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The purpose of The Gandhi Foundation is to promote knowledge about the life and teaching of Gandhi and to relate it to some of the major challenges and conflicts of our time such as social injustice, poverty, discrimination, destruction of the environment, the arms race and war. Gandhi's advocating of non-violent approaches to conflict are valued and promoted. On 15 June 2007, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish Gandhi's date of birth, 2 October, as the International Day of Non-Violence.

The Gandhi Foundation was set up at a meeting in October 1983, following Richard Attenborough's film "Gandhi" and the renewed interest that it aroused. The Foundation has no full-time staff, but is administered by the Executive Committee (assisted by a Secretary), whose members take forward the purpose of the Foundation through its ongoing projects. All Gandhi Foundation Friends are encouraged to become involved in areas that are of particular interest to them.

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When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall. Think of it – always.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi



Report from Chair – Mark Hoda

Before I set out my reflections on the past year and future plans, I first of all want to pay tribute to the tireless work and dedication of my predecessor, Susan Denton-Brown.

Susan took over the chair of The Gandhi Foundation at a very challenging, transitional time for us. She not only kept things going but left the organisation stronger and more stable than she had found it. I cannot hope to match Susan's energy and dynamism as Chair but her legacy has certainly made my job far easier than it would otherwise have been.

As well as running the Foundation, Susan also put together a wonderful Gandhi photographic exhibition for school children based at Kingsley Hall in memory of my father Surur who was one of the Founders of the GF. I hope that we will be able to inspire a new generation of local children around Kingsley Hall using the exhibition.

I also need to thank all my colleagues on the Executive and our Secretary, Sabera, for all their help and support. They all continue to take on responsibility for the Foundation's running, activities and outputs and I rely entirely on their hard work and commitment.

This year we have already held a very successful multi faith celebration, thanks to the work of Omar Hayat and Sabera, and our partnership with St Ethelburga's Centre, and their Director Simon Keyes, who hosted the event and helped put together a very thought provoking programme.

As well St Ethelburga's, the Foundation has continued to maintain strong relationships with existing partners, such as Kingsley Hall, the International Sufi School and Jeevika Trust (see separate reports) as well as forge new ones, including the Derby Multi Faith Centre. They made a very generous donation after borrowing the British Library Exhibition on Gandhi, for which we are very grateful to Dr Phil Henry.

You can read reports on the Multi Faith Celebration and our other highly successful, well attended annual events over the last year in this annual report. Plans are also well underway on the events for this year; the Summer Gathering, Annual Lecture and Peace Award. I look forward to seeing some of you at those events in the coming months.

Matthew and Diane at Rohita have built and maintained a very impressive, engaging website for the Foundation. I have a number of unsolicited compliments from friends and associates about our website, which is very encouraging.

The Gandhi Way is the jewel in our crown as tool for both engaging with existing friends, and attracting new members. However, a strong web presence is crucial in showcasing Gandhi Way articles and promoting the work of the Foundation, as well as the message of Gandhi. I look forward to working with Rohita and our Executive Committee to develop the site and our broader web strategy further.

In the meantime, I would very much welcome the thoughts of GF friends about how we can broaden and deepen our reach, or any other matter, via the website or the Gandhi Way.

If the GF is going to develop we must open up more dialogue between the Chair/Executive Committee and GF Friends and supporters both through traditional, as well as new channels of communication.

Mark Hoda

Patrons' Report – there is no news to update; any updates will be published in future editions of The Gandhi Way.

REPORTS OF ANNUAL EVENTS:

Multi Faith Celebration Sunday 7 February 2010

In February we hosted our multi-faith celebration jointly with St Ethelburga's centre on Bishopsgate in London on the theme of "refusing violence". We had held our Multi Faith Celebration at St Ethelburga's in the past, but this is the first time that we jointly hosted the event.

The event was chaired by the Centre's Director Simon Keyes, who also helped us put together a very engaging, thought provoking programme.

Speakers included Swami Sukchaitanya from the Art of Living Foundation, Gandhi Foundation Trustee Graham Davey, representing the Quaker faith, and youth worker Alim Noor, who spoke very movingly and inspiringly about his experiences of street violence in East London which led to the death of a friend. An excerpt from a film on Alim's experiences was screened which also featured some of his rapping from his time as a performance artist.

