2015 Olympism4Humanity Summit
Marathon & Ancient Olympia June 25-29, 2015
O4H call for humanitarian action & collective wisdom

O4H inspirations and bridges across time, agencies, policy, theory and practice
Theme: Humanitarian action, prevention & resilience: bridges across agencies, theory & practice

O4H Alliance is organizing an annual conference (O4H Summit) during the first five days of each year’s O4H Praxis summer program, aiming to advance interdisciplinary, academic human-centered alliances, scholarship and educational opportunities that will facilitate the resolution of existing global challenges.

History has taught us that the direct and indirect effects of the economic recession, unemployment, poverty, and civic disengagement are interconnected with xenophobia, immigration, war and violence across groups and cultures. While a number of scholars, academics, policy makers, practitioners and humanitarian agencies have been engaging in discourses and programming related to the resolution of existing social challenges, “the problems around us grow faster than the actions each one of us is taking.” Based on the foundation that “we can not solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them” (Albert Einstein), the annual O4H Summit is aiming to establish a world leading platform of an inter-disciplinary community where youth, scholars, researchers, thinkers, policy-makers, and practitioners work collaboratively “to explore and enhance the contribution of Olympism to humanity.”

During this conference, academics, NGO practitioners, youth, educators and humanitarian actors showcase current humanitarian programs and scholarship and participate in workshops to embrace a shared vision. The 5-day residential O4H Summit will take place in Marathon and Ancient Olympia, Greece from June 25th- June 29th, 2015. This summit will serve as a platform for introspection, community building, system re-design, social entrepreneurship and global action.

The annual Summit aims to bring together academics, practitioners, youth and humanitarian actors and agencies to serve as a platform for global action on sensitive and current global humanitarian challenges.

We envision this platform as an introspective venue for a journey across “time and space” in an attempt to build bridges across disciplines, cultures and institutions- merging development, social cohesion, civic engagement, peace building, innovation, prevention and resilience.

Our vision is to create an inspiring and enlightened setting for the advancement of a discourse about social innovation and collective global-local actions where the academic world, change agencies, youth and humanitarian actors can be connected to the challenges of our local communities.

Our challenge is to advance applied interdisciplinary scholarship, local action and civic engagement opportunities that will potentially reform the role of academic institutions, youth and humanitarian actors into agencies that reach out and engage, support and collaborate for the improvement of the human condition.

Based on the Socratic notion of wisdom, this summit serves as a journey of knowledge uninhibited by borders of language, discipline, culture, time and tradition. Questioning our current state of being (personal and institutional) will advance collective knowledge and actions towards the improvement of the human condition-locally and across globe.

This summit aims to serve as a space for introspection, inspiration, as well as a foundation for creating actions geared towards strengthening global humanitarian action. We therefore invite you to join a dynamic community at the birthplace of the Olympic Spirit. Join us in Olympia to light your O4H “torch” and become an “Olympian” in service of humanity.

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Olympism4Humanity Alliance

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.

2015 O4H Summit Disciplines and Industry Segments:

The O4H Summit will accept research papers for 20-minute oral presentations, poster presentations and 45-minute roundtable discussions around the following themes:

- Academic engagement and student community service
- Conflict Resolution, Human Rights and International Law
- Knowledge-based Economy, Social Cohesion and Social Change
- Community and Global Health & Ethics
- Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship
- Meditation, Resilience and Social Change
- Liberal Arts and Technology
- Olympism in Action and Applied Olympic Education
- Performing Arts, Sport and Cultural Diplomacy
- Student Affairs, Global Citizenship, Civic and Student Engagement
- Sport for Peace and Development Programming and Policy
- Adaptive Sport and Disability
- Global Social, Behavioral and Education Research Ethics
- Modern and Ancient Olympic Games History

2015 O4H Summit Contributions

- 3 Keynote addresses, 3 Keynote Panels and 4 Parallel Session with Paper Oral Presentations
- 4 Roundtable Discussions, Workshops & Poster Presentation Sessions
- Site Visits: Marathon, Ancient Olympia Museum and Ancient Olympia’s archeological site

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Submit your abstract by May 30th, 2015

Interested individuals should submit their abstract no later than May 30th, 2015.

The O4H Summit will take place at the premises of the International Olympic Academy in ancient Olympia. The O4H Summit opening ceremony will take place in Marathon on June 25, 2015. Participants will then be transported to ancient Olympia for the remainder of the summit. Transportation from ancient Olympia to Athens will be provided on June 29th, 2015.

O4H Summit Registration Fee:

580 Euro (early registration before May 30th, 2015)

710 Euro (June 1st - June 21st, 2015)

O4H Summit special accommodations and rates for students:

450 Euro (early registration before May 30th, 2015)

580 Euro (June 1st - June 21st, 2015)

The O4H Summit Fees cover (a) O4H Summit program fees (b) three nights double occupancy accommodation in ancient Olympia (June 26, 27 and 28) (c) meals in ancient Olympia (dinner on June 26, three meals in June 27 & 28 and breakfast on June 29), (d) access to the IOA library, (e) fees for site visit at the Olympic Museum in ancient Olympia, (f) fees for the site visit at ancient Olympia’s archaeological site, (g) return transportation from Athens to/from Olympia.

NOTE: The O4H Summit program fees do not include accommodation in Athens (June 25th) and international travel expenses to Athens, Greece.

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

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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 Summit at http://olympism4humanity.com/

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