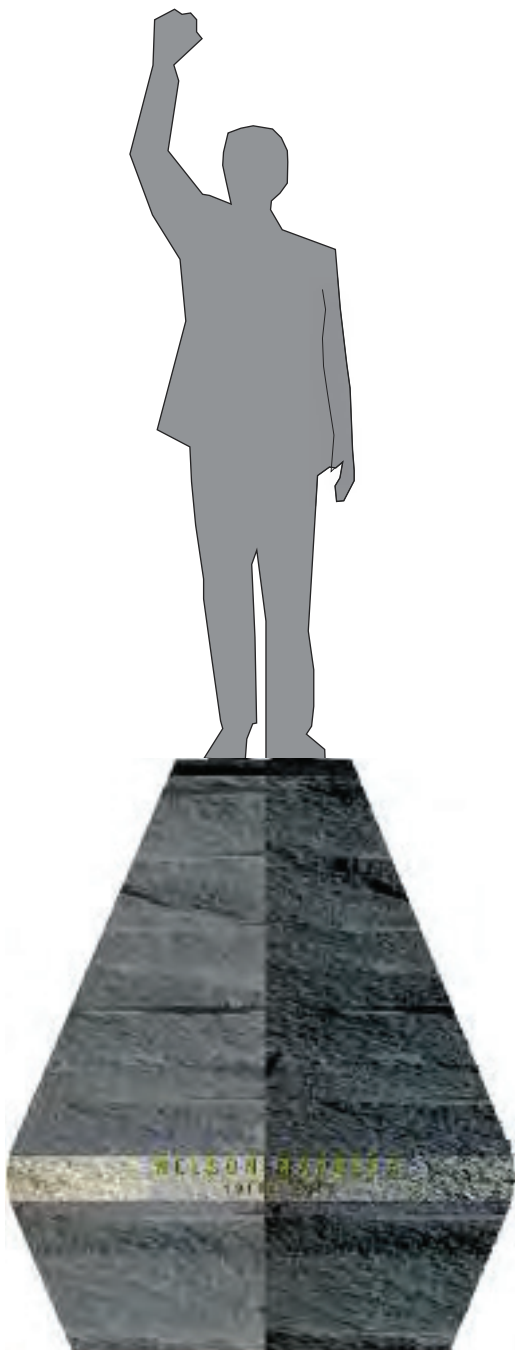


# Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Charity No. SC047067



**“Our major early objective will be to raise the funds to erect a permanent Scottish memorial to Nelson Mandela, a statue in Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow - the location for many years of apartheid South Africa’s Consulate and the place of much protest during decades of anti-apartheid struggle.”**

*Nelson Mandela  
Scottish Memorial Foundation*



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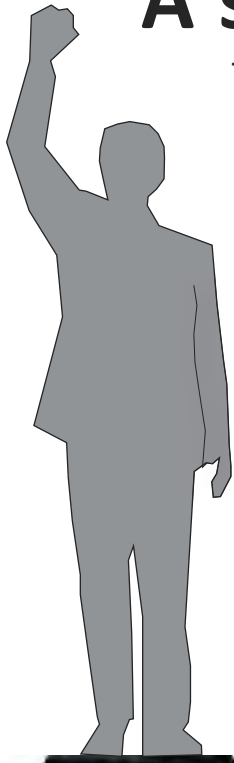
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# A statue in Nelson Mandela Place

The place of much protest during decades of anti-apartheid struggle



Nelson Mandela Place

**By BRIAN FILLING**

Chair of the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation and Honorary Consul for South Africa in Scotland.

raise the funds to erect a statue in his memory in the street that bears his name and so honour his life, legacy and his special relationship with the people of Glasgow, Scotland and the UK.



Nelson Mandela in Glasgow with Brian Filling and below in George Square on Saturday 9 October 1993 when Mandela received the Freedom of the City of Glasgow and eight other cities throughout the UK.



Nelson Mandela Place is the ideal site - politically, historically and functionally - for the NMSMF's proposed memorial statue of Nelson Mandela.

As my brief history (across) shows, the place has a long association with the successful struggle against apartheid in South Africa and the campaign to free Mandela from prison.

It was THE place where people from all over Scotland and beyond came to protest because it was the residence of the racist apartheid regime's Consulate; on the 5th floor of the Stock Exchange building in what was then St. George's Place.

In August 1985 the Anti-Apartheid Movement's Scottish Committee organised a weekly picket of the apartheid Consulate which ran for over a year.

Trade Unions, shop stewards committees, CND, churches, NUS and other organisations took turns to staff the picket line.

2018 marks the centenary of Mandela's birth and is the 25th anniversary of his visit to Glasgow. It will be a vitally important year for the NMSMF in our campaign to

## History of Nelson Mandela Place

Apartheid South Africa's Consulate - in St. George's Place - was for decades the place of much anti-apartheid protest.

