Shine a light for World Cancer Day
Light the world in orange and blue this 4 February
Be a bright light

Cities around the world are signalling their commitment to the global challenge of cancer by lighting up their major landmarks on 4 February in the World Cancer Day colours of orange and blue.

Lighting up World Cancer Day 2018

Coast to coast and in cities around the world, close to 50 landmarks, monuments and iconic buildings provided a breath-taking and dramatic display of support.

From one of the seven wonders of the world, Petra, to the Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul linking Asia and Europe, to architectural wonder of the City of the Arts and Sciences Museum in Valencia, Spain, to the stately Royal Opera House in Muscat, and to the iconic Empire State Building, these landmarks signalled their commitment to the global challenge of cancer.

Landmarks were also lit up in the heart of Tokyo, the transport hub of Mumbai to hailed sporting grounds of Beira-Rio Stadium in Porto Alegre, Brazil to Parliament House in Athens, Greece, and coast to coast in Canada.
Petra, Jordan
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Empire State Building, New York City, United States
Niagara Falls Illumination Board, Canada

Bosphorus Bridge, Istanbul, Turkey
CN Tower, Toronto & Calgary Tower, Canada

Muscat Royal Opera House, Oman
Caretta Shiodome, Tokyo, Japan

City of the Arts and Sciences Museum, Valencia, Spain
Manchester Central Station, UK & Mumbai VT Railway Station, India

The Fullerton Hotel, Singapore
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Halifax City Hall, Canada

Gothic La Ermita Church, Cali, Colombia
Olympic Cauldron, Vancouver, Canada

Beira-Rio Stadium, Porto Alegre, Brazil
Thank you to all UICC members, organisations and city authorities who made this achievement possible.

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Participating landmarks in 2018:

- Story Bridge, Brisbane, Australia
- Beiro-Rio Stadium, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- Casal de Dançarinos, São João de Piauí, Brazil
- Grêmio Arena, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- Palácio do Planalto, Brazil
- Ponte Estaiada, Teresina, Brazil
- São Miguel Arcanjo, São Miguel das Missões, Brazil
- High Level Bridge, Edmonton, Canada
- Canada Place Sails, Vancouver, Canada
- Olympic Cauldron, Vancouver, Canada
- Niagara Falls Illumination Board, Canada
- CN Tower, Toronto Canada
- District Markers – Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, Canada
- Halifax City Hall, Halifax, Canada
- Cristo – Rey, Cali, Colombia
- Gothic La Ermita Church, Cali, Colombia
- El Penon, Cali, Colombia
- The PeDesde Ton, Cali, Colombia
- Hellenic Parliament, Athens, Greece
- VT Railway Station, Mumbai, India
- Caretta Shiodome, Tokyo, Japan
- Le Royal Hotels & Resorts, Amman, Jordan
- Wadi Abdoun Bridge, Amman, Jordan
- The Treasury, Petra, Jordan
- Muscat Royal Opera House, Muscat, Oman
- Oman Cancer Association Building, Muscat, Oman
- Jet d’eau, Geneva, Switzerland
- Ooredoo Tower, Doha, Qatar
- Torch Hotel, Doha, Qatar
- Sheraton Hotel, Doha, Qatar
- Vegas City Hall, Moscow, Russia
- Samara Regional Oncology Center, Russia
- The Fullerton Hotel, Singapore
- Pazo de Raxoi, Santiago, Spain
- City of the Arts and Sciences Museum, Valencia, Spain
- City Parks, Antalya, Turkey
- Clock Tower, Kayseri City, Turkey
- Bosphorous Bridge, Istanbul, Turkey
- Gevher Nesibe Hospital, Kayseri City, Turkey
- Galata Tower, Istanbul, Turkey
- Historical Stone Bridge, City of Adana, Turkey
- Yas Viceroy Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- Manchester Central Station, Manchester, United Kingdom
- Manchester Town Hall, Manchester, United Kingdom
- Empire State Building, New York City, United States
- Zakim Bridge, Boston, United States
Join us in 2019

– If you would like to make an impact by lighting up a landmark in your city for World Cancer Day in 2019, email info@worldcancerday.org for more information.
Led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), World Cancer Day is the single initiative that unites and rallies the world’s voices to raise awareness of cancer in a truly positive and inspiring way. Be part of history.

World Cancer Day aims to save millions of lives, to achieve greater equity in cancer care and to make fighting cancer a priority. We do this through raising awareness and education about the disease, engaging governments and decision-makers, and inspiring individuals across the world to take action.

Join a growing, global movement

- Close to 1,000 World Cancer Day activities taking place in 131 countries
- Over 13,000 press mentions in 145 countries
- Nearly half a million tweets with the official World Cancer Day hashtags
- Over 50,000 Facebook and Instagram supporters and over 1,000 highly engaged, UICC member organisations with their own following
- Over 100,000 website visitors on World Cancer Day and over 100,000 materials downloaded from the website

Be part of the big picture

The adoption of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals together with the Cancer Resolution resoundingly adopted by the member states of the World Health Organization, global health is entering a new era.

Today, more than ever, a global commitment is needed to advance progress and inspire change. World Cancer Day is a powerful platform to amplify this message at a truly global level.
The work of UICC:

UICC unites the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity, and integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda.

Creating a future without cancer: The time is now

There are currently about 14 million new cancer cases diagnosed each year globally, and 8.8 million cancer deaths - more than HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Over 50% of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries and the number of new cases is expected to rise over the next two decades unless we make significant progress to reverse this trend.

The good news is that we know more about cancer today than ever before.

Thanks to extraordinary breakthroughs in medicine, diagnostics, and scientific knowledge, we know that more than one third of cancer cases are preventable and another third of cancer cases can be cured if detected early and treated properly.

Uniting the international cancer community

UICC is dedicated to taking the lead in convening, capacity building and advocacy initiatives that unite the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity, and integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda.

Partnering to drive success

Founded in 1933 and based in Geneva, Switzerland, UICC is the largest and oldest international cancer organisation. With over 1,000 members and 56 partners across 162 countries, UICC features the world’s major cancer societies, ministries of health, research and treatment institutes, patient groups, and industry leaders.

Over many years, UICC has earned a reputation for being an independent, objective voice for cancer control, urging governments to take action and ensure it is a priority amongst influential organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Through UICC’s UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) status, the organisation also works closely with key UN agencies including: the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
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