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## Commonwealth Day

Dear friends,

Commonwealth day is upon us, 8 March 2010, and this year we focus on science and technology, and its importance to the quality of life of all Commonwealth citizens.

The 2010 theme, *Science, Technology and Society* aims to raise awareness of the complex issues surrounding science and development; such as using alternative and renewable energy sources and combating the digital divide in education.

While Commonwealth Day has traditionally been the focus of attention, Friends encourages you to get involved in a science, technology or society event whenever and wherever suits you best. And with activities already being organised across the Commonwealth, there are numerous opportunities for you to participate in any capacity - you won't even need to wear your lab coat ... unless you insist.

## Commonwealth Day Events

### United Kingdom



**The Commonwealth Day Observance** is the UK's largest multi-faith gathering.

It is attended by HM The Queen, Heads of Government and faith leaders from around the world, and more than 1000 young people from across the UK. Celebrity readers, dancers and musicians all combine to make this a colourful and lively event not to be missed.

While maintaining the more traditional aspects of the Observance inside Westminster Abbey, there will be a number of Street Science exhibits and technological displays taking place outside before the service itself begins.

Visit [www.thercs.org/youth/commonwealthday](http://www.thercs.org/youth/commonwealthday) to find out more.

For a full list of Science, Technology and Society events, please visit [www.commonwealthday.org](http://www.commonwealthday.org)

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## Uganda

**The 2nd Commonwealth Lecture, Uganda,** "Accessing Drugs to All: Achieving the Health Goals in Uganda by 2015" is aiming to garner support towards achieving the health goals in Uganda through universal access to drugs by all Ugandans.

CPAUG will be collaborating with other stakeholders in the Health Sector like Government, pharmaceuticals, health promoters, academia, health funders, medical practitioners, health users, researchers, media houses, medical students and CSOs.

See [www.cpaug.org/events](http://www.cpaug.org/events) for more details.

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## Trinidad and Tobago

To celebrate Commonwealth Day 2010, the University of the West Indies Centre for Language Studies will see presentations from a distinguished list of speakers on the following topics:

- Historical Presentation of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture and its benefit to Society
- Science and its Contributions – Dr. L. Ali Shah; Dr. Y. Como
- Science and Culture (Pan in Education)– Mr. Simeon Sandiford
- Technology and its challenges to Society – Prof. J. Agard; Dr. McGraw (UTT)

There will be a further reception at the Institute of International Relations where you will be treated to a display of Science and Technology in Action and a short presentation by the Indian High Commissioner.

For more details, please [click here](#).

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Other news and events

International  
Women's Day, 8  
March 2010



In this it's 25th anniversary year, the Network Of Non Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women invites you to the Silver Key Event to celebrate International Women's Day.

This year's theme, *Equal Rights, equal oppotunities: progress for all* speaks to the need to build awareness of women and girls rights, for equal opportunities, and shared family responsibilities.

Saturday, 6 March 2010  
3.00pm - 6.00pm  
Cascadia Hotel, Cascade

To find out more, please [click here](#).

Why Invent - Good  
ideas for  
development by  
Trevor Bayliss



We are delighted to have the inventor of the wind-up radio, Trevor Bayliss, come to Marlborough House to share his passion for new inventions. You'll be amazed by what he's done and what he plans to do! Trevor's inventions have had a very significant impact on many in the developing world and his reputation as an engaging and entertaining speaker promises to make this event one not to miss.

Wednesday, 10 March 2010  
4.30pm - 6.00pm  
Blenheim Saloon, Marlborough House, London,  
United Kingdom

Places are limited for this event. To book yours please RSVP to [geninfo@commonwealth.int](mailto:geninfo@commonwealth.int)



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