Live music was also provided by a soloist from the Middle East who played an ancient stringed instrument from that region called the oud. The event was closed by Japanese Buddhist Monk Revd. Nagase and his colleagues.

We very much hope that this year's Multi Faith Celebration marks the start of a long and fruitful partnership with St Ethelburga's.

Mark Hoda

Summer Gathering of GF Friends 25 July – 1 Aug 2009

Twenty five adults and ten young people came together for a week at The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire, attempting, as the leaflet said, to recreate something of the experience of

living in a Gandhian ashram. There was the usual wide age range and a satisfactory blend of veterans and newcomers.

The theme was 'Transformation (Being the change you wish to see)' and various aspects were tackled in our morning sessions. Susan Denton-Brown and Graham Davey led the first on changes in Gandhi's life – their causes and implications. Susan led two further sessions on changes we would like to make in our personal lives and the things that inhibit us and, secondly, how to deal with conflict more effectively. Graham introduced a discussion on the ideal society and ways in which we might be agents of change. Nona Wright challenged us to think about our lifestyles and the need to be more mindful of all costs associated with consumption. All these sessions included discussion in small groups where the teenagers made valuable contributions.

The Tuesday morning was different when we were led by Nick Marshall. The subject was 'Wild Music' and included everybody moving like a giraffe and greeting others with giraffe noises – an activity that had not previously been included in a Summer Gathering programme. Four teams produced music-making machines and composed 'songs' to promote earth, fire, water and air.

Arya Bhardwaj led yoga sessions each morning and we started and ended each day with a period of meditation. The afternoons were spent making a collage with members of the Abbey community, gardening in the beautiful grounds, painting in water colours and reading. The evening programmes were rich in music-making, circle dancing and stories. Ken Scott supervised the preparation of excellent meals as usual.

Our final session on the Saturday morning enabled us to review the whole week and to begin to make plans for 2010.

Graham Davey

Annual Lecture and Peace Award 2009

The Gandhi Foundation's Annual Lecture and Peace Award 2009 were held in conjunction with The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. The venue was the historic Temple Church, a building originally founded by the Knights Templar and now used, not just as a place of worship, but also for promoting understanding between faiths and peaceful dialogue on a variety of issues.

The Inner Temple had expressed their desire to have closer collaboration with The Gandhi Foundation as Mohandas Gandhi was admitted to the Inner Temple in 1888.

The preparation for the 2009 Annual Lecture started over a cup of coffee at the Sub Treasurer's, Mr Patrick Maddams, office in spring 2008. Later, when the Peace award was agreed to be given to The Children's Legal Centre, it was decided to join the two events. The date of 14th October was chosen as the most suitable given that on 2nd October, Gandhi's birth date, many other events would be taking place.

Paul Bloomfield, a Friend of the Gandhi Foundation, gave a tremendous amount of help in getting sponsorship for this event and through his efforts we were able to get funding from Fasken Martineau, one of the world's leading international business law and litigation firms with more than 650 lawyers with offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, France and South Africa. This enabled us to offer free tickets. Over 500 people from governmental bodies, legal firms, social services, academics and other organisations were contacted. Approximately 300 people came to the event – one of the largest numbers since Shabana Azmi received the award on behalf of Nivara Hakk in 2006.

Lord Bhikhu Parekh, Patron and Vice President of The Gandhi Foundation, welcomed the guests and explained the reasons why The Gandhi Foundation had chosen to present the 2009 International Peace Award to The Children's Legal Centre (CLC).



Denis Halliday presenting the Peace Award to Professor Carolyn Hamilton

The Peace Award was presented by Denis Halliday, a former recipient of the award himself, who had flown in from Ireland especially for the event.

The Gandhi Foundation International Peace Award is a means to acknowledge works of individuals or organisations that have actively and consistently adhered to the guiding principles of nonviolence and importantly have had an impact on either the political, legal or social challenges of our times.

The CLC certainly fit these criteria. One additional criterion that the GF tries to adhere to whenever possible is that of an 'unsung hero' i.e. people doing incredible work but not having been formally recognised. When the CLC were originally nominated, The Gandhi Foundation did not know much about them, but after a few weeks of research we were truly amazed at the breadth and scope of their work.

