## **Environmental and Sustainability** Awareness Calendar 2024

At Something Big we're passionate about helping businesses raise the profile of their sustainability activity both internally and externally. If you'd like some help navigating your green story, talk to us.

January

July

**Plastic Free July** 

National Marine Week

**International Tiger Dav** 

29 July

Get in touch to find out how we can help you roll out your

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environmental and sustainability awareness calendar.

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**World Wetlands Day** 2 February **Skip the Straw Day** Veganuary

23 February

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August

**Earth Overshoot Day** 2 August

World Humanitarian Day 19 August

September

#### #SecondHandSeptember

March

**World Wildlife Day** 

3 March

**Global Recycling Day** 

18 March

**International Day of Forests** 

21 March

World Water Day

22 March

**Earth Hour** 

23 March

Zero Waste Week 2 - 6 September

**International Day of** Clean Air for Blue Skies 7 September

**Fairtrade Fortnight** 9 – 22 September

**World CleanUp Day** 15 September

**International Day for** the Preservation of the **Ozone Laver** 16 September

**World Car Free Day** 

22 September

**FSC Forest Week** 23 – 29 September

International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction 29 September

# April **Earth Day**

Stop Food Waste Day 24 April

#### October

Unblocktober World Vegetarian Day

1 October

**World Animal Day** 4 October

No Disposable Cup Day 4 October

International e-Waste Day 14 October

> **Recycle Week** 14 – 20 October

**World Food Day** 16 October

May **No Mow May Meat Free May** Love a Tree Day

16 May World Bee Day

20 May **International Day for Biological Diversity** 22 May

#### November

#### **World Vegan Month**

**European Week for** Waste Reduction 20 - 26 November

**Buy Nothing Day** 29 November

National Tree Week 25 November – 3 December

**World Oceans Day** 8 Iune **The Great Big Green Week** 8 **-** 16 June World Refill Day 16 June World Day to Combat **Desertification and Drought** 17 June World Rainforest Day 22 June

June

**30 Days Wild** 

1–30 June

**World Environment Day** 

5 June

December

**Carbon Literacy Action Day** 4 December

> World Soil Day 5 December

International Volunteer Day 5 December

International Mountain Dav 11 December

Environment and sustainability awareness days are great opportunities to engage others in the important work of protecting our planet. Make the most of these days with our top tips:

### Get the tone right

Try to avoid 'tell style' communications. Balance factual information with lighter content to draw in audiences and bring them on the journey.

### Be solutions focused to reduce anxiety

Many people feel helpless and anxious when digesting climate change communication. Try combatting this by sharing ways audiences can take positive action and be part of the solution.

### Avoid getting caught up in green washing

Work with subject matter experts to ensure language and claims are accurate. When sharing goals and ambitions, make sure they are supported by concrete actions and short-term commitments.

# Keep the story going

Don't let climate fatigue stop the conversation. Take your audiences on your sustainability journey with ongoing communication and regular progress updates.

