



PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME 2 – 6 OCTOBER

October 2

WEDNESDAY

Venue: Phoenix Settlement

Celebration of Gandhiji's 155th birth anniversary at Phoenix Settlement

Audience: Community leaders and neighbours, Diplomatic corps, H.W. Mayor of eThekweni and members of various organisations, Religious leaders

Theme: Deepening our understanding of nonviolence

9:00 – 10:00: Viewing of exhibition

10:00 – 13:00 Programme:

- **Interfaith prayer**
- **Welcome:** GDT/PST
- **Address:** H.W. Mayor Hon Cyril Xaba
- **Introduction and purpose of the week's programmes:** GDT/PST
- **Screening of film:** *Ahimsa* produced by Video Vision
- **Discussions on the film**

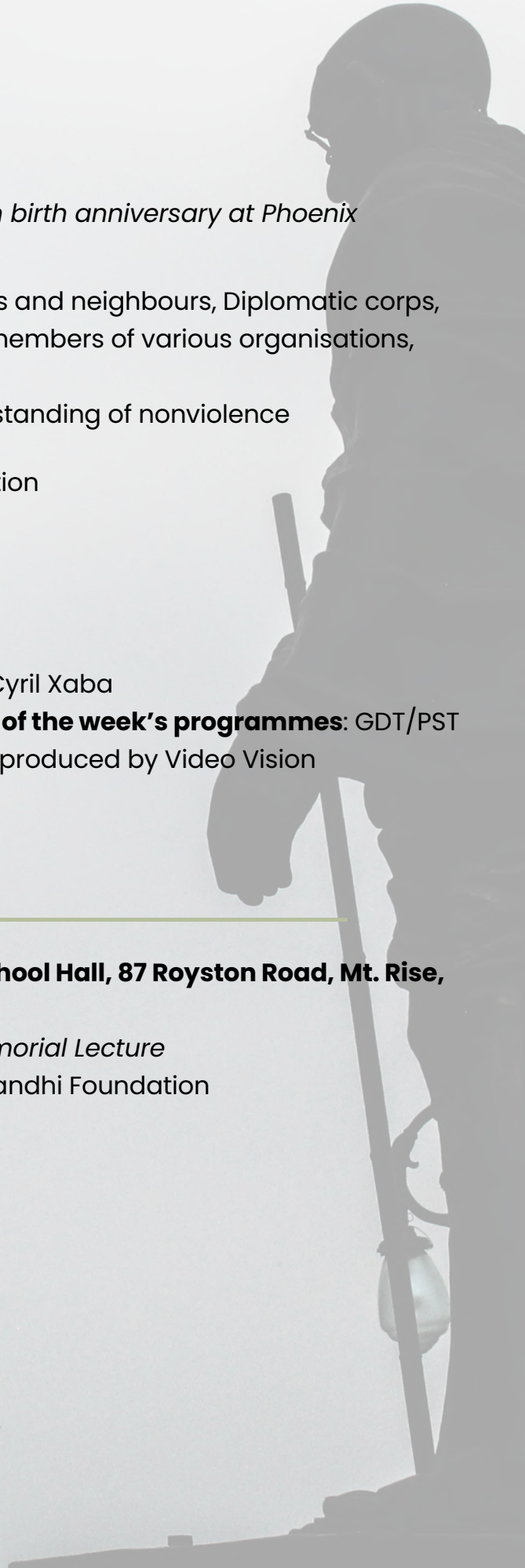
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

19:00 Venue Arthur Blaxall School Hall, 87 Royston Road, Mt. Rise, Pietermaritzburg

Annual Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture

Hosted by Pietermaritzburg Gandhi Foundation

Speaker: Dr Johnny Mack



PROGRAM

October 3 THURSDAY

19:00 Online Conversation

Legacy of Gandhi, Mandela and King-in conversation with Dr. Johnny Mack - hosted by the Pietermaritzburg Gandhi Foundation.

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October 4 FRIDAY

10:00 – 11:00: Venue: Phoenix Settlement

Viewing of an exhibition curated by Uma Dhupelia-Mesthrie and 1860 Heritage Centre

11:00 - 14:00 Venue: Phoenix Settlement

Meeting of sister organisations to build collaborative relationships; local, national and international.