- 1985 - Year long picket begins outside apartheid Consulate;
- 1986 - St. George's Place re-named **Nelson Mandela Place**;
- 1988 - Huge Anti-Apartheid Movement march - via **Nelson Mandela Place** - to Glasgow Green where 30,000 people demand: *Free Nelson Mandela!*;
- 1990 - Mandela released on 11 February after 27 years in prison. The AAM celebrates in **Nelson Mandela Place**;
- 1992 - Apartheid Consulate in **Nelson Mandela Place** is closed;
- 1993 - Mandela in Glasgow to receive his Freedom of the City;
- 1994 - Mandela elected President of democratic South Africa;
- 2013 - Mandela's death leads to a large public gathering in **Nelson Mandela Place** to mourn and to celebrate his life;
- 2014 - Commonwealth Games in Glasgow: Billy Connolly pays special tribute to Mandela and Glasgow's role in campaigning for his freedom. He especially praised the re-naming to **Nelson Mandela Place**.

## Open Competition for Sculpture

An open competition will be held to select the sculptor of the Nelson Mandela statue.

The chosen artist will be selected by a Judging panel.

**The Glasgow**

**Mandela Story**

by Brian Filling

This book - available on *Kindle* - describes and analyses the connections between Glasgow and South Africa.

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## Scotland's long and strong historical links with South Africa

By **JOHN NELSON**

Secretary of the  
Nelson Mandela  
Scottish Memorial Foundation

When Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela died on 5 December 2013 at the age of 95, millions of people throughout the world mourned his death, including in Nelson Mandela Place.

Many hundreds gathered there (see picture) to celebrate his life and the South African people's successful struggle against apartheid. The idea of a lasting Scottish memorial to Mandela grew out of that spontaneous and moving worldwide tribute.

The NMSMF was incorporated in December 2016 and was officially launched on 9 October 2017 in Glasgow City Chambers. Its incorporated purposes are:

■ *The advancement of heritage and education, particularly through increasing knowledge and understanding of:*

*i) the life and legacy of Nelson*



*Mandela;*

*ii) his role in the struggle for freedom and human rights in South Africa;*

*iii) the lessons of that struggle for continued active commitment to human rights, equality and racial harmony;*

*iv) the historic role of Glasgow in particular and of Scotland more generally in the world-wide campaign for his release and for human rights in South Africa.*

*v) Scotland's strong historical connections with other leading*

**Nelson Mandela Place, December 2013. A small section of the many who mourned and celebrated the life of Nelson Mandela.**

*South African figures and its wider links with South Africa's history.*

High among these historical links, a key and far-reaching contribution was the founding by Scottish missionaries in 1841 of Lovedale Institution, the first non-racial secondary school in South Africa.

The election of Albert Luthuli as Rector of Glasgow University, the visit of O.R.Tambo, and the widespread support for the anti-

apartheid cause are all part of Scotland's history and heritage which deserves to be celebrated.

Much remains to be researched, and we hope to facilitate this research as well as spreading awareness of it.

Recollections and information would be very welcome. **Contact: info@mandelascottishmemorial.org or NMSMF at 3 Rosevale Crescent, Hamilton ML3 8NX.**



## Supporters' enthusiasm will drive our fund-raising campaign

By **ISOBEL TAIT**

Treasurer of the  
Nelson Mandela  
Scottish Memorial Foundation

**The NMSMF's website will be a major vehicle by which we hope to raise our target of £250,000.**

This amount will have a two fold purpose:

■ to erect a statue in Nelson Mandela Place; and, among other things,

■ to increase the knowledge and understanding of the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela and his role in the struggle for freedom and human rights in South Africa.

Whilst our website might be the vehicle, our supporters will most definitely be the drivers throughout Scotland, the rest of the UK and the world. Already I can report donations from as far afield as Canada and of course South Africa.

At home, we have had donations from supporters in Inverness, Stirling, Edinburgh, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, East and West Dunbartonshire, the Lothians and many more from Glasgow.

Donations have been made through our website (address below) and our **My Donate** internet payment and **Gift Aid** system, either by computer or by text from mobile phones and cheques by

post. Others who have donated are several trades union branches - UNISON and the FBU - and various individuals. To see the variety of ways you can donate, please go to our website:

**www.mandelascottishmemorial.org**

We are also in discussions with various organisations and institutions about how they might support the project and we would welcome others willing to assist.

Despite the encouraging response so far, we still have a long way to go and we need our supporters' and friends' help to reach our aim.

Various suggestions for fund-raising events which supporters

could organise themselves, could include:

- Coffee Morning
- Folk concert
- Charity Sports Events: - walking, jogging, running, swimming, cycling etc.,
- Quiz Night
- Race Night
- Football shoot out
- 'Bake off' cake sale
- Car Boot sale
- Sales on *ebay*
- Internet Blogs linked to our website
- Karaoke night
- Book Sale, and many more or
- just contact your friends and ask them to make a donation.

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## Patrons of the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation



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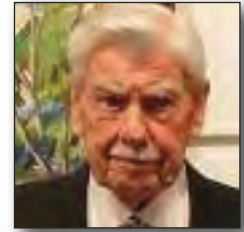
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# Nelson Mandela

(1918 - 2013)

## Freeman of the City of Glasgow



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### Picture Captions

1. South African Singer, Marah Louw and Brian Filling with Mandela in George Square, Glasgow 9 October 1993.

2. Presentation of the Freedom of the City by Lord Provost, Dr. Michael Kelly to Nelson Mandela (in absentia) accepted by Vice-President of Nigeria, Dr. Alex Ekwueme, 4 August 1981.

3. Re-naming of St. George's Place as Nelson Mandela Place by Lord Provost, Robert Gray, joined by Essop Pahad of the ANC and Cllr. Patricia Chalmers, 16 June 1986.



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