

Tibet Uprising Anniversary 2017: 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. This year is the 58th anniversary of the Uprising.

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Tuesday 7 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. All welcome.

Time: 2.30pm

Admission: Free

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

Nearest tubes: St James Park or Westminster

Organised by Tibet Society on behalf of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet

Tuesday 7 March: Tibet Flag-raising ceremony; Northampton

The 18th annual flag-raising ceremony in Northampton. A ceremony will be held at the Guildhall, with special guests Chonpel Tsering, the Dalai Lama's Representative to the UK, and Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton Cllr Christopher and Lynne Malpass. All welcome.

Admission: Free

Time: 12 noon

Venue: Great Hall, Guildhall, Saint Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE. [Map](#)

Contact: Caroline on 01604 891487, 07979 235 894 or cscatts43@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 7 March: Lobby of Parliament; London & UK-wide

Tibet Lobby Day is a key opportunity for supporters to call on their MPs to take action for Tibet. You can join the lobby at Westminster or lobby your MP in your own constituency. This year, the Lobby's key asks call on the UK government to meet with the Dalai Lama and the Sikyong and for the UK government to take action on Larung Gar.

Westminster Lobby

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Venue: Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London

Nearest tube: Westminster

Sign up by emailing: Ellen Lees (Students for a Free Tibet) ellen@studentsforafreetibet.org or John Jones (Free Tibet) john@freetibet.org

[Click here for further details & material downloads \(via Free Tibet\)](#)

Organised jointly by Tibet Society, Free Tibet, Students for a Free Tibet UK and Tibetan Community UK

Friday 10 March: Tibet Freedom March & Rally; London

To mark the 58th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising a march and rally will be held in central London. Join Tibetans and Tibet supporters calling for an end to China's brutal occupation and for Tibetans' human rights to be respected.

Time: Gather from 2pm. March sets off at 3pm

Venue: Starts opposite Downing Street, on Richmond Terrace, Whitehall. Finishes with rally outside Chinese Embassy on Portland Place, at approx. 4.30pm.

Nearest tubes: Westminster, St James Park, Charing Cross

[Event on Facebook](#)

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Friday 10 March: Tibet Uprising Commemoration; London

An evening event to commemorate the Tibetan National Uprising anniversary. The event will follow on from the march and rally and will comprise talks, film, music and interactive events. The aim of the event is to enlighten and engage all on Tibetan culture, history and campaign actions. Guest speakers include Chonpel Tsering (UK Representative of the Dalai Lama) and Pema Yoko (Executive Director of Students for a Free Tibet). All welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Time: Doors open 5.30pm. Until 9pm

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Hall, Indian YMCA, 41 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 6AQ. [Map](#)

Nearest tubes: Warren Street, Great Portland Street, Goodge Street.

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Friday 10 March: Tibetan Uprising Rave; London

A party to acknowledge the courage and efforts of those past and present who stand up to China's brutal occupation of Tibet. With guest DJs EOD, Georg Bigalke, DJ Boycey & Danbe playing wonderful acid, IDM, electro and techno. Organised by Loose Lips.

Tickets: £5-£9 in advance (via Resident Advisor & Skiddle), £11 on the door

Time: 10pm - 6am

Venue: Bar 512, 512 Kingsland Road, Dalston, London E8 4AE. [Map](#)

Event on facebook

Sunday 12 March: Commemoration of the 58th Anniversary of the National Tibetan Women's Day

The UK Tibetan Women's Association will be commemorating the 58th Anniversary of the National Tibetan Women's Uprising Day of 12th March 1959, when many thousands lost their lives.

Venue: The October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL

Dedication Prayers will be held in memory of the brave Tibetan Women who sacrificed their lives for the Independence of Tibet on 12th March 1959 and those women who are still suffering in prisons under the Chinese occupation of Tibet.

Guest Speaker: Jacqueline young, a clinical psychologist, oriental medical practitioner, nutritionist and naturopath, will speak on The Power of Tibetan Medicine to Balance Health.

Admission: Free

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Contact: uk_twa@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 26 March: Raising the Flag & Fun Run; Milton Keynes

The fourth annual Tibet flag-raising event in Milton Keynes. An afternoon of film, music, speeches, a chat over tea and cake and a special flag run around the local lake. The Tibet flag will be raised by special guest The Mayor of Milton Keynes. All welcome.

Admission: Free

Time: from 1.30pm

Venue: Nipponzam Myohoji Buddhist Temple (by Willen Lake), Woolstone, Milton Keynes MK15 0BA. [Map](#)

Contact: Catherine on catherine@mostynscott.co.uk

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Sunday 2 April: Corsham's Cafe Momo

Corsham's Café Momo will be the last one until the Autumn/Winter! All are welcome to pop in for light lunch, tasty cakes and cool music as well as giving support to Tibet....

Time: open at 1pm for soups until 4pm with a short film at 3pm about Larung Gar

Venue: Church House, Church Street, Corsham

The Cafe Campaign for a while has been against the demolition of Larung Gar, one of the largest and most significant centres of Buddhist learning in the world with a 10,000+ population - due to be halved by the Chinese government. What is left of it will be tightly controlled by a regime that has no legitimacy for Tibetans.

We have had replies from a few MP's but we need to be persistent to get the message across strongly. The implications of this destruction are vast. You can read about it/take action in the links below.

Cafe Momo will have cards to sign and send (Momo will add the stamp!) to your MP asking them to call on the Prime Minister to publicly meet the Dalai Lama and Sikyong when they next visit the UK - and to push for an end to Larung Gar's destruction.

[Photographs of Larung Gar:](#)

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[BBC Architectural photography Competition](#)

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[Stand With Larung Gar](#)

[Free Tibet - A New order issued - 3,225 homes to be destroyed by end April adding that if there is any resistance the whole area will be demolished.](#)

[Tibet Society](#)

Sunday 18 June: A Day for Tibet; Banbury

10.45 am Doors open

11.00am 'Return from Rewalsar' - A talk by York Tibet Support Group organisers Dee and Rowena on their recent visit to Rewalsar and an update on the community project supported by the group. Located in Himachal Pradesh in N. India, Rewalsar is home to many exiled Tibetans and is a sacred place for Tibetan Buddhism.

12.30pm Curry lunch provided by the Gurkha Spice Restaurant (not included in ticket price).

2.30pm Screening of the latest film, A Mother's Son, duration 60 minutes, by Nawang N. Anja-Tsang (Sonam) - a highly acclaimed film about Dorjee Tsering, a 16 year old who self-immolated on Feb 29th and died March 3rd last year.

Tickets: £5 (Tickets also available at Banbury Museum)

Time: from 10.45 am

Venue: Sibford Village Hall, Oxford, OX15 5RW

Tickets and information: Diana Hughes 01295 780 506

Real pashminas and Tibetan merchandise on sale.

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