Beyond the Divide

A special event during the Beyond Sport Summit on how sports can address conflict, reduce ignorance and bridge religious divides

Hosted by Neumann University

September 10, 2013 – 9 am-3 pm

8:30-9 am: Registration/continental breakfast

9 am: Introduction – Short welcome from the host of the day
- Lou Bergholz – CEO, Edgework Consulting

9:15 am: Keynote – How can we work together to address faith-based and ethnic-based divides?
- Dr. Rosalie Mirenda – President, Neumann University

9:40 am: Expert Panel – Perspectives on the concept of sport as an effective tool for conflict resolution
Moderator: Dr. Geoffrey Karabin – Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Neumann University
Panelists:
- Ira Norman – Special Envoy, US State Dpt.; former CEO, Jewish National Democratic Council (TBC)
- Brendan Tuohey – Founder, Peaceplayers International
- Ali Fahour – Founder, Australian Football Rules - Bachar Houli Islamic Program
- Sara Potler-Lahayne – Founder and CEO, Move This World
- Rodrigo Fonseca – Brazil Office, UNICEF

10:20 am: Roundtable discussions: Delegates reflect on experts’ perspectives
Responding to the panel, delegates will participate in small group discussion facilitated by Neumann University faculty. Following these roundtables, a 10-minute plenary facilitated by the panel moderator will capture the headlines from each roundtable

11 am: Break

11:20 am: Sport and conflict resolution – Stories from the ground
Three engaging talks from practitioners using sport to tackle issues relating to ethnic and/or faith-based differences.
Moderator: Dr. Joseph Glass – Assistant professor, Communications and Media Arts, Neumann University
Speakers:
- Oliver Percovich – Founder, Skateistan
- Tami Hay – Sports and Social Change Director, Peres Center for Peace
- Scott Lee – CEO and Founder, Spirit of Soccer

Each talk is followed by a 10 minute roundtable discussion reflecting on the key best practices, challenges and environment in which the practitioner is working, facilitated by Neumann experts
12:50 pm: **Working Lunch: Focused Workshops**  
Delegates choose a table workshop to attend during lunch, led by experts, addressing practical ways sport can be used more effectively around conflict resolution and peace-building

*Workshop topics and leaders:*

- **Working with governments**  
  - Led by Spirit of Soccer
- **Working with IGOs**  
  - Led by UNICEF
- **Working with faith-based institutions**  
  - Led by Ambassadors in Sport
- **Working with professional sports organisations/governing bodies**  
  - Led by Mifalot – Hapoel Tel Aviv
- **Working with youth-based organisations**  
  - Led by Tower Hamlets Youth Association

The workshop structure is delivered as follows:

- **12.50 pm:** Delegates get buffet lunch and choose workshop session to sit in  
- **1 pm:** Input from workshop leader on the workshop topic to create common understanding. Where they see sport at the moment in terms of effectiveness and recognition as a tool for solving this aspect of conflict in relation to ethnic and faith-based differences.  
- **1.25 pm:** Group discussion, facilitated by workshop leader on the topic around the following key headings:
  - Where is sport at currently in relation to this topic?  
  - Where does sport need to be, and why?  
  - How do we get there?  
  - What are the barriers and obstacles to overcome along the way?

- **2 pm:** Formal workshop structure closes and leads into informal discussion over the rest of lunch break. Delegates can also change tables and discuss other workshop topics.

2:30 pm: **Re-connect**  
Short feedback session: Each workshop leader briefly feeds back outcomes, learnings and recommendations around the key criteria

2:40 pm: **Closing talk by Brian Dawkins, former Philadelphia Eagle**

3 pm: **Close**