

Mandela 8

THE TEN YEAR JOURNEY
FROM DREAM TO REALITY

“The Mandela8 Memorial to my Father Nelson Mandela is truly inspirational. Being involved in this journey, seeing the stones made and installed has been a very emotional experience for myself and my daughter Tukwini. To think that all the way in Liverpool, what my dad stood for in life still resonates with a lot of people today. Sometimes I feel despondent about the 67 years my Dad spent fighting for human rights and social justice and the sacrifices he made, leaving us without a Father, Grandfather in our lives during that time. Then I came to Liverpool and saw how much people admire the work that my Dad did, and I remind myself the sacrifice was worth it. It is a real, emotional and significant gesture to continue to educate people and continue to seek harmony, love and peace in the world based on my father’s values that are still relevant today”

Maki Mandela, 2023



The Journey

towards the Memorial to Nelson Mandela

WHEN LIVERPOOL BECAME AWARE OF THE brutality of apartheid in South Africa, the city united to support Nelson Mandela and the South African people. It was one of the first cities in the world to actively support the anti-apartheid movement, and Nelson Mandela’s links to the city are deeply etched into its recent heritage.

With no UK government support for sanctions, support in Liverpool for Mandela and his comrades was wholehearted. Community and voluntary organisations, the City Council, Trade Unions, education institutions and individuals came together to highlight the injustice and oppression in South Africa, to campaign and provide practical assistance to those working their way along the long road to freedom and equality.

In Liverpool8, the work of the Black community and its allies to support the struggle in South Africa was conjoined with its own struggle at home, the fight to challenge racism, improve social and economic conditions and to increase opportunity for people who were marginalised and frequently excluded, a community once written off by national government and many sections of the mainstream media.

The awarding of the Freedom of the City to Nelson Mandela in 1994, following his election as South Africa’s first Black Head of State in its first fully representative democratic election, was perceived by the Liverpool8 community as a highly significant moment, a step in its own journey towards racial equality and reconciliation following the conflicts of the 1980’s. When Nelson Mandela passed away in December 2013, the public outcry at the loss of such a significant leader was overwhelming, and that is where the journey started for Mandela8 and the community of Liverpool8.

STEPHEN NZE AND SONIA BASSEY MBE
MANDELA8

“Over the years as a BBC Journalist and community leader, I have seen the impact of Mandela8 in and around the L8 community. This ambitious project not only preserves and shares our rich historical and contemporary heritage but also fosters community development and cohesion.

Through creative collaborations, educational engagement, and community participation, Mandela8 is creating something extraordinary on a historic site that holds immense significance. Nelson Mandela’s profound impact on Liverpool, particularly in Toxteth, is undeniable.

His enduring legacy continues to inspire and guide us, making Mandela8 a symbol of resilience and a cherished landmark for our city”

NGUNAN ADAMU
BBC RADIO MERSEYSIDE

Mandela8

2013

On 5th December Nelson Mandela sadly passed away at the age of 95.

On 6th December an impromptu memorial at the Sunburst Gates of Princes Park is started by Joe Farrag.

On 15th December The Liverpool 8 community gathers at the park gates for a vigil, organised by Joe Farrag and processes to Kuumba Imani for Nelson Mandela’s funeral and commemorative event.

The Mandela Memorial Campaign Group is established, the dream of a permanent memorial is born and soon has over 1.5k Facebook followers. 

2014

The Vision

January: The Group presents and gains the full support of Liverpool City Council for the concept of a memorial.

February: Steve Biko Housing Association agrees to become the campaign’s accountable body.

March: The campaign group starts the fundraising campaign to recruit a project manager and artists to design the Nelson Mandela memorial.

May: Initial community consultations begin with sessions with elders and the vision begins to emerge. Fundraising and idea sharing throughout the year.



“Mandela8 was launched by people from L8 in the aftermath of his death. It shows the love and respect we felt for him. It looks forward to creating a better life for our young people, and who better for a role model?”

