

Tibet Uprising Anniversary 2016: UK Events

Show your support for freedom and justice for Tibet and express solidarity with Tibetans inside Tibet by participating in events marking the anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan National Uprising.

On 10 March 1959, Tibetans in Lhasa rose up against China's military occupation. The Chinese army quashed the uprising and subsequent nation-wide rebellion, killing at least 87,000 Tibetans. Following the failed uprising, the Dalai Lama fled into exile and to this day the Tibetan people have had to endure China's brutal regime.

The Tibetan National Uprising is commemorated annually by exiled Tibetans and Tibet supporters, with events remembering its victims and those of the ongoing occupation, as well as calling for an end to China's oppressive policies in Tibet and for action from the international community.

EVENTS

Thursday 10 March, 11.15am: Wreath-laying ceremony at Westminster Abbey

Thursday 10 March, 1.30pm: Uprising Day protest & march in London

Thursday 10 March, 5.00pm: Uprising Day commemoration event; London

Saturday 12 March, 12.30pm: Uprising anniversary event; London

Saturday 12 March: 6.30pm: Tibetan Women's Uprising Day event; London

Thursday 10 March: Wreath-laying ceremony at Westminster Abbey

Members of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet will lay a wreath to remember the victims of the 1959 Tibetan National Uprising and all those who have lost their lives and suffered during China's occupation of Tibet. The ceremony will involve a short multi-faith service (approximately 15-20 minutes) including Buddhist and Christian prayers. All welcome.

Admission: Free

Time: 11.15am

Venue: At the Memorial to Innocent Victims by the main entrance (west) to Westminster Abbey, Deans Yard, London SW1P 3PA. [Map](#)

Nearest tubes: St James Park or Westminster

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Thursday 10 March: Uprising Day protest & march in London

A protest and march will be held "Calling for Justice in Tibet". All are welcome to attend and express solidarity with Tibetans both in Tibet and those living in exile. Following the protest there will be a "Peace March" through central London, from the Chinese Embassy to Westminster Cathedral Hall (where a commemoration event will be held, see below). All welcome.

Time: from 1.30pm (Peace March from 3pm)

Venue: outside the Chinese Embassy, 49-51 Portland Place, London W1B 1JL. [Map](#)

Nearest tubes: Oxford Circus, Great Portland Street.

Further details: [website](#) | [facebook](#)

Organised by the Tibetan Community in Britain

Thursday 10 March: Uprising Day commemoration event; London

Following on from the protest and march (above) an event will be held to commemorate the anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan National Uprising. The programme will include speeches and Tibetan cultural performances. Guest speakers include Chonpel Tsering (UK Representative of the Dalai Lama), Tim Loughton MP (Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet) and Norman Baker (President of Tibet Society). All welcome.

Admission: Free

Time: 5pm - 8pm

Venue: Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QW. [Map](#)

Nearest tube: Victoria

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Organised by the Tibetan Community in Britain

Saturday 12 March: Uprising anniversary event; London

Free Tibet are organising an event to commemorate the anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan National Uprising. With guest speakers and commemoration activities. Full details will be announced via [facebook](#) and online. All welcome.

Admission: Free

Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Regent Hall, 275 Oxford St, London W1C 2DJ. [Map](#)

Further information: [website](#) | [facebook](#)

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Saturday 12 March: Tibetan Women's Uprising Day event in London

An event to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the Tibetan Women's Uprising Day. On 12 March 1959, thousands of brave Tibetan women sacrificed their lives for the independence of Tibet. The event will include a talk by special guest Lady Sedhar Chozam Ball, prayers, refreshments and Tibetan food. All welcome.

Admission: Free

Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: The October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL. [Map](#)

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