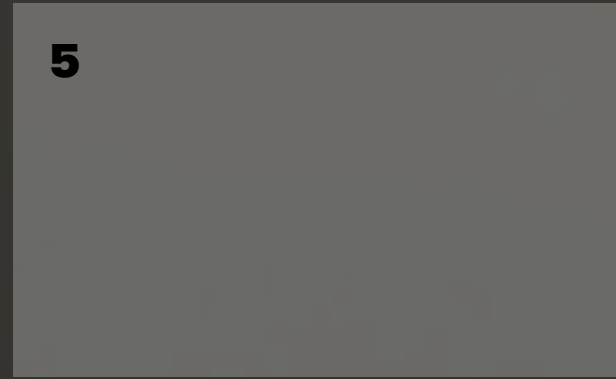
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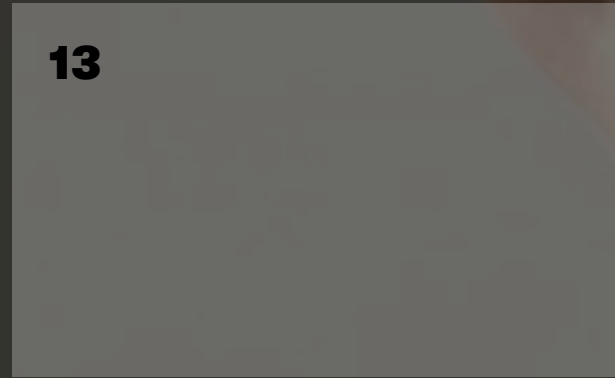
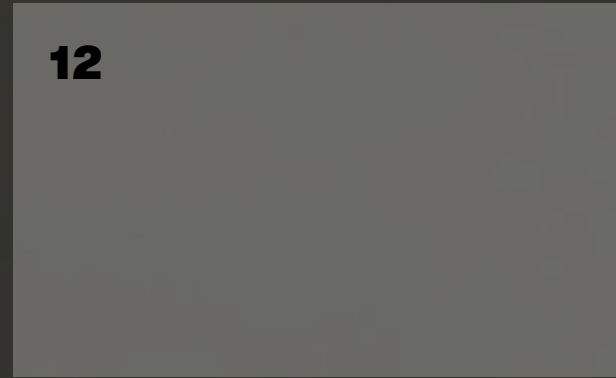
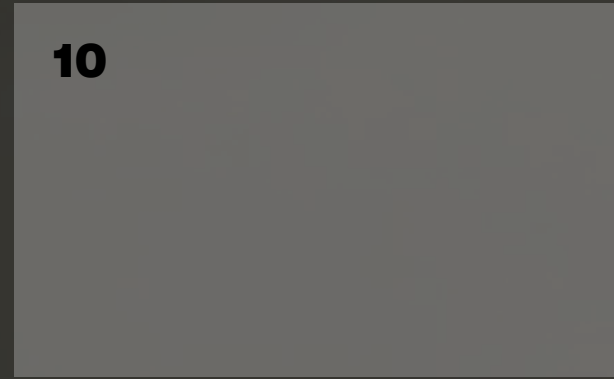
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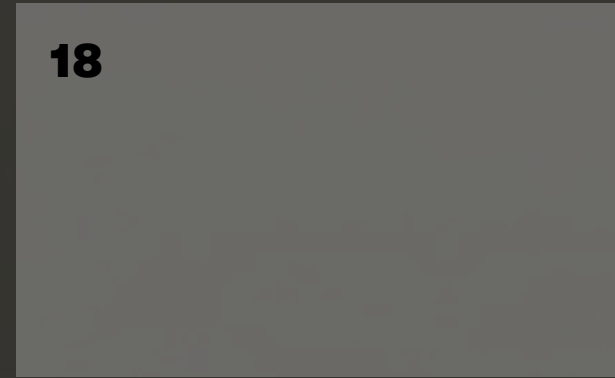
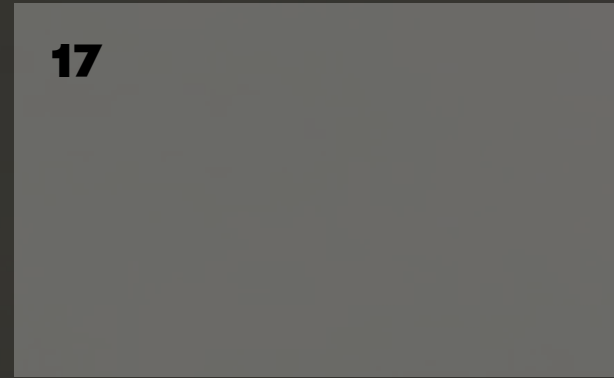
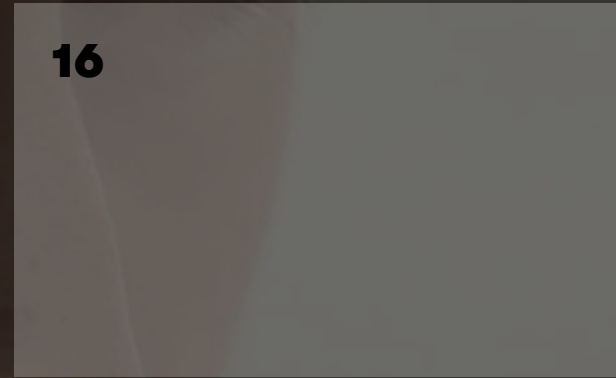
