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Freedom at 70

CAMPAIGN



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The Anti-Apartheid Movement is currently involved in the most ambitious programme of activities in its history — the 'Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70' Campaign to mark Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday on Monday 18th July, 1988.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has worked tirelessly since Nelson Mandela's arrest on August 5th, 1962 to secure his freedom. Our campaigns have helped ensure that his name is known throughout the world. The entire international community is united in seeking his release — the UN Security Council; the Heads of Government of the Commonwealth; EEC Heads of Government have all appealed unanimously for his freedom.

The aim of the 'Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70' Campaign is simple. It seeks to galvanise into action all those who support the call 'Free Nelson Mandela' into such a powerful movement that the Pretoria regime is compelled to release Mandela and all prisoners of apartheid.

The Campaign has the backing of prominent organisations and individuals including the British Council of Churches and the Trades Union Congress. It has also been endorsed by the Commonwealth and the United Nations with whom we will be co-operating to promote activities world wide. Anti-Apartheid Movements throughout the EEC will be co-ordinating their activities. The 'Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70' Campaign has the full support of the African National Congress and the Mandela family.

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70th Birthday Tribute

Wembley Stadium was the venue for the first highlight of the 'Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70' Campaign. On June 11th, Artists Against Apartheid hosted, in support of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, the 'Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute'. Leading artists from around the world, including Stevie Wonder, Dire Straits, Simple Minds, Whitney Houston and Hugh Masekela, performed in the Stadium —

- in tribute to Nelson Mandela
- in solidarity with South African and Namibian political prisoners
- and to free all children from apartheid.

In addition to the 72,000 at Wembley, 15 million watched the concert on TV in Britain and a staggering one billion around the world in over 60 countries. The impact and message of Wembley gave a momentous start to the whole Campaign.

June 11th was a symbolic date to hold the Tribute. It marked the 24th anniversary of the conviction of Mandela and his co-accused in the Rivonia Trial for seeking to overthrow the apartheid state. One of Mandela's co-accused and fellow prisoner, Ahmed Kathrada, in a letter from Pollsmoor Prison stated '*all eyes are on Wembley Stadium for the big concert*', emphasizing the impact of the Tribute even in apartheid's dungeons.

Amongst the guests of honour at the Tribute were ANC President **Oliver Tambo**, SWAPO Secretary General and former prisoner on Robben Island with Mandela, **Andimba Toivo ja Toivo**, Reverend **Allan Boesak**, Mandela's lawyer **Ismail Ayob** and the Commonwealth Secretary General **Shridath Ramphal** together with the AAM's President Archbishop **Trevor Huddleston**.

Half the proceeds from the Tribute are going to the AAM, the other half to projects for Southern Africa, through CAFOD, Christian Aid, Save the Children Fund, OXFAM, War on Want, IDAF, and the Bishop Ambrose Reeves Trust.

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Freedom March

June 12th, the 24th anniversary of the sentencing of Nelson Mandela to life imprisonment and the second anniversary of the imposition of the State of Emergency in South Africa, saw the start of the **Nelson Mandela Freedom March** in Glasgow.

Twenty five Freedom Marchers, one for each year Mandela has been imprisoned, were seen off in Glasgow Green by a crowd of 30,000 and speakers including ANC President **Tambo**, SWAPO Secretary General **Toivo ja Toivo**, Rev. **Allan Boesak** and Archbishop **Huddleston**. Additionally, **Simple Minds** also made the journey up from Wembley and Jim Kerr introduced the Marchers to the crowd, sending them off with an impromptu and emotional performance of 'Mandela Day'.

The March is now proceeding down the length of the country via Edinburgh, Newcastle, York, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham and Coventry before arriving in London on the weekend before Mandela's Birthday.

Glasgow was chosen to start the March as it was the first city to grant Nelson Mandela 'Freedom of the City' and Winnie Mandela is currently Rector of Glasgow University. Many of the other towns and cities on the route have also honoured Mandela and other opponents of apartheid. The themes of the March will be:

- Free Mandela
- Free South Africa
- Free Namibia
- Sanctions Now!

The 25 Marchers come from all walks of life in Britain and also include former South African and Namibian political prisoners. Every Marcher is seeking sponsorship for each mile of the walk so that it becomes a major fund-raising activity. Marchers are giving 50% of their money to the AAM and 50% to projects consistent with the objectives of the Nelson Mandela Freedom March. The AAM is being represented by its Deputy Executive Secretary **Alan Drooko**, himself a former South African political prisoner.

SUNDAY
17 JULY 1988

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Freedom Rally

Sunday 17th July will see the national culmination and focus of the Mandela Campaign. London's Hyde Park will be the venue for the **biggest anti apartheid Rally ever seen**. The Rally will bring together people from every corner of the country to call for the release of Mandela and for freedom in South Africa and Namibia.

Freedom Rally
Hyde Park 3.30 pm

- Archbishop **Demsond Tutu** to address the people of Britain
- Other speakers will include SWAPO Secretary General **Andimba Toivo ja Toivo** — prisoner on Robben Island with Mandela for 10 years; **Trevor Huddleston** President of the Anti-Apartheid Movement; Sir **Richard Attenborough** Director of 'Cry Freedom'; and a Glasgow to London **Freedom Marcher**.
- Other attractions are music by Jonas Gwangwa — South African trombonist and 'Cry Freedom' Oscar nominee; and special performance of "Free Nelson Mandela".

If you support the call for the release of Mandela and want to be a part of the **biggest ever demonstration** of that feeling in Britain, Hyde Park is the place to be on Sunday 17th July. **Show your support** for sanctions against apartheid South Africa and for freedom for Mandela and all the people of South Africa and Namibia by coming to the **Freedom Rally!**

Join the last leg of the Freedom March from Glasgow!
Assemble Finsbury Park, London N4
Between 11 and 12 noon
March to join the Freedom Rally in Hyde Park!

MONDAY
18 JULY 1988

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70th Birthday

Nelson Mandela's 70th Birthday on **Monday 18th July** will be celebrated throughout the world. In Britain —

- **More than a million people** will be wearing the Free Nelson Mandela Birthday Badge
- **Hundreds of events** have been organised across the country in towns and cities which have honoured Nelson Mandela
- **An exhibition** "His Life in the Struggle" produced by the International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa will be on display in every region of the country.
- **A special service** will be held in St James Church, Piccadilly, London at 11 am on the morning of the Birthday
- **Thousands of Campaign Cards** demanding Mandela's release will be delivered to the South African Embassy in London
- **The Birthday** will be seen in by a vigil from 9 pm to 1 am at South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London
- **A Birthday Concert** by the Bhundu Boys will take place at the Academy in Brixton, London on the evening of the 18th. Tickets/details from AAM.



Wish Nelson Mandela a Happy Birthday!
Wear a 'Free Nelson Mandela' Badge on July 18th!