COUNCILLOR STEVE MUNBY
DINGLE WARD LABOUR COUNCILLOR

“We support the work that Mandela8 does because it brings about valuable outcomes for local people, raises the profile of the area and attracts visitors to it. Our vision and values for Liverpool 8 align and we believe that Mandela8 empowers the community to achieve their aspirations”

CHRIS STARKEY

PROJECTS DIRECTOR, GRANBY TOXTETH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

“Mandela was a significant figure for me growing up, he symbolised the power of being brave and doing the right thing regardless of the personal sacrifice. He has more than earned his place in our history and it is only right there should be a memorial in our city to this legend”

EMMA CAREY

MANAGING PARTNER, MSB SOLICITORS



“It is a privilege and an honour to be asked to be a patron of Mandela8. Roots and Wings manages to combine history and Education for young people in remembering this great man and what he achieved with dignity and respect, despite the inhumane treatment he received. Long may Mandela8 thrive and grow”

WALLY BROWN
MANDELA 8 PATRON

“Nelson Mandela's daughter and granddaughter spoke movingly about how much this bridge/island space means for his memory and thanked the people of Liverpool for their struggle against apartheid. They spoke about the importance of gardens to Nelson Mandela and respecting differences”

KATY GARDNER
CO-CHAIR OF FOPP

2015

August: Mandela8 host a Civic Reception for Nelson Mandela and Gil Scott Heron in partnership with Malik Al-Nasir.

Everton FC and South African international football player Steven Piennaar becomes a project patron alongside fellow footballers Howard Gayle and John Barnes. They support a day of presentations and activities in the community. 

October: The Steering Group's first official meeting formed to support the ongoing memorial campaign, stakeholder and community engagement and robust governance.

“Successful delivery of a task you believe in requires a great deal of courage, faith, passion and self discipline even when the playing field is not a level one”

CHIEF ANGUS CHUKUEMEKA


CEO, CRAWFORD HOUSE ENTERPRISE CENTRE



2016

August: Mandela8 hits its fundraising target to appoint project managers to recruit international artists to design the memorial.

September: Nelson Mandela Memorial Campaign group commissions the Contemporary Arts Society to recruit world renowned artists to design the memorial.

November: The Mandela Memorial Campaign is officially launched with the blessing of new project Patron the Nelson Mandela Foundation. The event is hosted by Patrons John Barnes and Howard Gayle. 

December: The **Mandela8** logo is launched with the endorsement of the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

“I support the Mandela8 project because of the positivity in it's projects, which help develop the Liverpool 8 Community”

JOE FARAG
COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

LIVERPOOL PARK TO GET NELSON MANDELA MEMORIAL

“A permanent memorial to iconic South African leader Nelson Mandela is to be created in Princes Park, with a new bridge built to access the tribute. The memorial artwork will be created on the lake island at the Toxteth park, to tie in with what would have been the 100th birthday of the revered freedom fighter and philanthropist, who was made a Freeman of Liverpool in 1994. Liverpool City Council will spend more than £300,000 restoring the surrounding lake, including reinstating the water channel, putting in fishing platforms and creating the bridge link to the lake island to allow people to see the tribute up close”

LIVERPOOL ECHO 2017



2017



February: **Mandela8 Charity** is established. An event is held to promote the Memorial in the House of Commons.

March: As part of the ongoing consultation, a significant local heritage feature, the island on the lake in Princes Park, designed by highly influential Victorian landscape architect Joseph Paxton, is identified as the community’s preferred site for the memorial. It is intended to be a place for education and contemplation.

The idea becomes the catalyst for a major lake restoration programme, including the removal of high levels of silting and vegetation encroachment, reinstating water channels and installing fishing platforms, as part of a £1million LCC programme to improve city parks.

International architectural artist practice **Wayward** are commissioned to design the memorial. They commence consultations which solidify the notion of the island as the preferred site and work towards detailed design options.

Wayward’s designs show a new bridge to the island which echoes Paxton’s original design, and a series of inscribed pedestals, allowing the memorial installation to function as an outdoor classroom.



