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Named After Nelson: Exhibition Panel Designs

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From streets to schools, each site holds tales of his global impact.

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Website

LEARNING FROM PLACES NAMED AFTER NELSON MANDELA THROUGH GRAPHIC HERITAGE

Digital Interactive Booklet

EXHIBITION CONCEPT

Each case study in the NaN exhibition is a narrative thread in the tapestry of Mandela's legacy intertwined with the colours of the South African flag:

The deep black tones signify the Black people of South Africa, with Mandela Village in Hammanskraal rooted in rich ancestral history.

Spanning the divide between history and hope, the Nelson Mandela Bridge symbolises unity, painted in white to represent the peace and harmony sought between South Africa's Black people and Europeans.

The chilli red hues within the Nelson Mandela Theatre evoke the profound sacrifices and bloodshed endured during South Africa's arduous fight for freedom.

Like the expansive blue of the South African sky, the Nelson Mandela Foundation is synonymous with endless possibilities and stands as a beacon of hope.

Nestled in the verdant embrace of Mamelodi, Nelson Mandela Park's green speaks to the fertility of South Africa's land.

The golden aura of Sandton, where Nelson Mandela Square lies, reflects the gold of South Africa's vast mineral wealth.

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What might we expect to learn about a person when visiting a place named after them?

This question has occupied design researchers at Loughborough University since 2021. More recently, this has been explored in places associated with Nelson Mandela in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Foundation. The Named after Nelson [NaN] project extends earlier collaboration that explored the related notions of toponymy and topophilia in connection to places named after Nelson Mandela. Combining perspectives from design, photography, urban planning, archival practice, and heritage studies, six carefully selected case studies from the Gauteng Province are featured from a wider selection of places named after Nelson Mandela.

Google Translate

The Archive at the Centre of Memory

A – Mandela Village Hammanskraal
B – Nelson Mandela Bridge, Braamfontein
C – Nelson Mandela Theatre, Braamfontein
D – Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory, Houghton
E – Nelson Mandela Park, Mamelodi
F – Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton

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