The work that the CLC are doing in representing young and vulnerable children, especially girls, and in helping to change the legal structures relating to children, is incredibly important. The outcomes affect not only the lives of these children but society at large and the future prosperity, not only in economic terms, of nations. The fact that the CLC's work is especially focused in helping vulnerable girls from either social or legal

abuse is, in our opinion, very important from a Gandhian prospective.

Mahatma Gandhi greatly valued the social role of women and called them the architects of civilization. He deeply lamented their inferior treatment and marginalization and insisted that unless women were given full equality society had no hope.

One of the defining features of any civilised society should be how it treats those that are marginalised, vulnerable and without representation. The CLC's work certainly brings that representation, care and humanity.

After the presentation of the award to Professor Carolyn Hamilton, Director of the CLC, Cherie Blair, a long time patron of the CLC, gave an acceptance speech which is available by on the GF website.

Following the presentation, The Rt Hon. Lord Justice Laws, Lord Justice of Appeals, took the stage to introduce Justice Aftab Alam of the Supreme Court of India, who had kindly agreed to give The Gandhi Foundation 2009 Annual Lecture.



Justice Aftab Alam of the Indian Supreme Court giving the Annual Lecture

The Indian Government had kindly agreed, through the Supreme Court, to fund his trip to the UK to give the Gandhi

Foundation lecture. His speech on *The Role of the Indian Supreme Court in Upholding Secularism in India* was very well received. He talked about the complexity of Indian society and the role of the Supreme Court in interpreting religious doctrines from a human rights perspective, balancing competing claims in a secular State and the internal conflicts within the Supreme Court itself. The speech was very well received, and the GF received several requests for the transcript; which is now available on the website www.gandhifoundation.org.

A short but engaging Q&A session took place after the lecture. Guests were then invited to a drinks reception, sponsored by Hardwick & Morris, Chartered Accountants. Finally, those who were still eager for more conversation were invited to dinner at the Inner Temple.

Omar Hayat

Peace Conference in Edinburgh May 2010

The GF collaborated with the International Sufi School on an Exhibition and Conference held in Edinburgh 21-23 May 2010 called Nonviolence Within, Peace for All. A large exhibition prepared by the ISS focused on selected Peacemakers, including Gandhi, and there were also diverse workshops and a very lively concert. The British Library Exhibition on Gandhi, held at Kingsley Hall, was taken to Edinburgh and supplemented the ISS panels on Gandhi. Ellen Moxley, representing the GF, was one of four speakers on the last day and she spoke of her life as a peacemaker especially using nonviolent direct action against nuclear weapons facilities. It was a very international gathering including attendees from Africa and Asia, and a very joyful occasion.

George Paxton

GENERAL REPORTS

Friends of the GF

The number of Friends, which stands at approximately 250, continues to show a gradual decline. Very little advertising is done and the natural losses are not being replaced by sufficient new Friends. Nearly all new subscribers now come through the website. If anyone would like leaflets to leave in suitable places or to pass on to those who might be interested, please request them from George Paxton.

The Gandhi Way

The quarterly newsletter continues to be the main means of communication with Friends although for those for whom we have an email address occasional email notices are also sent in addition. If you have an email address but are not on our list please send it to the Editor. The Editor receives a substantial number of articles for publication but these are sometimes too lengthy as 2,000 words is the preferred limit. We could still do with more Letters-to-the-Editor.

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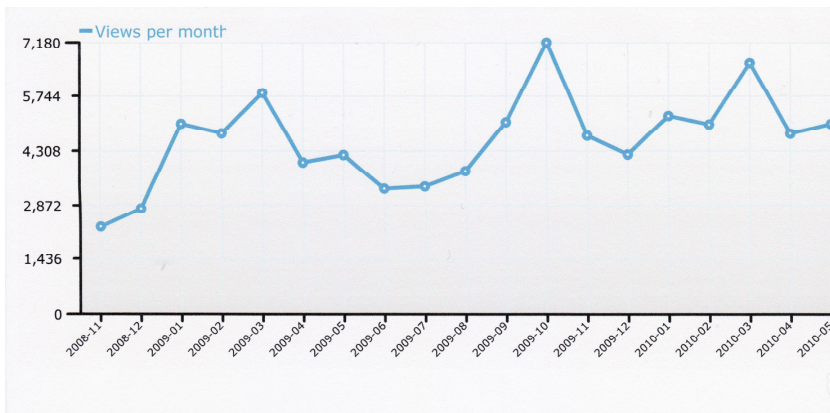
Gandhian Literature