A Heritage Statement was commissioned, it concluded:

“The principle of the proposal is entirely complementary with the heritage significance and values of Princes Park. The memorial will be a fitting tribute to Nelson Mandela but at the same time it will contribute to the ‘Virtuous Circle of Heritage Conservation’, the memorial will encourage better valuing of Princes Park, better caring for Princes Park, better enjoyment of Princes Park and better understanding of Princes Park”.

Representatives of the Nelson Mandela Foundation visited and approved the site and designs, noting the design’s synergies with Nelson Mandela’s life, he was incarcerated on an island; his life’s work was about building bridges and meeting points; the installation in a garden setting reflects his love of horticulture, his frequent use of garden metaphors in his writing; the pedestals reference his oil drum planters that supplemented his prison diet; the limestone of the installation reflects the limestone he quarried whilst imprisoned.

December: Mandela8 receive backing from **UNiglobal**, a conglomerate of unions representing 20 million workers across the globe.

“The Mandela8 memorial project in Liverpool is very much the vision of a grassroots community where Wayward had very intimate and intense engagement with local stakeholders.

It is a space for education and reflection that responds to the garden that Mandela created in prison, and telling the story of how his garden was a key symbol in his resistance and endurance. Part of that is looking at how a community can care for a permanent memorial”

HEATHER RING
WAYWARD

“We are extremely proud to have been and continue to be, an active supporter of Mandela8 as their work aligns with our commitment to collaborate with and build upon diverse neighbourhoods. The journey we have taken with them reminds us of the need to champion initiatives that drive community growth”

CATH MURRAY-HOWARD
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, TORUS GROUP

“I support Mandela8 because they commemorate Nelson Mandela’s profound impact on humanity. In Liverpool’s heart, it fosters community cohesion, celebrates heritage, and perpetuates Mandela’s enduring legacy through immersive educational and artistic experiences”

JOANNE ANDERSON
FIRST BLACK FORMER MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL

PLANS SUBMITTED FOR PRINCES PARK'S NELSON MANDELA MEMORIAL

YM MAGAZINE 2018

“Trades unions were at the heart of the struggle against Apartheid, and to Free Nelson Mandela so it was natural that when we heard about the campaign for a memorial in Liverpool, trades unions would want to add their support. Working together with community activists and our trades unions to build the campaign and realise the dream is something I will always be proud of helping to facilitate. The memorial will be a lasting legacy and will always remind us all we are stronger when we work together”

LYNN COLLINS

FORMER REGIONAL SECRETARY TUC NORTH WEST
FORMER MANDELA8 CHAIR AND TRUSTEE



2018

February: Planning Permission for the memorial is applied for, with all requirements of statutory consultation processes and regulatory planning requirements undertaken.

March: Mandela8 delegation visits South Africa, to meet daughter Maki and granddaughter Tukwini Mandela for the first time and receives their blessing. Mandela8 is gifted a series of original ‘Struggle’ artworks produced by Mandela.

July: The My 67 Minutes Programme is launched across schools and communities in Liverpool to celebrate Mandela’s 100th birthday, over 50,000 participate. Nelson Mandela spent 67 years supporting social justice and human rights before he passed the baton to others on his 90th Birthday, 18th July, now officially designated Mandela Day by the United Nations.



“The world remains beset by so much human suffering, poverty and deprivation. It is in your hands to make of our world a better one for all, especially the poor, vulnerable and marginalised. It is now in the hands of your generations to help rid the world of such suffering.”

NELSON MANDELA, on his 90th birthday

The project encourages everyone to take **67 minutes** out on Mandela Day [one minute for every year that Mandela fought for human rights and social justice] to do an act of kindness or for someone else or for their community.

August: Mandela’s ‘Struggle’ Prints go on public display at Liverpool Town Hall.



October: Mandela ‘Struggle’ Prints become the first Black artwork to be on permanent display in St Georges Hall.

Mandela8 worked with **Africa Oyé** to host a fundraising event that sold-out District, featuring, Soweto band **BCUC** [Bantu Continua Uhuru Consciousness], South African stars of ‘Afro-psychedelic future pop’.

