

I met my husband Peter Hanington in Mandela Street whilst I was working as a volunteer for the London Anti-Apartheid Group. We had co-ordinated a steering group to organise events to celebrate the release of Nelson Mandela, and Nad Pillay bought along a young man who he felt could help get the events profile, Peter Hanington. In the end Pete organised '7 Nights for Nelson', culminating in the big concert at the Brixton Academy, attended by Winne Mandela.



*Victoria's daughter Martha meets Nelson Mandela in 2004.*

We were married in 1996 and have two children. We were honoured to meet Madiba on a visit to London in 2004. When he heard our story he said, 'Maybe you two (pointing at our children) should come back to South Africa with me as you're really Mandela children'. We've always felt in some way he was right, without Nelson Mandela and the AAM we would never have met and our children would not have been born.

When he died, Martha (aged 13) made a placard which we took down to the embassy and formed the backdrop for many of the news reports - it simply said 'Thank You Madiba'.

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