Aim: Building relationships and setting the foundation for structured collaboration relating to plan@2030

Participants:

Gandhian organisations based in South Africa including GDT/PST, Tolstoy, MK Gandhi Foundation, Pietermaritzburg Gandhi Foundation, Mpumalanga Group – Volksrust Prison team, Dundee Group, Ladysmith Group, Dube Museum and Ohlange Institute, Luthuli Museum, Nelson Mandela Foundation, Ahmed Kathrada Foundation and others.

Proposed programme

Welcome: Ela Gandhi

Opening prayer: Lightning of candles

- **Lead-in presentation:** Phoenix Settlement 120 years and importance of collaboration among the organisations building synergy, fostering collaboration.
- **Introductions:** Each representative introduces themselves and gives a short summary of programmes they run.
- **Discussion:** Plan for 2025
- **Consolidation:** Summary of ideas and mapping out plan for 2025 onwards
- **Closing address:** Dr Johnny Mack
- **Lunch and depart**

PROGRAM

18:30 - 20:00 Webinar

How can the ideas developed at Phoenix Settlement change the world today?

Aim: To look at new models of development.

Speakers: Dr Johnny Mack, Prof Vilas Sapkal, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Dr Rajmohan Gandhi, Hon Deputy Minister of Public Works SA, Sihle Zikalala

Ravi Pillay: A brief discussion on NIC130 and possible plans.

Moderator: Dr Denzil Chetty

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October 5

SATURDAY

Venue: Phoenix Settlement

9:30 - 10:00 Viewing of Exhibition

Book launch: *Gandhi's African Legacy: Phoenix Settlement 1904 to 2024. A History Through Letters* (UWC Press, 2024) by Uma Dhupelia-Mesthrie

10:00 - 13:00 Facilitator: Nirode Bramdaw

Speakers: Professor Uma Dhupelia-Mesthrie, University of the Western Cape, Professor Isabel Hofmeyr, University of the Witwatersrand, Professor Saleem Badat, University of the Free State, Professor Ruchi Chaturvedi, University of Cape Town

Book signing

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 17:00 Venue: Phoenix Settlement

Conference - Reflections on what Phoenix Settlement means to me

- **Aim:** To get to know perceptions of Phoenix Settlement
- **Facilitator:** Sogen Moodley
- **Address:** Ravi Pillay speaks on Pravin's message to NIC130
- **Other Speakers:** A range of responses from local people who had experiences with activities on the Settlement from the mid 1960's onwards.

PROGRAM

6 October
SUNDAY

9:30 - 10:00 Venue: Phoenix Settlement

Significance of Phoenix Settlement: Values Ethics Principles

Aim: To develop a Programme of Action particularly for Phoenix Settlement and in general for all

Facilitator: Sogen Moodley

10:00 to 10:30 Setting the tone for South Africa's renewal: His Worship the Mayor Hon Cyril Xaba

10:30 - 11:30 Keynote address: Dr Johnny Mack: Where to from here? Community or Chaos?

11:30 - 12:30 Discussions

12:30 - 13:00 Ratification of programme of action

13:00 - 13:30 Lunch

Start Venue: Project Gateway, Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg
Annual Gandhi Peace Walk - Hosted by the Pietermaritzburg Gandhi Foundation

Celebrate - 120th Anniversary Phoenix Settlement

Phoenix Settlement (PS) was established by Mahatma Gandhi in 1904. This year marks the 120th anniversary of PS. To celebrate this important milestone we have decided to have a number of programmes and discussions to put together a PLAN@2030.

The vision of the PS is to develop an internationally acclaimed education and learning centre promoting Gandhian ideas and values and providing essential support services to the surrounding community.

It further aims to gather and disseminate appropriate information on Gandhi locally, nationally and internationally in order to build a culture of nonviolence and promote universal values while providing essential services and education and training, locally to as many people as possible.

In order to achieve this, we have organised a 5 day programme from 2-6 October in order to begin to set up structures to meet local national and international needs and to build relationships, collaboration, networks and establish a mutually enriching support base with other organisations with similar objectives.

We are looking forward to welcoming and collaborating with you.

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