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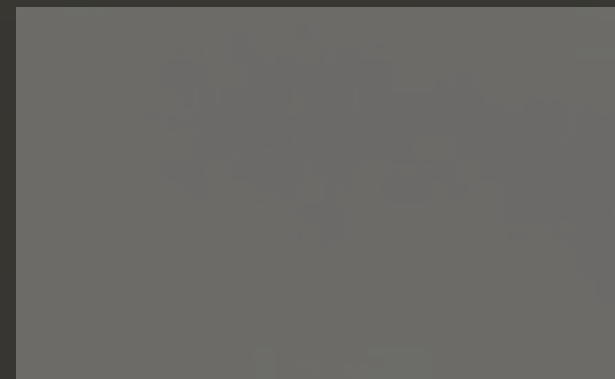
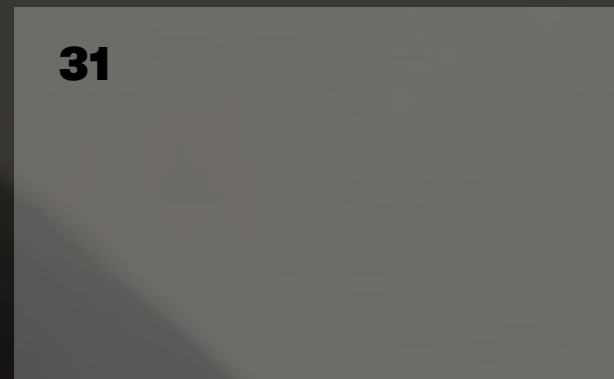
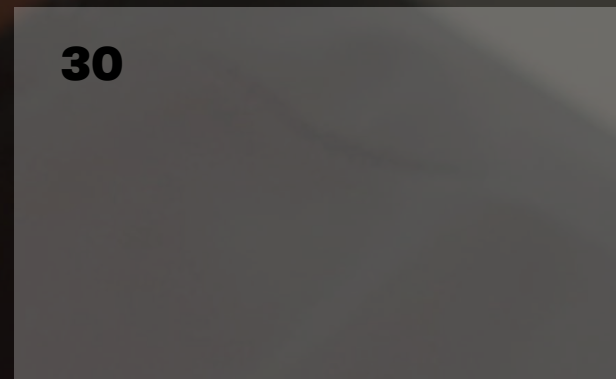
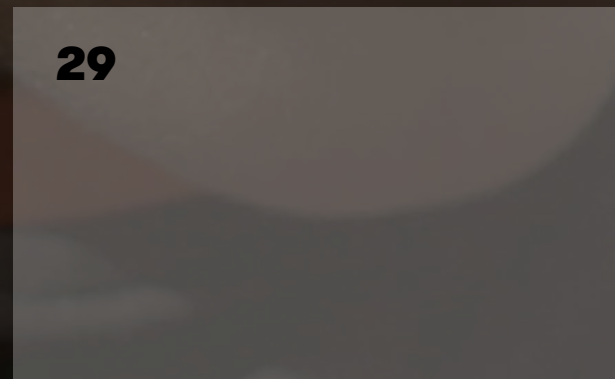
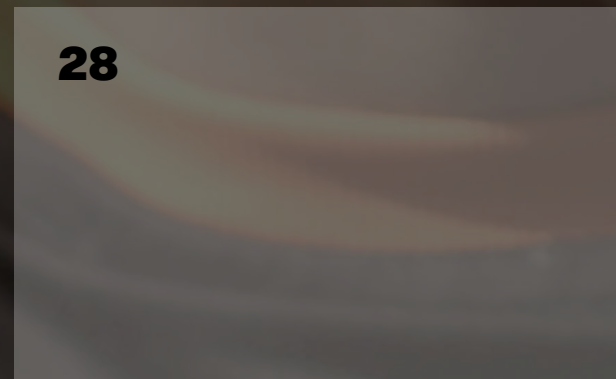
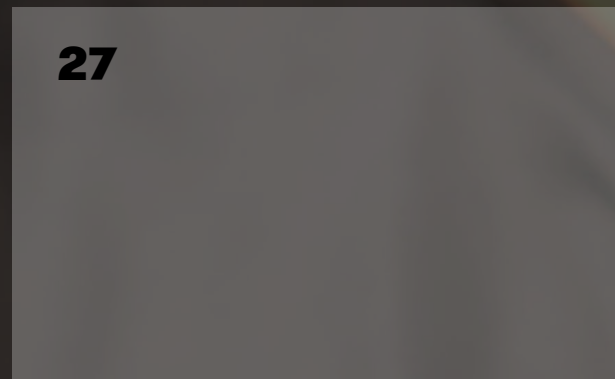
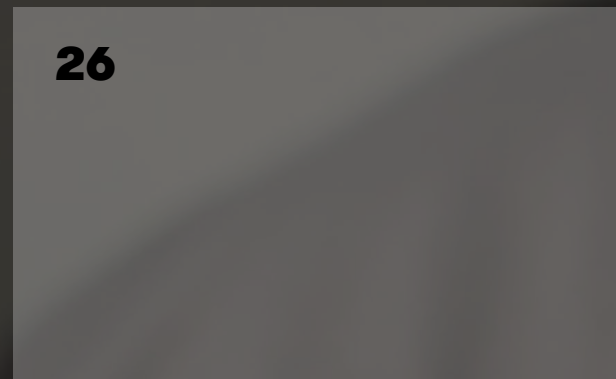
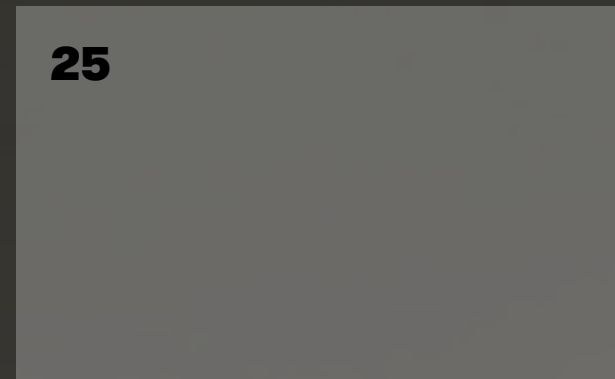
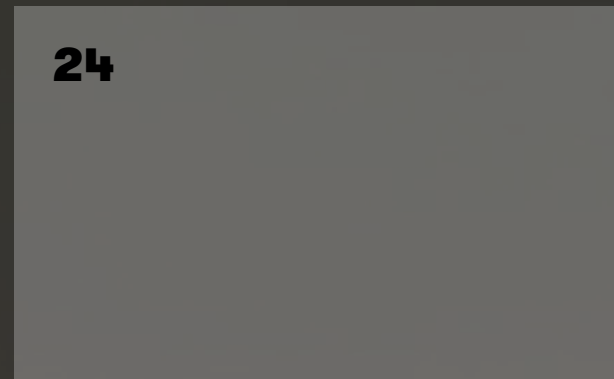
