The International Olympic Academy and the O4H Alliance are proud to announce the 2015 Olympism4Humanity (O4H) Praxis Summer Program to be held in Marathon and Ancient Olympia, Greece from June 25th-July 5th, 2015.

The 2015 O4H Praxis Summer Program is a professional training opportunity implemented by Olympism4Humanity Alliance, a global consortium of world leading experts in Olympism for Humanity Praxis, Conflict Resolution, Global Health, Youth Engagement, Human Rights Education, International Development, Resilience, Prevention, Disability, Cognition and Learning, Social Entrepreneurship, Global Citizenship, Sport Industry Management, Human-Centered and Applied Olympism, Marathon and Sport Events Legacies. The O4H Praxis Summer program includes participation in the O4H Summit for the first five days.
Since early 2000, the International Olympic Academy (IOA), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Olympic Truce Center (IOTC), the United Nations Office of Sport for Peace and Development (UNOSPD), the EU Commission and a number of humanitarian, NGOs and civil society agencies made significant and encouraging contributions in creating policies, events, white papers, programs and organizational structures that aim to promote the application of Olympism to achieve educational objectives, social cohesion, resilience, peacebuilding and development.

Given the increased international interest from a number of humanitarian, educational, sport, NGO practitioners and civil society institutions to promote the use of sport, arts, cultural and educational programs as vehicles to address local and global humanitarian challenges, change agents and agencies are expected to possess skills and competencies that traditional academic programs do not provide. To address this largely unmet need, the annual Olympism4Humanity (O4H) Praxis Summer Program provides interdisciplinary and applied professional development opportunities to advance evidence-based policy and programming.

The O4H Praxis Summer Program is ideally suited to the needs of change and humanitarian agents and agencies, NGO practitioners, students, athletes, Olympians, policy makers, faculty, researchers, program officers and educators. This annual Professional Development program in Ancient Olympia aims to provide the tools and skills for community-based prevention programming and scholarship.

The 2015 O4H Praxis Summer Program (June 25th-July 5th, 2015) provides extensive training on applied skills and competencies related to: (a) Humanitarian applied Olympic Education and Olympism in Action foundations, (b) Prevention and evidence-based program design and delivery, (c) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and impact assessment, (d) Non-profit and special event management, (e) Fundraising strategies and grant proposal writing, (f) Curriculum development for formal and non-formal educational systems (e.g., community and after school programs, primary, secondary, and tertiary education), (g) Olympic and Paralympic Games, Marathon & Mega Events Legacies, (h) Meditation, human development and social change.

The 2015 O4H Praxis Summer Program will accept applications from highly motivated and committed individuals who are interested in this emerging field.

Who is eligible to apply?

NGO practitioners, Humanitarian actors, Academics, Researchers, Universities, Teachers of primary, secondary and tertiary education, Government /policy-makers, Corporations, High school and university students, Athletes and Coaches.

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Despite the increased global interest in promoting the concept of Olympism in Action, there are no sufficient opportunities for developing skills and competencies that are needed for effective applied Olympism programming, research and service. Most of initiatives currently developed by NGOs and humanitarian actors aim to empower youth to develop and initiate action plans about identified social challenges but very few ventures move from ideas into action due to the absence of ongoing support mechanisms with a sustainable system of applied and scientific soundness.

To address the largely unmet need and gap between Olympism theory and praxis, in September 2012, the International Olympic Academy’s special advisor of Olympism, Peacebuilding and International Development, Dr. Alexis Lyras, proposed the implementation of a global strategy (Olympism4Humanity) to advance synergies and opportunities that will embrace the IOC’s and the IOA’s vision “to explore and enhance the contribution of Olympism to humanity.” The first steps of this venture were the establishment of: (a) an annual Olympism4Humanity Praxis Summer Program, (b) an annual Olympism4Humanity Summit, and (c) a global consortium of youth and prominent world leading experts and agencies.

**Who we are**

Olympism4Humanity Alliance (O4H) is a global humanitarian consortium of world leading actors with expertise in applying Olympism to address local and global challenges. Our vision is to explore and enhance the contribution of Olympism to humanity.

**What we do:**

O4H Alliance is a global venture that provides individuals and organizations the inspiration, education, tools and support to create their own purpose-driven humanitarian venture using sport, education and culture (Olympism) for social change and human welfare.

**Our focus and what guides our mission:**

O4H Alliance seeks to explore and enhance the contribution of Olympism to humanity through humanitarian action, capacity building, academic engagement and youth-led social entrepreneurship.

O4H Alliance aims to contribute to ongoing efforts of combating global challenges by:

- mobilizing and engaging youth in humanitarian actions
- strengthening inter-agency partnerships, collaborations and training opportunities related to prevention, resilience, humanitarian action and purpose-driven civic engagement
- utilizing state of the art technological platforms in delivering and disseminating systematic and integrated field-based scholarship, research, mentoring, capacity building and scientific knowledge.
Registration is now open for the O4H Praxis Summer Program

Register before May 31st, 2015 to receive the early registration rate of 1,300 Euro. Registrations after this date will be charged the full registration fee of 1,500 Euro.

What are the topics covered?

• Case Studies: Experiences from the field (unemployment, at risk youth, conflict resolution, adverse conditions, disability, social integration, education)
• Curriculum Development for formal and non-formal education
• O4H Knowledge Economy: Applied Olympic Education, Peacebuilding and Development Theoretical Foundations (evidence from the field and gaps of knowledge)
• Non profit organization structure and governance, strategic and special event planning, fundraising strategies and grant proposal writing
• Marathon4Humanity and Stylianos Kyriakides Legacy
• O4H Strategic Planning, Partnerships, Program Initiation and Delivery
• O4H Monitoring & Evaluation and Impact Assessment

The program registration fees cover (a) 2-day double occupancy accommodation and dinner in Athens, (b) 9-days double occupancy accommodation and meals in ancient Olympia, (c) 11-days extensive professional development training from prominent O4H Alliance experts and members (d) access to the IOA library, (e) fees for visit to the Olympic Museum in Ancient Olympia, (f) fees for the visit to Ancient Olympia’s archaeological site, (g) return transportation from Athens to/from Olympia, (h) participation in the O4H Summit, and (i) ongoing support and mentoring from O4H Alliance during individual program design and delivery.

Special arrangements and special rates are available for students: Early Registration rate for students is 1,150 Euro before May 31st, 2015. Registration after this date will be charged the full registration fee of 1,500 Euro.

The program registration fees do not include international travel expenses to Athens, Greece. Single room occupancy may be available upon special request but can not be guaranteed. Additional charges of 40 Euro per night will apply.

For further information contact the O4H administrator via email at olympism4humanity@gmail.com

Be part of history- make your first steps towards your O4H legacy and light up your O4H torch by submitting your online application for the 2015 O4H Praxis Summer Program at http://olympism4humanity.com

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