The 5th Annual International Online

Fellowship Program on Nonviolence and Peace

October 02, 2026 to January 30, 2027

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Gandhi viewed civilization as essentially a journey of nonviolence. For him, nonviolence is the law of life. The world has come to realize this fact, as Gen. McArthur said, violence 'is not only fundamentally wrong but contains the germs of self-destruction'. The work of Gandhi demonstrated the efficacy of nonviolence as an attitude and a system of conducting personal and public life in a manner that is just, peaceful, and sustainable.

This assumes great significance in the 21st century, as modernity has enabled every individual to become global in their potential. With the Internet, satellite communication, and a global economy, our every action draws upon a world of energy, making us global in both our strength and ability. In the words of Alfred North Whitehead, the worlds "arise and coalesce" in becoming an individual what she is today. Individual life has gained *'vishwaroop (*global stature*)*. In other words, society (global society) has become the very body of every individual. There is no individual without society today. Even for self-interest one has to be socially conscious. Not being socially conscious is therefore contrary to the nature of modern life.

As Martin Luther King Jr. observed: "The choice today is not between violence and nonviolence. It is between nonviolence and nonexistence". While Einstein was correct in saying "Nuclear weapons changed everything except our way of thinking", Nelson Mandela was wise to seek the reconciliation of people to one another as crucial to building the unity required for progressive collective action. From personal deceit to warfare and ecological destruction we witness consequences in life of ethical transgressions at every front – with humankind threatening the very prospect of life on earth. Greta Thunberg and others remind us that good intentions must be manifested in actions, or else be properly condemned as empty rhetoric.

More than just a Fellowship Certificate Program, this course of study seeks to be relevant to every successful applicant, both locally and globally, as we work together to become more aware and empowered global citizens.

With a view to introducing Gandhian nonviolence to new and future generations, Sevagram Ashram Pratishthan in association with Gandhi International, Academic University College for Non-Violence and Human Rights-AUNOHR, International Centre of Nonviolence, Durban University of Technology and Portland Community College offer a Four-Month online training program on nonviolence and peace.

Program Summary

Name of the Program	: International Fellowship Program on Nonviolence and Peace
Program status	: Training; online
Duration	: Four Months (October 02, 2026–January 30, 2027)
Date of Commencement	: October 02, 2026
Who can join	: International Students, Professionals, Activists, Community Leaders, Teachers, Life-long Learners. Anyone interested in nonviolence & peace.
Eligibility	: Proficiency in English; 21 years of age.
No. of Participants	: 30 (admission at discretion of program administrators/partners)
Facilitators/Partners	: Prof. Dorcas Oyebisi Ettang, Dr. Ogarit Younan, Dr. Michael Warren Sonnleitner, Christophe Grigri, Prof. D. John Chelladurai, Dr. Siby K. Joseph.
Associates/Partners	: Dr. Seema Sajjan, Bsher Said, Dr. Daniela Sepulveda-Ruiz.
Resource Persons	: Prof. Michael Nagler, Kathy Kelly, Louis Campana, Dr. Christian Bartolf, Dr. Nahla Harb, Prof. Prem Anand Mishra et al.
Nature of the Program	: Training Workshop – Transdisciplinary
Methodology	: Interactive Lectures, Participatory
Tools	: Exercises, Audio visuals / PPT
Technique	: Design thinking, Group discussions, Case presentations.
Objectives of the Course	: To introduce the fundamentals of Gandhian nonviolence and peace;
	: Explore the dynamics of nonviolence and conflict resolution;
	: Analyze the Global context, conditions, and constitution of peace;
	: Explore nonviolent action strategies applicable to diverse struggles for justice & peace and promote economic & ecological sustainability living;
	: Equip individuals to transform conflict into creative experiences and effectively address turbulent human conflict situations constructively.

Learning Outcome	: Participants are enabled with a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals of nonviolence and its application in life; empowered to handle challenges inclusively; and equipped with tools and techniques to construct sustainable peace within self and society.
Pedagogy	: Teaching sessions, interaction with practitioners, training workshops, library sessions, field visits (in respective neighborhoods), journal writing and project work.
Syllabus	: Global sustainability challenges and response: an analysis; Fundamentals and dynamics of Gandhian nonviolence and peace; Global experience in nonviolent action (resistance); Nonviolent methods of Dealing with Conflict

Program Structure:

Online Sessions	: 3 times per week Thursday, Friday and Saturday (90 minutes a session)
Sessions Starting time	: 7 pm IST (Indian Standard Time). Check the local equivalent
Practical (desired)	: Three hours a week (neighborhood engagement)
Tutorial	: Fortnightly (2 hours)
Mentor / supervisor	: Candidates get a mentor for the practical and project writing
Project	: Periodical assignments and final report submission
Admission process	: Online application; and personal interviews.
Certification	: Fellowship Certificate and Peace Fellow Declaration in March 2027.

We invite interested people to apply immediately.

(Care will be taken to maximize worldwide representation.)

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