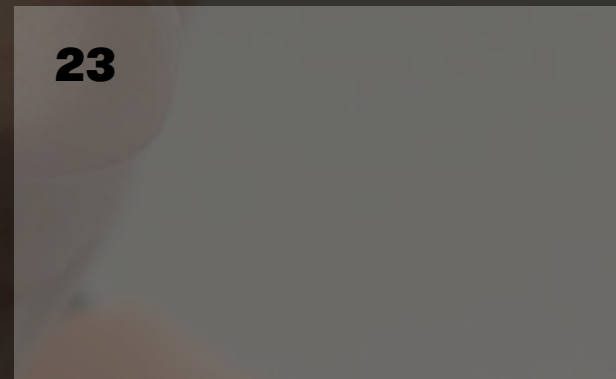
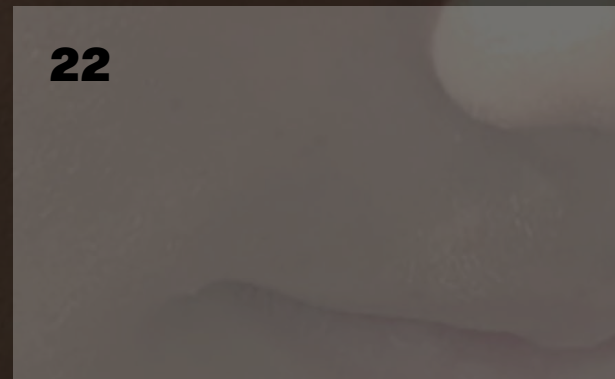
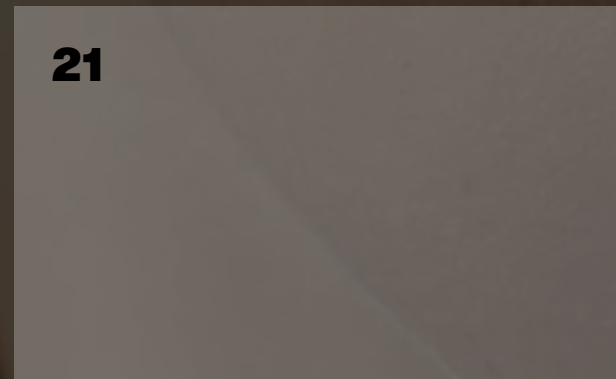
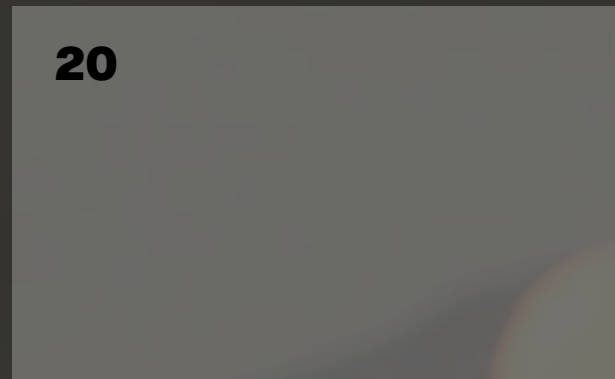
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Day of the World's Indigenous People  
Lyfta Time #05: Flora in Shipetiari

15  
International Homeless Animals Day  
Voice of the streets

19  
World Photography Day  
Emmaculate the photographer



“

*For all of us, becoming indigenous to a place means living as if your children's future mattered, to take care of the land as if our lives, both material and spiritual, depended on it.*

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**Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology  
and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation