



Olympic and Paralympic Cities Day of Peace & Solidarity 2023[©]



60 Host Cities • 1 Unifying Message • 1 Single Day (June 24, 2023)

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CONCEPT OVERVIEW: Global Celebration of Olympic/Paralympic-Inspired Peace & Solidarity

Invitation

Please join us as we mobilize athletes and officials from Host Cities of the Olympic, Paralympic, and Youth Olympic Games for the inaugural **Olympic and Paralympic Cities Day of Peace & Solidarity 2023** ('**OPC-DPS 23**').

Overview

OPC-DPS 23 taps into a powerful voice within the Olympic and Paralympic ('**OLY/PLY**') movements - the legacy athletes and 60 Host Cities. Key stakeholders (**Athletes, City officials, Legacy Groups, and Others**) - from revered sites of the OLY/PLY movement serve as messengers — '**Torch-Bearers**' — of global peace and solidarity.

For the human family seeking hope and inspiration, **Olympic and Paralympic Cities Day of Peace & Solidarity** delivers a simple, powerful, and non-political gesture culminating **June 24, 2023** (the day after **Olympic Day**). In the lead-up to Paris 2024, for one day the world celebrates the true unifying mission of the Games as stated in the Olympic Charter: '**to contribute to building a better and more peaceful world**'.

Implementation:

OPC-DPS 23 is easy to join and support:

Become an honorary '**Torch-Bearer**' for your Host City by registering individually as an OLY/PLY stakeholder. That's it - you're part of this global campaign and helping your Host City join as well!

Or get more involved by becoming a honorary '**Flag-Bearer**' to form a Host City Team, recruit other team members, and possibly draft a [Host City OPC-DPS 23 Proclamation](#) (see template materials online) or plan supporting **OPC-DPS 23** events and programs (see implementation options online).

Participation is more important than elaborate planning – the main thing is 'to take part'.



*"The important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win, **but to take part**; the important thing in life is not triumph, but the struggle; the essential thing is not to have conquered but fought well. To spread these principles is to build up a strong and more valiant and, above all, more scrupulous and generous humanity."*

- Pierre de Coubertin, Founder of the Modern Olympics

More Information:

- **Project Website:** <https://PassingTheTorch.World>.
- **OPC-DPS 23** was created by Olympians and Paralympians seeking to make a difference in the world. It is an athlete-led project of the U.S.-based, globally-oriented **Passing The Torch Initiative** (PTI) non-profit.
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Thank you.