During the year a supply of books and pamphlets were ordered from India and these have been selling through advertising in *The Gandhi Way* and on the GF website.

George Paxton

Website

The GF website has seen a sustained level of interest in 2009/2010, with visitors averaging around 1,100 per week. The peak occurred during the BBC documentary series on Gandhi in October 2009, partly because the BBC website for the series included a link to ours, resulting in our busiest ever month with 7,180 visitors. We also enjoyed increased interest in March 2010 during the staging of Philip Glass's *Satyagraha* at the English National Opera (ENO), for which we had posted publicity on the website at the ENO's request.



Apart from the pages that provide general information about the Foundation, the most popular articles on the website are currently: Helena Nielsen’s article on “Te Whiti o Rongomai: A forerunner of Gandhi” (829 views) and the video of “Painting Gandhi” by Christos Papachristou (716 views). Bhikhu Parekh’s article on “Gandhi in the 21st Century” has received 488 views. The website has become a principal source of new members for the Foundation, with numerous people signing up to annual subscriptions, from both the UK and overseas. There have also been some generous donations via the Paypal button on the website. Another feature which has taken off this year is the GF Facebook page which now has 131 friends, and helps us to widen our profile and publicise events and articles to new audiences.

British Library Gandhi Exhibition

The BL Gandhi Exhibition has travelled to two venues this year: In March 2010 the exhibition was at the University of Derby Multifaith Centre and in May 2010 it was in Edinburgh at the International Sufi School peace event, where Ellen Moxley, a former GF International Peace Award recipient also gave a talk.

Diane Gregory
Matthew Bain

Academic Adviser's Report 2009-2010

One highlight of the Gandhi Foundation's year was Justice Alam's Annual Gandhi Lecture at the Inner Temple. I responded to this in a piece entitled *Indian Secularism Revisited* in the Gandhi Way (No 103 Spring 2010). The lecture was erudite and legalistic and possibly the critical question of basic human rights under the law was obscured. The question of a uniform personal code has bedevilled all Indian regimes. It is the acute question of how a multi-cultural society guarantees basic equalities and justice within the law. It had been a major issue under British rule, and for a brief spell under the Governor-Generalship of William Bentinck (1828-35) there was a drive to introduce a more liberal code, famously with the abolition of sati in 1829, the later abolition of slavery, and the private members bill, as it were, of the Widow Remarriage act of 1856. But the British lost their nerve following the cultural protest at such radical interference in a Hindu way of life in 1857 and were less ready thereafter to interfere in custom. Nehru sought to redress the balance and determined to introduce a more progressive and uniform personal code. This was the theme Justice Alam addressed. A key moment was the so-called Shah Bano affair when divorce rights for Muslim women were brought into line with more progressive secular standards but Rajiv Gandhi's government panicked. Here is an issue well worth serious reflection.

I did some reviewing this year, two books both connected with the limitations on Gandhi's concerns for non-violent political solutions. One was on the Malabar rebellion of 1922 (See my review of M Gangadharan *The Malabar Rebellion* in the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society October 2009). Here Congress tried to shape a Muslim uprising inspired by local peasant discontent and the Khilafat movement along non-violent lines but discovered the limits of its appeal. The subsequent communal divide between Hindu and Muslim had fatal long term consequences on communal relationships. I also reviewed J S Grewal's *The Sikhs* (see forthcoming issue of Asian Affairs). Here is another example of an embattled minority whose

political identity was to be torn asunder by partition and struggling to avoid outright violent conflict, climaxing with the notorious Bluestar operation of 1984. At some point a Gandhian non-violent solution broke down, with tragic consequences for all parties involved.