“It was an honour to perform for the family of Nelson Mandela in Liverpool. Mandela8 have been great supporters of our music and helped us reach new audiences in the UK”

Jovi Nkosi, BCUC

BANTU CONTINUA UHURU CONSCIOUSNESS

“Uni Global Union is proud to have enabled the seed planted by Mandela8 to flourish and which stands as a proud legacy of our 2018 Liverpool World Congress Unions from 150 nations contributed to this precious place of reflection and hope. May all those that visit find the inspiration to keep the flame alive for a world of peace and justice”

PHILIP JENNINGS

GENERAL SECRETARY UNI GLOBAL UNION 2000 – 2018

“Writing on the Wall were proud to partner on a schools-based project and a community parade to celebrate Mandela day. This is just one impressive achievement of Mandela8. Their work is nothing short of phenomenal”

MADELINE HENEGHAN

CO-DIRECTOR, WRITING ON THE WALL

“The relationship that Big Help Project have with Mandela8 is incredibly valuable to us, and we’re lucky to have supported and been supported by the organisation over the past few years.

Sonia has been kind enough to lend her voice to a number of our events and projects, and we are proud to have been a sponsor for their Mandela Memorial in Princes Park earlier this year.

The work that Mandela8 do is essential to maintaining the legacy and values of Nelson Mandela, which we are proud to uphold through Big Help Project”

PETER MITCHELL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, BIG HELP PROJECT

“UNISON and its former partner unions [COHSE, NALGO and NUPE] have a long and proud history of anti-apartheid campaigning. Our unions merged in 1993, the same year that Nelson Mandela received the Nobel Peace Prize ... When we heard that Mandela8 were trying to raise funds for a piece of public art to be installed in Princes Park that would also serve as an open-air class room ... we knew it was a fitting way to honour his memory. Over the past 10 years Mandela8 has grown from strength to strength, touching the lives of hundreds of young people in our city. Helping young people shape the world around them and inspiring them to have the courage of their convictions to pursue their dreams is a worthy aim UNISON is privileged to support”

LYNNE MORRIS
UNISON



2019

February: Dr Makaziwe Mandela and Tukwini Mandela visit Liverpool for the first time to give their seal of approval to plans for the Mandela Memorial, attend a Civic Reception in their honour, meet the Liverpool 8 community and lead an NML Lecture.

Mandela8 Memorial project board is installed in Princes Park as part of the ongoing information campaign.

The Poem **‘Scissor, Paper, Stone, Bullet’** by Curtis Watt is especially commissioned for the Mandela family.

July: My67 Minutes Programme extends to Mandela Week and launches in schools and communities right across the Liverpool City Region.

October: Mandela8 is runner up at the National Ethnicity Awards 2019.

November: Mandela8 facilitates consultation to re-design Princes Avenue, ensuring £4.2m investment remains in L8 and that the plan includes the ideas and preferences of the local people.

Mandela8 wins the LCR Impact Award for Improving Community Cohesion.

December: Emma Carey, Managing Partner at award-winning MSB Solicitors joins the Patrons group.

Kim Johnson, L8 local activist and Mandela8 supporter, is elected as MP for Liverpool Riverside. She is the city’s first Black MP.

“As Liverpool’s first Black MP, and a proud Patron of Mandela8, I look forward to opportunities for them to extend their current educational projects and disseminate, educate and illuminate our community’s impact on our home city both to the younger generations and to the wider community”

KIM JOHNSON
MP FOR LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE

DAUGHTER OF NELSON MANDELA LAUNCHES LIVERPOOL MEMORIAL PROJECT

“In a ceremony to mark the start of work on the memorial, which will include a Freedom Bridge across the lake, a pavilion and 32 cylindrical stoneworks inscribed with Mandela’s quotes, Dr Mandela said the family was “humbled” to see him remembered five years after his death”

ITV 2019

“I have been a long term supporter of the Mandela8 memorial. It is a wonderful reflective and educational space, that can bring people together, to express cohesion, respect and learning, ideals that our community has always stood for”

