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Description automatically generatedWelcome to the Disability Calendar, a unique resource featuring dates dedicated to raising awareness and celebrating the diverse experiences and achievements of individuals with disabilities. Enhance your organization's professional development initiatives by booking an inspiring speaker. I’ve highlighted dates often recognized by organizations in case you need a place to start.

Throughout the year, the Disability Calendar features recognized dates, fostering celebration, understanding, and inclusivity within your workplace. Empower your team with valuable insights and practical strategies to promote an accessible environment. Our featured speaker, Alyson Seale, advocates for disability rights and engages with diverse communities, delivering impactful presentations.

To book Alyson as a speaker or learn more, contact alyson@alysonseale.ca. Embrace the opportunity to create positive change and foster an inclusive and supportive organization.

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| **January** Glaucoma Awareness Month  Braille Literacy Month – January  World Braille Day – January 4  Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day – January 24  January 30  Encephalopathy Awareness Day | **February** Low Vision Awareness Month  February 2  Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day  February 4  World Cancer Day  February 27  Anosmia Awareness Day  February 28/29  Rare Disease Day | **March** Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month  Developmental Disabilities Month  Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month  March 1  Disability Day of Mourning  March 1  International Wheelchair Day  March 21  World Down Syndrome Day  March 26  Purple Day for Epilepsy  March 29 – April 4  World Autism Awareness Week | **April** Autism Acceptance Month  Parkinson’s Awareness Month  April 2  World Autism Awareness Day – |
| May ALS Awareness Month  National AccessAbility Week (typically the last week of May)  Arthritis Awareness Month  Mental Health Awareness Month  National Stroke Awareness Month  May 12  Fibromyalgia Awareness Day –  May 18  Global Accessibility Awareness Day  May 30  World Multiple Sclerosis Day | June National Employee Wellness Month  Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month  Cataract Awareness Month  June 21  The Longest Day (Alzheimer’s Awareness)    June 23  Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day  June 27  National PTSD Awareness Day  Dravet Syndrome Awareness Month – June  Accessible Canada Act anniversary – June 21 | July Disability Pride Month  Williams Syndrome Awareness Month  July 14  Disability Awareness Day  July 26  American Disabilities Act Anniversary | August Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month  International Assistance Dog Week (typically begins the First Sunday in August) |
| September World Alzheimer’s Month  September 21  World Alzheimer’s  September 19-25International Week of the Deaf 2022 –  September 23  International Day of Sign Languages  September 23ID24 (Inclusive Design 24)  September 30  Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day | October National Disability Employment Awareness Month  Dyslexia Awareness Month  Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness Month  Spina Bifida Awareness Month  Invisible Disabilities Week (typically 3rd week of Oct.)  Down Syndrome Awareness Month  October 6  World Cerebral Palsy Day  October 10  World Sight Day  October 10  World Mental Health Day | November Epilepsy Awareness Month  International Stress Awareness Week – (typically the 2nd week in Nov.)  November 14  World Diabetes Day  November 17  World COPD Day | December December 1  World AIDS Day  December 3  International Day of Persons with Disabilities  December 10  Human Rights Day |