

About Ahimsa Peace Institute

Mission:

The **Ahimsa Peace Institute (API)** The mission of API is to promote community peace building in North-South America and economically depressed areas of the world through the joining of Gandhian philosophy and vocational education for children, youth, and their parents, fostering global peace.

Special Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC

Since July 23, 2015, the **Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute (GWEI)-Ahimsa Peace Institute (API)**, has held **special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**.

Programs and Initiatives:

AVANI Foundation, Kolhapur, India

The **AVANI Residential School** in Kolhapur, India, is a cornerstone of API's educational outreach. Led by **Anuradha Bhosale**, the school rescues and rehabilitates children from extreme poverty and child labor, providing them with education and vocational training. The project was inspired by **Arun Chavan** and the **Verala Development Society**, which has worked to transform the lives of India's most marginalized since the 1960s. <https://www.gandhiforchildren.org/support/gandhi-sponsor-children-kolhapur/>

Ahimsa: Gandhi – The Power of the Powerless Film Screenings

In partnership with **Ramesh Sharma**, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, API has secured exclusive North American distribution rights for the documentary film, "**Ahimsa: Gandhi – The Power of the Powerless.**" The film highlights the relevance of **nonviolence** in contemporary times. API offers screenings in collaboration with NGOs throughout North America to spread this message of peace. <https://www.gandhiforchildren.org/ahimsa-gandhi-film/>

Season for Nonviolence

The **Season for Nonviolence** is an annual program that focuses on educating communities toward **nonviolent actions** in honor of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The initiative encourages individuals to make daily nonviolent choices and recognizes those who work to build inclusive, peaceful communities that respect the dignity and worth of all. www.gandhiforchildren.org/sfnv

Gandhi Legacy Tour of India | The Book

The **Gandhi Legacy Tour of India** offers another opportunity for participants to deeply engage with Gandhian philosophy. All sales of **Gandhi Legacy Tour of India "The Book"**, which documents this journey, benefit **underserved children**. <https://www.gandhiforchildren.org/gandhi-legacy-changing-journey/>

The **Daily Acts of Ahimsa** is an initiative designed to inspire individuals to incorporate nonviolent principles into their everyday lives through simple, mindful actions. This program encourages people to make conscious, positive choices that foster peace, compassion, and empathy in their interactions with others. Whether it's a small gesture of kindness, standing up against injustice, or choosing patience over anger, each act contributes to a broader culture of nonviolence. The Daily Acts of Ahimsa serve as a reminder that everyone holds the power to impact the world for the better through their daily actions. <https://www.gandhiforchildren.org/daily-ahimsa-acts/>

Satyagraha Tour of South Africa | Youth Tour Grants

The **Satyagraha Tours** offer an immersive experience for participants to understand Gandhi's philosophy of **nonviolence (Ahimsa)** in action. These educational tours focus on sites of human interest rather than tourist attractions, teaching participants how to apply **nonviolent principles** in their own lives to promote **social and economic change**. **Youth Tour Grants** make it possible for young people to take part in this transformative experience. www.gandhitour.info/safrica

United Nations Economic and Social Council

The Ahimsa Peace Institute's role within the **UN ECOSOC** enables its representatives to engage with key UN meetings on **human rights, peacebuilding, and socioeconomic development**. API continues to serve as a powerful voice for nonviolent solutions on the international stage. www.gandhiforchildren.org/ecosoc



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