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Celebrate Gandhi's Birthday with Nonviolence

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Gandhi 1906 (via The Heritage Portal)

In recognition of Gandhi's 148th birth date on **2 October 2017**, Durbanites and visitors to Umhlanga can take part in the International Day of Nonviolence and a prayer organised by the Counsel General of India at the nearby Phoenix Settlement, Inanda, Gandhi's one-time home in Durban and the location of his printing press where *The Indian Opinion* newspaper was published. The Indian Consulate will be conducting the celebration from 8am to 11am. All are welcome. Bring your own snacks and water to drink.

Garsons Expeditions will be conducting a non-profit tour on the same day aimed at educating children about the life and times of Gandhi. The **INANDA STORY** tour explores Gandhi's 21 years in South Africa. Whilst bookings for this tour on 2 October are already closed other dates can be booked through the Garsons Expeditions website, www.garsons.co.za.

Also in keeping with the Mahatma's memory, on **4 October**, 9am to 4.30pm, Garsons Expeditions will conduct the **Great Leaders Tour** – a tour which explores the lives of other South African giants alongside Gandhi. These include the likes of John L Dube, iNkhosi Albert Luthuli, Nelson R Mandela, Shaka and Jan Smuts. Don't miss out, book through www.garsons.co.za.

South Africa has the highest concentration of expatriate Indians outside of India, and it is also the one-time home of one of India's most widely recognized figures: **Mahatma Gandhi**. Gandhi spent his formative years as a young attorney



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in Durban from 1893 to 1914. In Durban he developed his philosophy of Satyagraha, a powerful form of active yet peaceful resistance to political injustices that was inspired by his opposition to the discrimination that was rampant in South Africa at the time. Satyagraha influenced leaders like Martin Luther King, frustrated the likes of Winston Churchill and was astutely recognised by General Smuts as a 'force' to be reckoned with.

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