

## INVITATION

### International Day of Nonviolence

You are cordially invited to join us on **2 October 2025** at the **Ulster University, Belfast Campus Library** for an engaging open session from **12 PM to 2 PM** in honour of **The International Day of Nonviolence**. This event will coincide with our current exhibition at the library.

[Ulster University Library, Belfast - Nonviolence In Action](#)



#### Why October 2nd?

This date marks the birth of **Mahatma Gandhi**, a pivotal figure in the fight for India's independence and a beacon for nonviolent movements worldwide. The United Nations highlights Gandhi's unwavering commitment to nonviolence. His philosophy, which emphasised that "just means lead to just ends," continues to resonate today. [Learn more about International Day of Nonviolence](#).

#### Did you know that Ghandi was a weaver?

Gandhi was not only a leader but also a weaver. He believed that spinning could alleviate suffering and poverty, promoting traditional skills in cotton, silk, zari and embroidery. His vision of handloom Khadi was that it could provide employment to many as a sustainable cottage industry, and foster independence and self-reliance.



Source: Gandhi's weaving in [beekylon](#)

**Join us for an interactive pop-in session** in the library, near the exhibition, where you can engage with **Patricia Fulcher**, our librarian host. Explore our selection of books on nonviolence, weaving, and stitching, and enjoy discussions with our special guests:

- **Breege Doherty** from Donegal, who will share her family's rich tradition of spinning over generations, bringing along samples of spun wool and a knitted garment.
- **Ellie Ferguson**, a student in the School of Arts at Ulster University, will demonstrate her weaving techniques on a loom.
- **Amy Mitchell**, who participated in the [Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel](#) (EAPPI), will share her experiences and insights from her time in Palestine.

We look forward to seeing you there as we come together to reflect on the significance of nonviolence and celebrate the legacy of Gandhi

From Roberta Bacic (Conflict Textiles Curator)