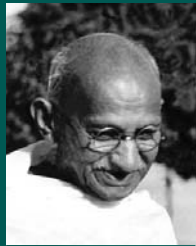


Three extraordinary lives



Mahatma Gandhi 1869–1948

Mohandas K Gandhi was an Indian Hindu who dedicated his life to non-violent principles and led a movement for liberating India from the colonial rule.



Martin Luther King Jr 1929–1968

Martin Luther King Jr was an African American Christian who infused non-violent principles with love and broke the iron grip of racial segregation and intolerance that dominated the American social system.



Daisaku Ikeda 1928–

Japanese born Daisaku Ikeda is the world's leading Buddhist philosopher. He is deeply committed to the principles of internationalism and espouses the principle of inner reformation by individuals as the basis for social action for peace.

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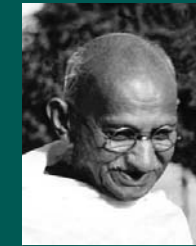


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Gandhi – King – Ikeda
Peacebuilder's Exhibition



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Mahatma Gandhi

“You must be the change you want to see.”



Martin Luther King Jr

“Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.”



Daisaku Ikeda

“A great revolution of character in just a single individual will help us achieve a change in the destiny of a nation and, further, will cause a change in the destiny of humankind.”

Introduction

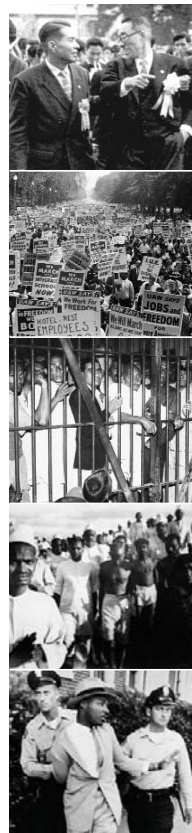
This international exhibition, which was originally conceived and designed by Dr Lawrence Carter, Senior Dean of Martin Luther King Jr International Chapel of Morehouse College, Atlanta, profiles the lives and contribution of three personalities – **Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr and Daisaku Ikeda.**

These men from three different cultures and continents have followed a common path of profound dedication and achievement in improving the lives of all people.

Mahatma Gandhi’s ideals of non-violence helped shape the destiny of India and these same ideals formed the backbone for Martin Luther King’s commitment to peace and justice. Daisaku Ikeda has initiated and inspired community level initiatives based on intercultural and interfaith dialogues, and he has established educational institutions contributing to world peace.

This exhibition highlights the joint commitment and steadfast dedication to non-violence of these three men. The panels feature colour photographs, inspiring quotations and factual information about each of them. All three have sought to forge an existence filled with dignity, freedom and happiness for all people.

The Exhibition is divided into sections that relate to Key Themes:



Forging Destiny	This portrays the importance of mentors who have influenced the lives of these three personalities and the key events that led to their taking a stand for peace, equality and justice.
Humanistic Co-existence	An exploration of their common belief in the innate dignity of humanity and their absolute commitment to their ideals of a free and united world.
Action from Principle – materialising dreams	This illustrates how each of the three personalities was able to translate their principles into dynamic action based on a <i>stand alone spirit</i> , defying immense obstacles to pursue the path of peace in the community at large.
Non-violence Forever	An examination of the principles of non-violent action as a way of life and a means to bring about positive change in society.
Adversity and Resistance	This shows each person’s ability to triumph over adversity and thus further their growth as humanists and world citizens.