<u>Kirsty Williams calls for schools to</u> <u>take part in the Great Get Together</u>

Inspired by MP Jo Cox, who was tragically murdered last year, The Great Get Together aims to bring together communities, neighbours, pupils and friends to share and celebrate all that we hold in common.

The Welsh Government has written to all schools in the country to highlight this year's event, which takes place between 16th to the 18th June, and encouraging them to take part.

Kirsty Williams said:

"Jo Cox spent a lot of time in schools and truly believed in the importance of inspiring younger generations to be good citizens in their communities. From the tragedy of her death The Great Get Together was created to bring all of us together to celebrate what we all share and hold in common, not what divides us.

"On the weekend of the 16th-18th June, The Great Get Together will be taking place across the country, and I'm adding my support by asking schools to take part with a special assembly on Friday 16th June. We will be publishing material that will help schools to get involved.

"I am looking forward to working with schools to make The Great Get Together a moment of unity that inspires pupils to celebrate all they hold in common. I believe there is a groundswell of people who reject divisive politics and simply want to bring our communities together and celebrate all that unites us. This is our chance."

Schools can register their interest and find out more on The Great Get Together website about the thousands of activities taking place across the country, ranging from street parties to BBQs, dog shows to scarecrow festivals, bake-offs to multi-faith Iftars to break the Ramadan fast.