



### **Press release: 2015 Annual Olympism4Humanity Boston Festival**

**Olympism4Humanity Alliance** is proud to announce various events during the 2015 Boston Marathon week as part of the **2015 Annual Olympism4Humanity Boston Festival**. Our events include an annual Symposium, cultural events, expo and steps of HOPE interactive workshops, sailing and Boston Marathon outing. ***\*all events are free and open to the public –please [RSVP!](#)***

#### **Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>: Annual Ancient Marathon-Boston Marathon Symposium**

**Where:** [@10 Akron street \(West\)](#), Harvard Saturday on April 18 @5-7, reception and expo@8

#### **Olympism4Humanity Alliance Bridges Across History, Time & Space**

After our very successful events in 2014 we aim to institutionalize an annual Symposium featuring a global panel reflecting on the Marathon, Hellenism and Olympism as both an idea and a journey of a peaceful warrior. From Marathon to Athens, from Hopkinton to Boston; Pheidippides, Louis, Kelley, Kyriakides. Come and learn about Victory (or Nike), and the inspirations that derive from the epitome of all athletic struggles, the Marathon, which happens to be one of the most historic sport traditions in Boston. A panel of experts will offer a rich discussion around Marathonism, Hellenism and Olympism- and how these concepts can serve as platform for hope, inspiration, innovation and humanity.

#### **Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>: Homer for Humanity workshop and sailing**

**Where:** MIT Stata Outdoor Amphitheater ([building 32](#)) @1:30-5:00pm (Rain location [32-155](#))

#### **First steps of HOPE: Hellenic Odyssey of Preservation and Enlightenment**

Given the current economic recession in Greece, **Olympism4Humanity Alliance** is initiating a venture called **Hellenic Odyssey for Preservation and Enlightenment (HOPE)**. Our vision is to create a Pan-Hellenic global consortium that will serve as a social capital platform for promoting innovation, inspiration, civic engagement, cross-cultural dialogue, and social entrepreneurship. **HOPE** targets the resolution of local social challenges such as unemployment, antisocial behavior, bullying and aggression, academic/school drop out, inter-group intolerance, social isolation and disengagement. **HOPE** aims to recruit, inspire and support committed entrepreneurs with ongoing mentoring; cultural and educational exchange programs; heritage preservation initiatives; capacity building, civic engagement, and social entrepreneurship ventures. **HOPE** will provide unique opportunities to preserve and utilize the core Hellenic virtues and heritage in the modern world and to support, inspire and equip

Hellenes and Philhellenes to become socially engaged individuals that embrace innovation, youth development and social transformation in their respective communities. **Join us in making some steps of HOPE**

**HOPE Step 1 @1:30pm:** Lecture by a recent Harvard PhD (2015) in Comparative Literature, Dr. Guy Smoot will analyze Ancient Greek heroes, aspects of chariot racing in Homer's *Iliad* and what could arguably be *the* earliest allusion ever in Greek literature to the creation of the Olympic Games in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E.

**HOPE Step 2 @2:30pm:** Workshop on **HOPE** virtues, inspirations and applications in the modern world

**HOPE Step 3 @3:00pm:** Odyssey and sailing for **HOPE** ([MIT Sailing Pavilion](#))

### April 20<sup>th</sup>: Boston Marathon outing

We will be offering an outing to the finish line of the marathon, on Monday, April 20 (Patriots Day), departing from 10 Akron at 10am. We plan to use hubway bikes and/or the T as needed. Please check the security recommendations from the Boston Athletic Association here: <http://www.baa.org/races/boston-marathon/event-information/spectator-information.aspx>



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