

“Gandhi’s Legacy Talks & Community Dialogue” Series

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Speaker: Prasanna Sivapiragasam

Topic: Environmental Sustainability... Living in Harmony with Nature

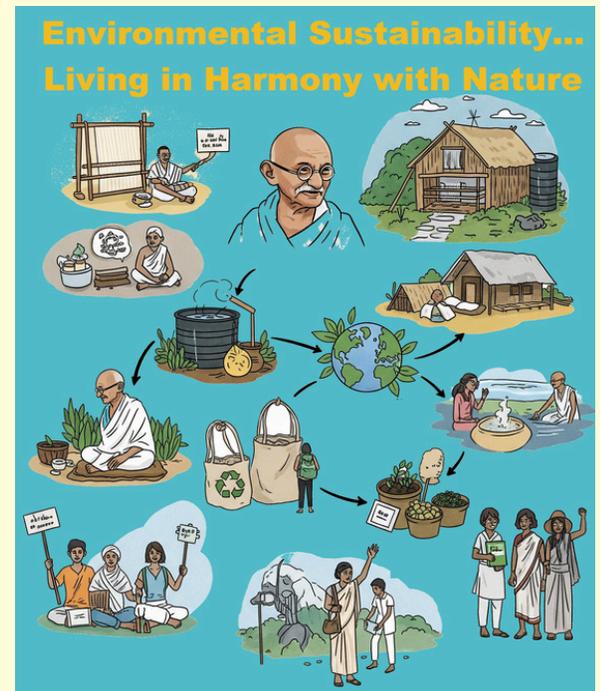
Saturday, September 27, 2025 (3:00 – 5:30 PM)

Admission FREE. Register at: <https://gandhiji.ca/2025-09-27>

**VENUE: Minto Recreation Complex (2nd flr, Cambrian Room),
3500 Cambrian Rd, Barrhaven (Greenbank Rd & Cambrian Rd) ([Map](#))**



About the Session: This presentation explores Mahatma Gandhi’s philosophy of living in harmony with nature as a timeless model for environmental sustainability. It highlights Gandhi’s emphasis on mindful consumption, simplicity, self-reliance, and non-violence—not just toward people, but toward the Earth. His lifestyle choices, such as minimalism, local production, and sustainable living in ashrams, serve as practical examples. The talk connects these principles to modern environmental challenges like climate change, overconsumption, and ecological degradation. It also showcases how individuals, communities, and businesses can apply Gandhi’s teachings today through everyday sustainable practices and policy advocacy. Gandhi’s message, rooted in compassion and ecological responsibility, remains a powerful guide for building a more sustainable and equitable future.



We will explore actions each of us can take and examples of organizations and community resources that can help us on our journey towards living in harmony with nature.



About the Session Leader: Prasanna Sivapiragasam is a Parent, Youth values Educator, Engineer and Sustainability advocate. Though his primary role is in semiconductor technology, he is passionate about promoting sustainability and helping organizations benchmark and reduce their environmental footprint. Through co-founding and volunteering with Sustainable Enterprise Alliance - Ottawa’s first Green Business Network in 2007, he has conducted presentations and workshops on the Business Case for Sustainability to a broad audience. He believes that Climate Change is mankind’s greatest challenge and opportunity. There is a clear business and moral case for us to take action, however we can, to meet the challenge.