TRACEY GORE
DIRECTOR, STEVE BIKO HOUSING ASSOCIATION

NELSON MANDELA’S DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER HAVE BEEN IN LIVERPOOL TO UNVEIL A MEMORIAL IN HONOUR OF THE LATE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT

YAHOO NEWS 2019

“I love working with, and supporting, Mandela8. The work of the charity is incredibly important spanning continents and is testimony to the strong link between the people of Liverpool and the anti-apartheid struggle. Mandela8 not only keeps a critical part of the history between Liverpool and South Africa alive, it serves to grow and build on those links proving that people can be united in a struggle for a better society irrespective of the distance between them”

MARCUS RYDER
CEO FILM + TV CHARITY



“As a child growing up in Toxteth, the name Nelson Mandela had a magical almost mystical feel to it, so to be involved with Mandela8 and the great work they do in Liverpool is a great privilege. Although his oppressors thought themselves to be superior to him – he carried and conducted himself with a dignity that showed that he was nearer to God than they could ever be. For me – Nelson Mandela along with Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and Mohammed Ali, showed me as a young man without a penny in my pocket – how to walk straight and tall with dignity and for that I’ll always be grateful”

LES SPAINE SNR
CEO SPAINE MUSIC COMPANY

LIVERPOOL CHARITY CROWD FUND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY PARCELS TO MOST VULNERABLE


“The charity behind the new Nelson Madela memorial in Princes Park, have collaborated with Granby Toxteth Development Trust to help families, particularly those from refugee and migrant communities, by providing parcels of food and hygiene products”

IN YOUR AREA 2020

“At Avison Young, our commitment to building better communities aligns seamlessly with our support for Mandela8. We believe in the power of history, culture, and education to drive change, and Mandela8’s work exemplifies these principles. Together, we aim to drive positive change in the world”



STEPHEN COWPERTHWAIT
PRINCIPAL AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,
REGIONS & LIVERPOOL, AVISON YOUNG

2020

February: Mandela8 launches the first ‘Roots and Wings’ programme for young people at risk of violent crime and criminal exploitation. 


March: Covid-19 pandemic and national lockdowns.


National Lottery Heritage Fund approves a Mandela8 application to deliver a major oral history programme, collecting memories of activism in the L8 community. 

May: **Mandela8 raises £26k** towards Covid support efforts in communities for the vulnerable.  

June: Mandela8 are delighted to announce that Kim Johnson, a local L8 woman and Liverpool’s first Black MP, is to become a Mandela8 Patron. 

July: Mandela Week launches across the Liverpool City Region with Covid-19 memorial tributes remembering loved ones lost and recognising the work of staff and volunteers in our communities.  

Dawn Butler, MP for Brent Central, the first ever elected African-Caribbean woman to become a UK Government Minister, joins the Patrons group. 

October: **Trent Alexander Arnold, Liverpool FC** and **England** international becomes a patron of Mandela8, pledging support for Roots and Wings. 



“The Roots and Wings programme and the work that Mandela8 does for young people in Liverpool will give kids a chance at avoiding the kind of pitfalls that are so easy to fall into if you don’t have the right guidance at that age.

It’s why I’m delighted to become not only a supporter of the programme, but also patron for Mandela8”

TRENT ALEXANDER-ARNOLD
LFC VICE CAPTAIN AND PATRON OF MANDELA8

“I am honoured to be a patron of Mandela8. The struggle and oppression of South African apartheid has always been part of Liverpool black history and it stands as a message to the world there is no justification for apartheid.

Mandela8 carries this message forward though education, anti racism, standing for justice and human rights. What better cause could there be, what better man could you follow”

MARIA O’REILLY
MANDELA8 PATRON

“In 1996 Nelson Mandela famously stated that ‘The Commonwealth makes the world safe for diversity’... Mandela played a pivotal role in the evolution of the Modern Commonwealth as a voluntary values-based association of sovereign states. His visionary leadership, and his generosity of spirit, will remain an inspiration to the 56 countries that make up the Commonwealth of Nations. That is why the Liverpool Commonwealth Association is an avid supporter of Mandela8 and the Nelson Mandela Memorial that the organisation has erected in Princes Park, Liverpool ‘to celebrate, commemorate and pursue the legacy of Nelson Mandela’s outstanding achievement for humanity’ ...”

