The purpose of World Hello Day is simple: to promote peace all over the world, and bridge barriers between every nationality! The day began in 1973 in response to the conflict between Israel and Egypt and since then over 180 countries have taken part in the event.

We can only ever achieve a peaceful world if we join together. Forming bonds with new people is the best way to do it! The key is communication and we should try to create peace through talking - not through being violent to one another!

In Lincoln we use the day to promote tolerance and understanding and encourage people to get to know each other to create a better place to live for everyone...starting by saying hello.
Communication Across Cultures Conference - University of Lincoln

“Around 350 people took part in the conference, which is fantastic. We had speakers to discuss topics such as how young people adapt to a new country and how Brexit has affected international migrants living in the UK. Workshops were held in the afternoon on other topics related to communication. The Mayor also made a great speech praising the success and motivation to the students who had migrated from other parts of the world.”

St Peter at Gowt

“For World Hello Day, each class from nursery to year 6 had a different country, linked to the nationality of a child in that class. We then baked or made a traditional goodie from that country to sell at the end of the day to donate to Children In Need. World Hello Day perfectly celebrated the diverse make up of our children.”

Access Lincoln-Interfaith Group “Web Walk”

The Access Lincoln/Interfaith Group Web Walk saw people from all backgrounds take part in a walk that stopped at various points in the City, ending at Saint Mary Le Wigford church, where people could meet and have a cake and some tea and say hello to people they would never usually say hello to. Voluntary Centre Services and the Muslim Sisters Forum were also at the event as well as a Proud to be Lincoln stall.

Arabic School for All (ASFA)

The ASFA wanted to celebrate diversity by holding a World Hello Day event at Lincoln College. Attendees were taught how to write their name in Arabic and were treated to Arabic tea and coffee. The event was a great success, and celebrated the differences in people’s cultures and backgrounds.

Saint Faith and Saint Martin CE Junior School

St Faith and St Martin CE junior school had a special assembly on World Hello Day themed on ‘peace’. The mayor visited the school, together with Reverend Julie Wearing and a representative of the Bishop and a special World Hello Day banner created by Artscope was on display. Children sold cakes to raise money for the Children’s Society.

Saint Faith Infant School

At St Faith Infant School they celebrated World Hello Day by welcoming visitors from St Faith and St Martin CE Junior school for collective worship, holding a cake sale for the Children’s Society as well as saying hello to Gary from Lincs2Nepal who received gifts and cards from the children to take to children in Nepal.
Monks Abbey School

“At our World Hello Day event, each class was assigned a country and based the children’s learning for the day on that particular country – We invited local members of the community to share a story in their home language and asked them to spend time with the children learning to say hello.”

Lincoln Area Dial A Ride

“For World Hello Day, we parked one of our Minibuses on City Square and said “Hello” to as many people as possible. Some joined in and had a selfie taken with our “Hello” frame and some joined in by taking a quiz. We had a number of people looking to see if their language was included in the quiz, which got a lot of the people taking part having a conversation with someone they wouldn’t usually have a conversation with.”

Voluntary Centre Services

Voluntary Centre Services supported 4 WHD events with a stand and display and ran a Micro Volunteering stall at City Hall. At this event we chatted to over 60 people and handed out over 30 cakes! The Mayor attended and had a go at micro-volunteering and one lady even took an extra cake to pass on to a homeless guy – totally in the spirit of WHD.

Lincoln and Kesteven Age UK/City of Lincoln Council

“Age UK hosted the Intergenerational Activity Afternoon. Apprentices from the City of Lincoln Council joined in with the friendship club, which involved getting to know each other and taking part in a World Hello Day themed quiz. The event was a great success, with some of the older people commenting on how much they enjoyed themselves.”

LEAP

“LEAP went to the Maze Matters World Hello Day Event. Sincil Bank is an incredibly diverse area with many different nationalities and ethnicities living there. We wrote on their ‘Hello Board’ which contained languages from Europe to Asia and more! We would love to do an event similar in the future and get more and more people involved in the Sincil Bank area with World Hello Day.”

IMPS in the Community—Maze Matters

Residents of the Sincil Bank area in Lincoln celebrated World Hello Day by greeting people on Portland Street and asking them to write a ‘Hello’ message. Messages were recorded on sheets of paper which covered empty shop fronts and celebrated the diverse range of languages people can speak in the area. The event was a huge success, encouraging people in the community to talk to each other and also supporting local businesses the Golden Leaf Café and the Retro Coffee Shop.
Lincoln College

Lincoln College had their student ambassadors hold a stall promoting World Hello Day’s message of peace and saying hello to someone you wouldn’t usually say hello to.

Central Lincoln Residents Group

“At our event, community representatives got to know each other and made useful connections for the future. The residents who attended also got to learn about projects going on in their area. We think the biggest success was showing that we have many residents in Lincoln who are committed to bringing Lincoln together and making it a better place to live.”

Compassionate Lincoln

“Roughly 30 people attended our event at the Blue Room in the Lawn. We shared food, enjoyed live music, learnt how to say ‘hello’ in different languages, and collected SHNUG items for homeless people in our city and refugees in Calais.”

Bishop King Primary School

“Our main event was a celebration of the countries that children in our school come from including England, Poland, Latvia and India. Each class focused on a different country learning to say hello, making delicious food, doing research about customs and traditions and much more. There work was shared with parents and special visitors, including the Mayor, local MP and PCSO on Friday afternoon.”

Policy Unit—City of Lincoln Council

“We wanted to bring World Hello Day into City Hall especially as we help organise the events externally. We sold cakes which raised money for foodbanks and provided “Hello” stickers for people to wear. We also asked everyone to come to our office, asking them to write hello in as many languages as they knew.”

Hidden Gems

“The Hidden Gems event was a massive success, with more than 100 people attending the LPAC to enjoy live music, fresh food and crafts. The event brought people together to share their stories and to listen to stories of other migrants from across Lincolnshire.”