

## A week exploring creativity through sharing

### How to apply

The easiest way to apply is by email—please request a application form for the 2017 Summer School and Gathering by emailing: [gandhisummertgathering@gmail.com](mailto:gandhisummertgathering@gmail.com)

Or complete the form below and post to:

The Organisers  
 Summer Gathering  
 2 Vale Court  
 WEYBRIDGE KT13 9NN  
 Telephone: 01932 841135

### APPLICATION FORM FOR 2017 SUMMER SCHOOL

Number of people in group.....

Names of adults in group:

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Names and ages of children in group:

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Type of accommodation requested (delete as appropriate):

Camping/Double Room/Single Room

Any special dietary, access or other requirements

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If you need extra space please add an extra sheet of paper.

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The Summer School prices are all inclusive covering the programme, accommodation and all meals for the whole week. The costs vary depending on the type of accommodation and your ability to pay. Those who are on low income can pay less than the standard charge but we would invite those who can afford it to pay more. Children and full-time students pay half-price. Bookings should be accompanied by a deposit of £50 per person. All cheques should be made out to 'The Gandhi Foundation'.

In order to maximise our use of the available accommodation we cannot confirm part-week non-camping bookings until 1 July 2017. Part-week bookings for camping are not restricted.

The success of the Gathering depends largely on people staying for the whole week so there will be a surcharge for those who come for six nights or fewer.

Weekly costs per adult 2017 prices	Low	Standard	Generous
Camping	£160	£180	£200
Double Room	£215	£240	£270
Single Room	£235	£260	£290
Day Rate £25			

All bookings are subject to a non-refundable deposit of £50 per person

For more information about the Gandhi Foundation please visit our website: <http://gandhifoundation.org/>.



## A week exploring community

Inspired By  
 Gandhi



22 July – 29 July 2017

St Christopher School  
 Barrington Road,  
 Letchworth Garden City  
 Hertfordshire  
 SG6 3JZ

You are warmly invited to the  
 Gandhi Foundation Summer School and  
 Gathering for a week of exploring community,  
 non-violence and creativity through sharing

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### Inspirations

The 1983 film *Gandhi* directed by Richard Attenborough brought the life of Gandhi and his ideas for promoting fairness through non-violent action and lifestyle to a new generation. The Summer School and Gathering has been run by the Gandhi Foundation ever since and is now in its 32nd year. It offers an opportunity for anyone interested in exploring action for creating a fairer, more sustainable world, to meet, discuss, rest and grow by living together in community for one week a year. Our focus is not on looking back but at tackling the current challenges facing our world, using Gandhi and others as inspirations where appropriate, and so encourage a new generation of satyagrahi—those who will fight for truth through non-violence—peace warriors.

The Summer School and Gathering is open to people of all ages, of any faith or none, experts and novices, who are prepared to share their experience and listen to others with respect.

### The School

The St Christopher School was founded in 1915 by Dr. Armstrong Smith and is a long-time proponent of progressive education. It was founded to be a school 'where members of different faiths are encouraged to mix together and in this way to learn a respect and tolerance for beliefs other than their own'.

Overall the aim has been to create a community that encourages the positive development of all the capacities that lie within the child.

### Inspired By Gandhi

In the morning sessions we shall look at the influences that led Gandhi to adopt the principle of nonviolence in striving for social change. That principle was practised with some success in countries occupied by the Nazis in the Second World War. It has contributed to the independence movements of colonial states and to Civil Rights movements through people such as Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. There will be opportunities to learn about the writings of Gene Sharp and the history of Costa Rica, 'the country without an army'.

During the week we shall be challenged to think of ways in which Gandian nonviolence could be used to achieve social justice and peace in a world torn apart by conflict.

### What can you expect at the Summer School?

The Summer School aims to provide a secure, happy and lively environment for all ages. Participants are encouraged to engage as fully as possible in the programme of activities in order to help them get the most of the week. But there is lots of flexibility according to age, capability and personal taste, and plenty of free time to pursue individual interests. It is important for the smooth running of the Summer School and the building of the community that participants commit to the short morning gathering at 9am where we share information, thanks, hopes and problems (even the most respectful group may have some!). The Summer School is fully inclusive with all meals provided - these are vegetarian or vegan and, in line with Gandhi's principles, there is no alcohol allowed during the week. Families are welcomed and special activities are run for the children during the morning sessions.



## A typical day at the summer school

7am	Yoga
8am	Breakfast -help yourself
9am	Short meditation and assembly of the whole community.
9.30am	Workshops and children's activities focused on the Summer School theme.
11am	Shramadana and free time—it is necessary but also fun to share the work of the community based on our ability. Following Gandhi's principles we all take our turn at cleaning, food preparation, and other tasks. But the many hands make light work leaving opportunity for free time before lunch
1pm	Lunch followed by free time or shared activity such as creative listening.
3pm	Creative space—Gandhi encouraged his communities to be creative and practical. In past years we have had spinning, drawing, painting, calligraphy, crochet, river walks, badminton, parachute games, gardening, music, bananograms.
6pm	Supper
8pm	Evening entertainment such as circle dancing, films, creative writing, bonfires, and the last night party.
9.30pm	Meditation