



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



A global celebration of Olympic and Paralympic principles in conjunction with Olympic Day.

Executive Summary: A Simple, Symbolic, Synchronized... and Athlete-led Initiative.

Invitation

Please join us as we mobilize athletes, officials, and others of past and future Host Cities of Winter, Summer, and Youth Olympic and Paralympic Games for the inaugural **Olympic and Paralympic Cities Day of Peace & Solidarity 2023** ('**OPC-DPS 23**') – a global celebration of peace and solidarity in the 'Olympic/Paralympic (O&P) Spirit'.

Concept Overview

OPC-DPS 23 centers around the annual global Olympic Day (circa June 23) and two core symbolic activities: 1) (**Re**) **Proclamation** of Olympic and Paralympic principles (O&P Spirit), and; 2) (**Re**) **Lighting of the Olympic flame**. OPC-DPS 23 leverages the passion, commitment, and experience of the 50+ cities that have hosted or plan to host official Games. Concept success depends on support from local (i.e., athletes, City mayors/agencies, media, museums/stadia, sponsors, etc.) as well as formal O&P entities (e.g., WUOC, IOC, IPC, WOA, NOCs, OCOGs, etc.).

Organizing Principle: Local Input, High Impact, Low Cost

Timing and resource constraints mandate a streamlined, yet powerfully symbolic event that is globally connected but locally driven. OPC-DPS 23 is designed as a non-political, simple, flexible, turnkey, and loosely synchronized event that coincides with – and leverages and amplifies if possible – Olympic Day events and celebrations. Local teams can develop their own local programs around the 2 core **OPC-DPS 23** activities – dream "**Faster, Stronger, Higher - Together**" to make any Host City program light up!

'The Essentials': OPC-DPS 23 Core Implementation Steps – As simple as A, B, C

A. Activate Local Host City Campaigns

- Basic commitment to participate in OPC-DPS 23 by **May 15, 2023**.
 - Identify and form O&P athlete-led **OPC-DPS 23 Local Steering Committees** ('LSC') to liaison with local Host City government officials and appropriate O&P entities (museums, stadia, NOCs, OCOGs).
 - Develop Host City program and activate local networks (City agencies, media, sponsors, clubs, volunteers, schools, etc.) to execute activities.

B. (**Re-**) Proclamation of Olympic & Paralympic Principles ('Olympic Spirit')

- Develop official OPC-DPS 23 **Host City Proclamation** (see **OPC-DPS 'Toolkit' sample/template materials**)
 - Identify officials, athletes, celebrities, etc. to participate in official City Proclamation reading.
 - Consider additional supporting (fun!) activities to reinforce Proclamation event such as torch relay, fun runs, video replay of Golden moments for local City Games, drawing contests.

C. (**Re-**) Lighting of Olympic/Paralympic Flame

- Preferred time **Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 12 PM local time** to reinforce symbolic sweep of lighting of flame across the planet by time zone (flame to stay on for at least 24 hours period, if possible).
 - Use official flame (cauldron) where possible or symbolic 'flame' proxy (past relay torches, laser light shows, candle lanterns, release of white balloons/doves/ streamers, etc.) where necessary.

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