Meanwhile I've kept at my project on music, painting and the spiritual in 20th century Europe and recently gave talk on Art and the Spiritual in an Age of Fear to the London Society for the Study of Religions in the rather grand setting of the Athenaeum. At first glance all this has little connection to Gandhi. Admittedly Anthony Parel has made a brave attempt to make a case for Gandhi's interests in music, his way of acting on the Hindu value of Karma. At a deeper level, however, my project reflects on the way the creative artist struggled to express the spiritual in an age of unprecedented barbarism and that surely was also Gandhi's endeavour.

Antony Copley

Kingsley Hall Report

Historic Kingsley Hall, bestowed to the people of London's East End by the Lester sisters Muriel and Doris, is the home of various community and voluntary organisations including the Gandhi Foundation. The two sisters who were pacifists had invited the Mahatma to stay there during his visit to London in 1931. The Gandhi cell remains as it was in the top floor of the building with the offices of the Foundation in the adjacent room.

Kingsley Hall is run by a Board of Trustees with representatives from the local community and user groups. The users are diverse in ethnicity, gender and age. Young people constitute more than 40% of the users and Kingsley Hall is looking to increase their involvement.

Last year I replaced David Maxwell who had been the Gandhi Foundation's representative on the Board of Trustees for a

number of years and had been very active. Apart from the monthly meetings there are various sub-committees and I have recently been attending the Heritage Sub-committee meetings. In addition to the activities run by the user groups, Kingsley Hall organises its own projects. During the past year, there were a range of health and well-being days with information on healthy living, complementary therapy and keep fit sessions. At the Open Day in September, the Gandhi Foundation had a stall where books and T-shirts were on sale and information provided. We also helped to show the visitors around the building.

At the AGM in 2009, Bruce Kent was the main speaker. I shared my poem on Hiroshima and Susan Denton-Brown did a presentation on the Gandhi Foundation's Education Project.

Kingsley Hall has secured a Heritage Lottery Grant to restore the archives of Muriel and Doris Lester. The work was led by Alice Mackay and is due for completion on the 20th July when it will be marked by an event at the Dagenham Kingsley Hall. The new Muriel Lester website (<http://www.muriellester.com>) can be searched for valuable information on the work of the sisters and their continuing influence.

A small grant was secured for the Bromley-By-Bow Cultural Trail. Local young people took part and a video film was produced. The aim of the project was to promote unity, harmony and understanding among the Bow community that is diverse and rich in culture. The next phase of the project is being planned.

The Trustees have been planning to undertake some restoration and development work of the building. It also needs facilities for disabled people. Much of the time was spent in identifying potential funders for a feasibility plan and professionals who can help.

Funding is a key issue. Kingsley Hall has been working with the membership organisation BASSAC (British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres – who represent and support a national network of community centres) to raise monies. In view of the local authority cutbacks, other sources of funding are being explored. A summer fete has been planned for August 7th for raising funds. The Trustees are to have training days to enhance their skills and knowledge.

Streets of Growth, a youth organisation, has moved out of Kingsley Hall. This has provided additional office space. The two members of staff who currently share the Gandhi Foundation offices are to move downstairs. This is an opportunity to reorganise the office and set up a library and reading area for researchers and Gandhi enthusiasts. With the 2012 Olympics round the corner and the possibility of many visitors dropping in, we certainly need to think about improving the office space.

Shaheen Choudhury-Westcombe

Jeevika Trust Report

At the beginning of this year the Gandhi Foundation Executive very kindly agreed to make a £1000 donation to Jeevika to support their work. In a letter of thanks to the GF for this donation, Andrew Redpath, Jeevika's Executive Director, said "It is more than a gift. It is a valuable gesture and reminder of the scope and need for our two organisations to work more closely in parallel.

