



# GANDHI MANDELA FOUNDATION

## ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

### Gandhi Mandela Foundation Annual Commemorative Calendar

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Prepared for strategic planning, partnerships, and international engagement.

### Gandhi Mandela Foundation Annual Gantt-Style Planning Chart

Activity	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Education & Peace Initiatives	●			
Non-Violence & Ethics Dialogues	●	●		
Global Forums & Partnerships			●	
Youth Leadership Programmes			●	
Human Rights Reporting				●

This planning chart aligns commemorations, partnerships, and fundraising cycles.

**Model:**  
Each commemorative date becomes:



- A visibility moment
- A partnership invitation
- A fundraising touchpoint

- Materials ready for embassies, UN agencies, foundations, and major donors

#### What this gives the GMF immediately?

- A coherent annual narrative
- Clear fundraising and partnership anchor points
- Professional, neutral, and diplomatic presentation

#### Strategic Note

This calendar allows GMF to:

- Maintain **year-round visibility**,
- Anchor activities to **UN-recognized dates**, and
- Position itself as a **neutral, credible global convener**.

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	—	GMF Founding Day	Annual Report & Address	Institutional Report



## JANUARY

### 24 January – International Day of Education (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Education as a foundation for peace and human dignity.

**Suggested Activities**

- Official GMF statement
- Short policy brief or op-ed on education and peace
- Online roundtable with educators and youth leaders

Official Message (Excerpt)

*On the International Day of Education, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation reaffirms its conviction that access to quality education is not only a human right, but a cornerstone of peace, social cohesion, and ethical leadership. Education empowers individuals, strengthens communities, and builds the foundations of a more just and peaceful world.*

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### 30 January – Anniversary of the Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi

**Strategic Focus:** Non-violence and moral leadership.

**Suggested Activities**

- Flagship GMF annual reflection
- Gandhi Lecture or Dialogue (virtual or in-person)
- Publication on non-violence and ethical leadership

**Official Message**

*Today 30 January on the anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation honours the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, whose commitment to non-violence and moral courage continues to guide humanity. In remembering his sacrifice, we renew our commitment to dialogue, dignity, and peaceful transformation.*

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## APRIL

### 5 April – International Day of Conscience (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Ethical decision-making and global responsibility.

**Suggested Activities**

- Joint statement with partner institutions
- Expert panel on ethics in leadership and governance

**Official Message**

*On the International Day of Conscience, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation calls for leadership grounded in ethical reflection, responsibility, and respect for human dignity. A peaceful world begins with decisions guided by conscience.*

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## MAY

### 16 May – International Day of Living Together in Peace (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Social cohesion, dialogue, and coexistence.

**Suggested Activities**

- Community dialogue or intercultural forum
- Case-study publication on peacebuilding initiatives

**Official Message**



*Living together in peace requires dialogue, inclusion, and mutual respect. On this day, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation reaffirms its mission to foster understanding across cultures, communities, and perspectives.*

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## JULY

### 18 July – Nelson Mandela International Day (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Service, reconciliation, and leadership.

**Suggested Activities**

- GMF Global Forum or Annual Assembly
- Youth leadership initiative or service campaign
- High-visibility international statement

**Official Message**

*On Nelson Mandela International Day, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation honors a life dedicated to justice, reconciliation, and service to humanity. We invite individuals and institutions worldwide to transform values into action and service into lasting impact.*

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## AUGUST

### 12 August – International Youth Day (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Youth leadership for peace and education.

**Suggested Activities**

- Youth roundtable or peace dialogue
- Launch of GMF Youth Network or fellowship

**Official Message**

*Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow; they are partners in building peace today. The Gandhi Mandela Foundation is committed to amplifying young voices and supporting youth-led initiatives for a more just and peaceful world.*

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## SEPTEMBER

### 21 September – International Day of Peace (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Global peace and multilateral cooperation.

**Suggested Activities**

- GMF Peace Declaration
- International symposium or policy dialogue
- Media outreach and institutional partnerships

**Official Message**

*On the International Day of Peace, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation calls upon the global community to reaffirm dialogue over division and cooperation over conflict. Peace is not an aspiration alone—it is a shared responsibility.*

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### 25 September – Anniversary of the SDGs

**Strategic Focus:** Peace, education, and human rights within Agenda 2030.

**Suggested Activities**

- Policy note aligning GMF mission with SDGs
- Partner webinar on SDG 4, 16, and 17



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## OCTOBER

### 2 October – International Day of Non-Violence (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Non-violence as a global ethic.

**Suggested Activities**

- Joint Gandhi–Mandela Statement
- Educational campaign or lecture series

**Official Message**

*On the International Day of Non-Violence, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation affirms that lasting peace is achieved through dialogue, justice, and respect for human dignity. Non-violence remains a powerful force for change.*

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### 5 October – World Teachers' Day (UNESCO)

**Strategic Focus:** Educators as agents of peace.

**Suggested Activities**

- Tribute message
- Short publication on education and peacebuilding

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## NOVEMBER

### 16 November – International Day for Tolerance (UNESCO)

**Strategic Focus:** Inclusion and cultural dialogue.

**Suggested Activities**

- Intercultural dialogue or arts-based initiative
- Statement on tolerance and coexistence

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## DECEMBER

### 10 December – Human Rights Day (UN)

**Strategic Focus:** Human dignity and universal rights.

**Suggested Activities**

- Annual GMF Human Rights Statement
- Release of an annual reflection or report

**Official Message**

*On Human Rights Day, the Gandhi Mandela Foundation reaffirms its commitment to the universality and indivisibility of human rights. Peace, justice, and education are inseparable pillars of human dignity.*

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## INSTITUTIONAL GMF DATE

### GMF Founding Day

**Purpose:** Accountability, reflection, and strategic outlook.

**Activities**

- Annual report release
  - Chair's address on progress and priorities
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## **ALIGNMENT WITH FUNDRAISING & PARTNERSHIP OBJECTIVES**

*(Critical for sustainability and donor engagement)*

### **Strategic Alignment Matrix**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Target Partners</b>	<b>Fundraising Opportunity</b>
<b>Education &amp; Peace</b>	<b>UNESCO, universities, foundations</b>	<b>Education grants, fellowships</b>
<b>Non-Violence &amp; Ethics</b>	<b>Peace institutes, faith groups</b>	<b>Ethical leadership programmes</b>
<b>Youth Leadership</b>	<b>Youth networks, donors, CSR funds</b>	<b>Youth fellowships &amp; summits</b>
<b>Human Rights</b>	<b>Human rights foundations, UN agencies</b>	<b>Research &amp; advocacy funding</b>
<b>Global Dialogue</b>	<b>Embassies, cultural institutes</b>	<b>Sponsored forums &amp; events</b>

### **Flagship Fundraising Moments**

- 18 July (Mandela Day): Annual donor appeal + sponsorship launch
- 21 September (Peace Day): Institutional partnerships & MOUs
- 10 December (Human Rights Day): End-of-year giving & report release