GARTH O. DALLAS
CHAIR, THE LIVERPOOL COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION

LIVERPOOL IS CELEBRATING MANDELA WEEK NEXT WEEK WITH A PARADE, A FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL AND OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING A VISIT BY NELSON MANDELA'S DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER

THE GUIDE LIVERPOOL 2021

“Personal, social and environmental justice are connected and are the basis for personal development and social change, as we step towards a better world.

It has been a great pleasure working in Princes Park with Mandela8, delivering the Mandela Fields of Hope, and watching Mandela8 secure a lasting legacy in such a significant public park, which has lifted the life and vitality of L8.

We would like to congratulate you all with the biggest bunch of flowers we can find. Bravo!”

RICHARD SCOTT
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL WILDFLOWER CENTRE AT EDEN PROJECT

2021

February: The Launch of the Liverpool 8 Against Apartheid exhibition at National Museums Liverpool, featuring elements of the HLF funded Activism programme.

April: Mandela Fields of Hope planting with: Scouse Flowerhouse, Windsor Primary School and Friends of Princes Park.

July: Mandela Week including My67 Minutes Programme is delivered across Liverpool City Region.

July: Mandela8 launches the L8 Community Activism Walk, contextualising the Black presence in L8.

September: Mandela8 founding member Stephen Nze takes part in Sky Arts’ “Statues Redressed” project.

October: The Angela Holligan Book Club is launched across Liverpool City Region to increase awareness of diversity and inclusion. Angela was a local community activist dedicated to women’s empowerment.



Harold Offeh
STATUES REDRESSED
with **Stephen Nze**



LIVERPOOL SCHOOL BEGINS INCLUSIVE CHILDREN’S BOOK SCHEME

BBC NEWSROUND 2021

“Learning more about the courageous and meaningful anti-apartheid movement in Liverpool has been inspiring, coupled with events which bring Nelson Mandela’s family members to the City at a time of uncertainty and change. I’m grateful to Mandela8 for our grass-roots partnership with Scouse Flowerhouse through joyous gatherings to bring nature into L8 public land, and for their strategic vision. The bold connection between social justice and ecological instinct has such potential to change the way people feel about their heritage and neighbourhood when they are actively involved. Mandela8 is leading the way in embodying this change. We look forward to further chapters, creating food for pollinators and blooming colours, linking hands and hearts”

POLLY MOSELEY
PRODUCER FOR SCOUSE FLOWER HOUSE

LIVERPOOL CHARITY LAUNCHES BOOK SCHEME TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE VOICE 2021

“Freedom Seeds, planted by Nelson Mandela in prison, took root and continue to spread beyond walls that cannot constrain them. Nurtured by ‘Mandela8’ those same ‘Seeds’ grow today in Princes Park – fresh beautiful blooms, finding their own rightful place in the ‘Freedom Garden’ created by Liverpool8 community. Thank you Mandela8”

FATHER NICK POSTLETHWAITE

THE FAMILY OF NELSON MANDELA RETURNED TO LIVERPOOL FOR A WEEK LONG SERIES OF EVENTS IN THE CITY WHICH SAW THEM TAKE PART IN ARTS EVENTS, A GALA DINNER, AND AN ENGRAVING OF THE STONES TO BE USED AS PART OF A NEW MEMORIAL SOON TO BE OPENED IN TOXTETH

SOUTHPORT REPORTER 2022

“Nelson Mandela is a man who has given so much to humanity and in fighting so hard to abolish apartheid, showed the world that the only way forward is equality. I hope the people of the community and visitors who see this mural, will take away a sense of the man and an understanding of his wise words”

JOHN CULSHAW
ARTIST



2022

February: Planning permission for the memorial awarded.

April: Mandela8 commissions John Culshaw to install the Mandela Mural on Kuumba Imani to mark the gateway to L8.