Jeevika does fantastic work in villages throughout India to build sustainable livelihoods for some of its poorest people through projects focused on income generation, water and sanitation, health and nutrition. However, Jeevika needs more supporters, fundraisers and donations to continue its vital work. As a small charity, even small, regular donations make all the difference. You can find out more about Jeevika's work and how to get involved in it at www.jeevika.org.uk

Mark Hoda

**The Gandhi Foundation
Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year 2009**

INCOME	2009	2008	EXPENDITURE	2009	2008
Standing Orders	2665.36	2786.00	Gandhi Way printing	843.00	676.00
Subs/donations - cur.	1673.00	2080.00	Gandhi Way expenses	936.81	849.36
Paypal	164.39				
Grants	11577.57	11100.00	Literature purchase	461.28	319.00
Literature sales	225.25	242.50	Travel to meetings	242.20	315.25
Reclaimed giftaid tax	666.21	1244.41	Secretaries' pay inc. VAT	3917.30	4240.83
Bank int. curr. 5.97					
Bank int. dep. 127.59	133.56	757.83	Chair and Sec's expenses	1220.04	843.23
			Kingsley Hall rent	2340.00	1594.00
			Kingsley Hall phone	308.79	256.69
			Miscellaneous	489.78	930.17
Total general income	17631.34	18210.74	Total general expenditure	10759.20	10024.53
Events income	5703.83	19636.67	Events expenditure	4375.64	31775.41
Restricted income	526.00	5407.63	Grants - Ghana project	300.00	12922.63
Total Income	23335.17	43255.04	Total Expenditure	15434.84	54722.57

Notes on the GF accounts for 2009

INCOME

The total for grants is made up as follows:

Scott Bader Commonwealth	750.00
Nirman Foundation	3922.49
Cecil Evans bequest (cash)	139.08
Cecil Evans bequest F&C Stewardship International Fund, 2000 shares	3966.00
The Lester Trust	500.00
Fasken Martineau	2000.00
Anon	<u>300.00</u>
Total	11577.57

Restricted income consists of:

Donations for the Patna Collective	425.00
Donation for the education exhibition	<u>101.00</u>
Total	526.00

EXPENDITURE

Miscellaneous expenditure consists of:

Advertising for secretary	72.90
Network for Peace, two subs	80.00
Stickers to update leaflets	103.50
Education exhibition	18.23
Additional costs for Summer Gathering 2008	<u>215.15</u>
Total	489.78

EVENTS		<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>
Multi-Faith Celebration				
	Collection	272.71	London Inter-Faith Centre	120.00
			Admin and refreshments	<u>456.28</u>
				576.28
Annual Gathering				
	Receipts	192.00	Nil	
Summer Gathering				
	Fees	4466.12	The Abbey	2600.00
	Sale of surplus food	43.00	Food	575.20
			N.Marshall travel	10.00
			Art materials	32.42
			Medical kit	29.11
			Donation to Arya	100.00
			Admin	240.63
	Total income	<u>4509.12</u>	Total expenditure	<u>3587.36</u>
Annual Lecture and Peace Award				
	Donation – Nehru Centre	500.00	Admin and engraving etc.	212.00
	Payments for dinner	<u>230.00</u>		
	Total	730.00		

Multi-Faith Celebration	272.71		576.28
Annual Gathering	192.00		
Summer Gathering	4509.12		3587.36
Annual Lecture and Award	<u>730.00</u>		<u>212.00</u>
Total events income	5703.83	Total events expenditure	4375.64

During the year 2009, income exceeded expenditure by 7900.33 This is made up as follows:

Current account balance at:	31-12-2009	7525.65	
Current account balance at:	1-1-2009	<u>3883.30</u>	
Surplus on current account			3642.35
Interest on 14 day deposit account			127.59
Subs and donations in paypal account, 31-12-2009			164.39
Value of shares in C Evans bequest			<u>3966.00</u>
			Total 7900.33

The total assets of the Gandhi Foundation at the end of 2009 were:

Cooperative Bank, current account:	7525.65
Cooperative Bank, deposit account:	33835.15
Paypal account	164.39
F&C Investments – 2000 shares	<u>3966.00</u>
Total	45491.19

Graham Davey

The GF Annual Lecturers 1985-2009 and Lecture Titles

1985 – Prof. Johann Galtung, Founder, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo: *“Gandhi Today”*.

1986 – Jonathon Porritt, Director, Friends of the Earth: *“Gandhi and the Green Movement”*.

1987 – Martin Ennals, Sec-Gen, Amnesty Intl (Nobel Peace Prize 1977): *“The International Concept of Human Rights”*.

