

# MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

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MANDELA COMES TO LONDON TO MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY  
\*\*TRAFALGAR SQUARE, LONDON 12pm THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3RD\*\*

On Thursday 3rd February, Nelson Mandela will be coming to London at the invitation of Make Poverty History coalition to endorse the biggest anti-poverty campaign ever and meet with the finance ministers of the world's richest countries.

He will be addressing a crowd of thousands in Trafalgar Square in London to put pressure on world leaders to make good on their promises to increase and improve aid for the poor, deliver trade justice and provide further debt relief. He will also as well as calling on the public to join the campaign and take action.

Mr Mandela will be coming to London on the eve of the G7 (Group of 7 industrialised Countries) Finance Ministers meeting in London where it is hoped that rich countries will make significant steps in cutting dropping the debts of developing countries which currently costs them \$39 billion a year.

White bands, the symbol of the campaign, will adorn the square, Nelson's Column and will be worn by members of the public.

Adrian Lovett of Oxfam, part of the Make Poverty History coalition said:  
"Nelson Mandela's presence in London sends a clear signal from one of the world's greatest heroes that 2005 is the year when we strike a huge blow against world poverty.

"His presence is not only a rallying cry to the public to get involved, but serves notice to rich countries that the world will not put up with false promises, delays and hollow sound bites.

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The Make Poverty History coalition is calling on the public to do three things:

1. Come to Trafalgar Square to hear Nelson Mandela's rallying call at midday on Thursday 3 February.
2. Show their support for the campaign by wearing the white band, available online at [www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org) or at one of the 750 Oxfam shops across the country.
3. Tell Tony Blair to do all in his power to make poverty history in 2005 by emailing him by emailing him through the [www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org).

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**MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** is a coalition of over 200 charities, campaigns, trade unions, faith groups and celebrities. Make Poverty History is the UK arm of the Global Call for Action Against Poverty a network of organisations representing over 150 million people from 60

different countries. More information about Mandela coming to London and the campaign is available at [www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org).

Nelson Mandela's wife, Graça Machel, will be giving the prestigious Gilbert Murray Memorial Lecture in London on February 2nd at 6.30pm.

For accreditation for the event, call the Oxfam Media Unit on 01865 312498 or email Harriet Binet at [hbinet@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:hbinet@oxfam.org.uk)

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1. To download a copy of the report issued to Tony Blair, please go to [www.makepovertyhistory.org/makehistory.html](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org/makehistory.html)
2. For more information on sending a white band message (by card or email) go to [www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org)
3. White bands are available:  
**Online:** at [www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org)  
**On the High Street:** at Oxfam shops  
**By phone:** by calling Save The Children on 0207 012 6400, Action Aid on 01460 238027 or Christian Aid on 08700 787 788
4. The organisations that are currently working together to Make Poverty History are:

3<sup>rd</sup> World – Our World, ACORD, Action for Children in Conflict, ActionAid, ACTSA, Action on Disability and Development, ADRA-UK, Advantage Africa, Afghanaid, AFRICA NOW, African Initiatives, AMREF, African Refugee Community Health and Research, AMICUS, AMREF, APT Enterprise Development, Association of Teachers and Lecturers, Bakers, Food & Allied Workers Union, Baptist Union of Great Britain, BECTU, BOND, Book Aid International, CADAni, CAFOD, CamFed, CARE International UK, Catholic Institute for International Relations, Christian Aid, Christian Partners in Africa, Church of England, Church of England Youth Council, Church of Scotland Board of World Mission, CIIR, Comic Relief, Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, Computer Aid International, CONCERN, CONNECT, CORD, DATA, Development Education Association, Development in Action, Dundee Anti-Poverty Forum, Education Action International, El Salvador Solidarity Campaign, Engineers Against Poverty, EQUITY, Excellent Development Ltd, FARM-Africa, Find Your Feet, Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust, Garden Africa, Grow Up Free From Poverty Coalition, Hand in Hand, Harvest Help, Health Unlimited, Healthlink Worldwide, Help the Aged, Hope for Children, Horn of Africa Community Group, Humanist Society of Scotland, ICA:UK, IMPACT Foundation, Integrated Village Development Trust, Interact Worldwide, Intermediate Technology Development Group, International Childcare Trust, International Children's Trust, International Care & Relief, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, International HIV/AIDS Alliance, International Institute for Environment and Development, International Rescue Committee – UK, Islamic Relief, iThemba AIDS Foundation, Jaipur Limb Campaign, Jesuit Missions, International Service, Jubilee Debt Campaign, Jubilee Scotland, Justice & Peace Scotland, Just World Partners, Lasallian Developing World Projects, Leicestershire AIDS Support Services, LEPRA, The Leprosy Mission, Mercy Corps Scotland, Link Community Development, MEDACT, Merlin, Methodist Church, Methodist Relief & Development Fund, Micro Loan Foundation, Musicians Union, Muslim Aid, National Board of Catholic Women of England and Wales, National Union of Students, Naz Foundation International, NCVO, NIDOS, Ockenden International, Omagh Community Church: Troas Charity, One World Action, One World Week, Opportunity International United Kingdom, Orphan and Community Aid, Out of Africa, OXFAM, Peace Child Charitable Trust, People & Planet, Plan UK, POWER International, Project Hope UK, PROMPT, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, Rainbow Development in Africa, RESULTS, Rights and Humanity, Safehands for Mothers Charitable Trust, Save the Children, SCIAF, Send A Cow, Sense International, Sight Savers International, Skillshare International, SOLAS Educational Trust, SPEAK Network, St Mathew's Children's Fund, Stop AIDS Campaign, Student Partnerships

Worldwide, Tearfund, Teeside One World Centre, The Caledonia Centre for Social Development, The Fairtrade Foundation, The International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, The Leprosy Mission, The Mother's Union, TIDAL, Tobin Tax Network, Tools For Self Reliance, Tourism Concern, Trade Justice Movement, Traidcraft Exchange, Transaid, Trocaire, Tropical Health and Education Trust, TUC, UK Coalition of People Living with HIV and AIDS, UK JAID, UK Youth Parliament, UKOWLA, UNAIS, UNICEF UK, UNISON, Unitarian & Free Christian Churches, United Nations Association-UK, United Reformed Church, USPG, VETAID, Village AiD, Village-to-Village, Viva Network, Voluntary Services Overseas, WAR CHILD, War on Want, Wateraid, Welsh Centre for International Affairs, Welsh Overseas Aid Group, World Development Movement, World Emergency Relief, World Exchange, World Medical Fund, World Vision UK, Y Care International, Young British Jesuit Alumni, Youth Enterprise Services International