Mandela8 brings Chris Lubbe, Nelson Mandela’s bodyguard, to L8 to see the Mandela Mural and Princes Park.

Esteemed L8 community leaders and activists Wally Brown and Maria O’Reilly become Mandela8 Patrons.



Mandela8 receives the Youth Impact Award from Liverpool Against Racism for its Roots and Wings programme.

May: ‘The Active Ingredients Of Liverpool’ film is launched as part of #Liverpool Against Racism. The film was produced with the HLF funded Young Media Group.



July: Mandela Week and Dr Maki and Tukwini Mandela’s second visit. Events include a Civic Reception, the Mandela Freedom Festival and Gala Dinner. Veteran anti-apartheid campaigner and Mandela8 Patron Lord Peter Hain joins Maki and Tukwini for a Q&A at St. George’s Hall, chaired by Marcus Ryder MBE.



The Mandelas visit the stonemasons and get hands-on with the engraving of the memorial cylinders.



Mandela8 launches the Mandela History Walking Tour.

October: Mandela8 welcomes **BCUC** back to District. Mandela8 hosts a visit to Princes Park for Dr Julius Garvey, son of the honourable Marcus Garvey.



ENSURE MORE PEOPLE FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS IN LIVERPOOL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN, SHAPE AND DELIVER THE CULTURAL PROGRAMME OF THE CITY

LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL 2022

“We are delighted to host this important image of Nelson Mandela created by the amazing artist John Culshaw, on our building. This visual recognition of the great man, his words and contribution to society will leave a legacy of hope for all as they walk or drive past our building. KIMC are honoured to have been asked by Mandela8 to partner on this mural, and see it as a fitting tribute to all who have been involved in its development and other Mandela8 projects leading up to and including the upcoming Nelson Mandela memorial in Princes Park, L8”

MICHELLE CHARTERS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER KUMBA IMAANI MILLENIUM CENTRE

“We are proud to work alongside Mandela8. Our business community should reflect the rich diversity of Liverpool and we continue to work and learn to drive that forward. The work of Mandela8 is vital in providing strong leadership, a powerful voice and advocacy to ensure our vibrant multicultural city allows all within it to reach their full potential”

BILL ADDY
LIVERPOOL BID COMPANY

“From the first time I met Sonia and the rest of the Mandela8 team, I couldn’t help but be impressed by the incredible energy and passion they possess, it has been my pleasure and privilege to be associated with them”

JOHN SMITH
MANAGING DIRECTOR, CROSBY MEMORIALS LTD

A MEMORIAL COMMEMORATING NELSON MANDELA WILL BE OPENED LATER IN JULY IN LIVERPOOL, ALMOST 10 YEARS SINCE THE IDEA WAS FORMED

LIVERPOOL ECHO 2023

IN THE UNIQUE SETTING A GREAT ARTWORK WILL CONTRIBUTE VALUABLY TO THE EXPERIENCE OF THIS PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF LIVERPOOL, MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE IDEAS AND DESIGNS, WHILST ALSO BECOMING A SIGNIFICANT AND RENOWNED LANDMARK FOR THE CITY

EXPLORE LIVERPOOL 2023

“Having supported Mandela8’s vision for a memorial to Nelson Mandela in Liverpool, I am delighted to see it finally installed as a beacon for education about social justice and human rights”

LORD PETER HAIN

2023

March – June: Memorial fabrication continues following environmental inspections to ensure that the works will not interfere with wildlife nesting patterns. Site groundworks begin in earnest.

July: Sponsors and supporters for the Mandela Week 2023 include; Liverpool City Council, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Torus, Liverpool BID Company, Downtown Liverpool In Business, Big Help Project, Motorpoint, MSB Solicitors, UNI Global Union, Africa Oyé and Unison North West.

18th July: A third visit by Maki and Tukwini Mandela, attracting widespread media reporting in the UK and South Africa. They officially open the Freedom Bridge to the Memorial, alongside the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the Leader of Liverpool City Council, sponsors, supporters and project participants. Events include ‘An Audience With...’ at the Everyman Theatre Liverpool, with Marcus Ryder MBE chairing discussions.