1988 – Prof. Paul Blau, Austrian Green Party: *“The Beginning of an Epoch: time for the great Peace Treaty”*.

1989 – a discussion was broadcast on Channel 4 instead of a lecture; directed by Tariq Ali. Panellists included Dr. Rex Ambler, Lord Attenborough, Prof. Judith Brown, Antony Copley, Cecil Evans, Surur Hoda, Prof. Bhikhu Parekh, H.E. M Rasgota.

1990 – Lord Ennals, former GF Chair, former Cabinet Minister: *“Nonviolence in International Relations”*.

1991 – Dr LM Singhvi, Indian High Commissioner: *“Gandhi Today”*.

1992 – Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Nobel Peace Prize 1984) (video lecture): *“Gandhi in South Africa”*.

1993 – H.H. the Dalai Lama (Nobel Peace Prize 1989): *“Compassion – the Basis of Nonviolence”*.

1996 – Lord Donald Soper: *“Total Repudiation of Mass Violence - the only road to Peace”*.

1997 – Prof. Madhu Dandavate, Delhi: *“Gandhi’s Human Touch”*.

1998 – Mairead Maguire, Peace People, N. Ireland (Nobel Peace Prize 1976): *“Building a Culture of Nonviolence”*.

1999 – Bruce Kent, former Chair of CND; former President, International Peace Bureau: *“Time to Abolish War”*.

2000 – Prof. Adam Curle, Founder Dept of Peace, Bradford University and International Mediator: *“Mahatma Gandhi: the Master of Truth”*.

2001– Dr. Scilla Elworthy, Founder/Director, The Oxford Research Group: *“Gandhi’s Legacy: the vibrancy of non-violent conflict resolution in the 21st Century”*.

2002 – John Hume, MP & MEP, Leader SDLP (joint Nobel Peace Prize 1998): *“An Eye for an Eye”*.

2003 – Simon Hughes MP, Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London: *“India and Gandhi: their legacy for London”*.

2004 – Helen Steven, founder of The Scottish Centre for Nonviolence: *“Our World at the Crossroads: Nonviolence or Nonexistence”*.

2005 – Sir Mark Tully, former BBC South Asia correspondent; Patron of the GF: *“Was the Mahatma too Great a Soul?”*.

2006 – Kamallesh Sharma, Indian High Commissioner: *“Encounters with Gandhi”*.

2007 – Prof. Bhikhu Parekh, Centennial Professor, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, LSE; Patron of the GF: *“Why is Gandhi still relevant?”*.

2008 – Revd. Harold Good, independent witness to the disarmament conducted under Gen. John de Chastelain: *“Lessons in Peacemaking”*.

2009 – Justice Aftab Alam,: *“The Role of the Indian Supreme Court in Upholding Secularism in India”*.

The GF International Peace Award Prize Winners

1998 Michael Harbottle, founder of Generals for Peace.

1999 Nicholas Gillett, a life-long peace educator.

2000 *Jubilee 2000* founders Martin Dent and Bill Peters.

2003 Denis Halliday, former UN Humanitarian Co-ordinator in Iraq, who resigned in protest at the inhuman treatment of Iraqi children caused by the sanction regime.

2004 Helen Steven & Ellen Moxley, campaigners against WMDs and the armaments industry over the past 30 years.

2005 Clive Stafford Smith, human rights lawyer, for his work representing Guantanamo detainees and campaigning against extraordinary rendition and the death penalty in the USA.

2006 Shabana Azmi, Indian film actress, social activist and United Nations Population Fund Goodwill Ambassador, for her work helping the slum dwellers of Mumbai, her championing of women's rights and her opposition to religious fundamentalism.

2007 Media Lens founders David Edwards and David Cromwell, an online UK-based media watch project set up in 2001, which provides detailed and documented criticism of bias and omissions in the British media.

2008 Rev. Harold Good OBE & Father Alex Reid CSSR, for their work in Northern Ireland as independent witnesses to the disarmament conducted under General John de Chastelain.

2009 The Children's Legal Centre, for its work in representing young and vulnerable children, especially girls, and in helping to change the legal structures relating to children.



Shabana Azmi, Gandhi Foundation International Peace Award 2006

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