October: The official launch of ‘From a Dream to Reality – The Journey of the Mandelas’ is screened at FACT and the trailer for the Mandela8 Young Media Group’s new film, to be screened in November 2023.

The Journey Continues ...



From December 2013 to ten years on, the dream of a Mandela Memorial in L8 has become a reality.

As we look forward to the next phase of our work, to ensure the Memorial is widely used and valued as an educational and community resource, is a beautiful, peaceful, inspiring place that becomes a visitor destination, loved and cared for by the L8 community as a cohabited environmental space, we remember words Maki Mandela often brings up. Whenever Nelson Mandela was proclaimed to be a secular saint, he would reject the notion and refer to “the glorious we”, reminding us that he was not alone, but dependent on the support of his mentors, comrades, collaborators and all his supporters. Mandela8 intends to carry this message forward, continuing to accentuate the need to develop partnerships, collaborations, community consent as well as co-operation to ensure residents and visitors to Liverpool 8 see the beauty of its places, spaces and people.

It is with the considerable help of all our friends and supporters that we have realised the Memorial installation and all the work we do in communities. Our journey, as far as we have come, is only the beginning, leading us to the next phase. We look forward to maintaining and extending these relationships into the future.

NELSON MANDELA’S DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER HAVE BEEN IN LIVERPOOL TO UNVEIL A MEMORIAL IN HONOUR OF THE LATE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT

YAHOO NEWS 2023

“As a person of colour growing up in Liverpool 8 in the 1980/90s, Nelson Mandela and the fight against apartheid was a source of inspiration and hope. I’m delighted that we’ll have a permanent memorial here in L8 to inspire and encourage our community for generations to come. All thanks to Mandela8!”

COUNCILLOR LUCILLE HARVEY
LABOUR COUNCILLOR FOR PRINCES PARK

“Liverpool is immensely proud of our relationship with the Mandela family. It’s a connection that greatly enriches our civic life and helps to promote a wider understanding of the universal themes of social justice – lessons which are as apt today as they’ve ever been. The unveiling of the memorial at Princes Park on Nelson Mandela International Day will be a red letter day for the city and will further cement the bonds we already have and treasure. It’s heartening to see so many people and organisations involved in this event and underlines how much of an inspiration the great man himself continues to be”

LIAM ROBINSON
LEADER OF LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL



“It was an honour to perform in remembrance of the most celebrated South African peacemaker in front of his daughter and granddaughter. For us it was also to give back in love and kindness to Mandela8 who have been supporting us for years in the UK and that in turn helped us to develop a solid fan base there.”

Nelson Mandela was and still continues to be a inspiration to many”

JIVI NKOSI
BCUC

“Our partnership with Mandela8 is nothing short of exceptional, based on seamless alignment with our goals. Their pure commitment to vision, growth, and quality runs through every aspect of their organisation. They are in line to do great things”

KEVIN STUART
CEO TAKING SHAPE ASSOCIATION





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“Nelson Mandela embodied the ideals of peace, reconciliation, and social justice, serving as an enduring source of inspiration for people worldwide. He embraced the wisdom of the African proverb, ‘If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.’ I give my wholehearted support to Mandela8 for several compelling reasons.

First and foremost, Mandela8 is committed to upholding the vital social and humanitarian legacy of Nelson Mandela while actively promoting unity. Their efforts resonate with Mandela’s belief in the strength of collective action to achieve lasting change.

Furthermore, Mandela8 is dedicated to the preservation and sharing of our rich historical and contemporary heritage, thus contributing to a broader understanding of our cultural history. This aligns with Mandela’s vision of recognising and cherishing our shared past.

In harmony with Nelson Mandela’s emphasis on unity and collaboration, the Mandela8 project continues to nurture community development and cohesion, fostering a sense of togetherness and shared purpose. By supporting their work, you too can contribute to the realisation of Nelson Mandela’s vision of a more just, harmonious, and united world”

CHRIS LUBBE, NELSON MANDELA’S FORMER BODYGUARD

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