

# ONE HUMANITY INSTITUTE - BUILDING A "CITY OF HOPE"

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One Humanity Institute (OHI), to be located in Auschwitz-Oswiecim, Poland, encompasses the vision of building a "City of Hope," a destination where visitors can experience the stark realities of the past alongside opportunities and models of transformation for a culture of sustainable peace and the uniting of humanity.

Our understanding from science is that we are interconnected and interdependent. Science also shows us that we are all as a human race 99.9% the same as differences are only external. So the question becomes how do we create experiences that give us the opportunity to know this viscerally and move beyond the mental concept of knowing. We know that we are one humanity.

In addition, we know that trauma identification imprints deep emotional scars and directs learning and living. So if we are to use horror energies of Auschwitz as a landing field and then create the opposite field of energies to inspire for behavioral change then we are able to help move humanity forward into the emerging times. Our dedication is to create an opportunity for people to know there are choices of how we may behave as well as how we may live together on our planet. The Yin and the Yang, creates a microcosmic laboratory of the macro field of life. We trust that many individuals in a time of crisis have two options to select from...to move into higher consciousness recognizing what is for the greater good or choose to swim in the swamp and hate the other. We naturally believe in the individual dream of desiring inner and outer peace.

There are two million visitors coming annually who will be reminded of the promise, "Never Again," and while visiting One Humanity Institute will be able to see themselves as part of the solutions needed for fostering a better world that works for all.

As an individual leaves the grounds of the Auschwitz Museum and steps over the threshold of the One Humanity Institute, there will be an immediate and natural understanding that it is time to transform their experience of honoring the horrors of the past with the empowerment and inspiration to commit to a better future. They will understand that this future can be achieved by building a culture that promotes the values of one human family that are at the foundation of the One Humanity Institute. It is our hope and expectation that visitors will leave Oswiecim impacted and equipped to return home to "be the change they wish to see in the world."

Our goal is to impact the world, one person at a time. Each person has the potential to connect not only with their own self, their community and local issues, but also to participate in adjusting our world's moral compass to include shared values as One Humanity.

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## OUR SACRED TASK

We stand at the crossroads of humanity, at one of the world's most compelling pressure points – with the solemn responsibility to engage our collective imagination with our commitment to transform hate to hope by co-creating a culture of harmony and balance.

The Auschwitz Camp served as a key factor in inspiring the creation of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, yet genocide, ethnic cleansing, and other crimes against humanity and our



planet continue to this day. Similar pressure points exist around the world, yet none bear such an opportunity as the One Humanity Institute to stand as a pillar model for peace and sustainability for all.

The vision of the One Humanity Institute is to foster a “City of Hope” that embodies the universal values of peace, tolerance, dignity, freedom, equity and solidarity for all life, thus transforming a culture of competition and domination into one of partnership and collaboration. This will take place through a deep structural shift in the basic premises of thoughts, feelings and actions that allows us to move towards sustainable peace with the consciousness of One Humanity.

The U.N. now extends its reach to include the global implementation of the “Sustainable Development Goals” for 2030, a roadmap to the establishment of a culture of peace. To that end, our purpose is to focus on the concept of a united humanity by establishing the One Humanity Institute, creating a variety of opportunities for learning for the 2 million visitors annually who visit Auschwitz, and as a destination for those interested in resolving conflict and inspiring alternative possibilities for a better future.

There are 11 buildings available directly adjacent to Auschwitz that will house a complex of different activity centers. The transformation of those buildings into the One Humanity Institute will serve as a model for transformation that could be critical to our survival.

There are various structural elements we believe relevant for the vision of OHI. They are however, still very much in development. Below are a few of these structures we intend to forming OHI.

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### MUSEUM OF ONE HUMANITY

An interactive, innovative museum of the future, the Museum of OHI aims to create experiences through diverse lenses that reiterate the interrelated systemic nature of all life. OHI invites visitors to participate in seeing themselves capable of accelerating solutions and improving conditions for a just and compassionate society for all. Through a variety of experiences, individuals can realize their own personal capability to effect change, as they are reminded of the stark reality and alternatives we face, which they have just experienced at the Auschwitz Museum.

Walking through the halls individuals will have access to practical tools and models with solutions for resolving global issues. Utilizing state of the art technology, virtual reality, and hands- on experiential consoles, visitors can explore solutions or make choices with measurable impact, and literally see themselves in scenarios based on their choices.

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### ONE HUMANITY EDUCATION CENTER

The One Humanity Education Center will invite the participation of a global community of scholars and practitioners from diverse backgrounds and experiences to address the urgent social, political, and ecological problems we are facing. With official ties to many renowned universities around the world, we will host courses, conduct global exchanges, and provide immersive experiences with the aim of transformational learning..

Transformational learning is paramount to the Institute’s Peace Education Programs and involves a deep structural shift in the basic premises of thought, feeling and action. It implies a real change in perspective towards a radical interconnectedness and a tangible sense of the possibilities for social justice, harmonious living, and peace building.

The goal of this kind of learning is to develop connections between people in order to globalize peace, care and compassion. Transformative learning offers a way to move away from a fear based to a care based society. At the same time we need to work at macro levels by bringing the ideas of participatory democracy and youth collaboration into the mainstream.

The One Humanity Education Center will offer structured learning opportunities for young people and adults through formal and non-formal education. Such opportunities will focus on the 17 U.N. Sustainable Goals, inter- and intra-faith studies, intercultural understanding and cooperation. Conflict resolution skills and trans-



rational problem solving will aid students as they take on social impact projects and learn leadership skills for the rising potential of empowered individuals.

Our vision is all about connecting across cultures, disciplines and institutions, in service to the important goal of creating “unity in diversity.” Face to face activities combined with technology will allow us to build pathways and cyber bridges across cultures, disciplines and institutions, opening the door to new possibilities and innovative ideas.

In addition, there will be opportunities for workshops, trainings and group assemblies focused on social innovation, entrepreneurship and personal leadership skills. Hence, the purpose of the One Humanity Education Center is to harvest the wisdom of diverse cultures and beliefs, bringing leading scholars, institutions and youth.

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## WORLD SERVERS HUB

OHI strives to be a model of the future we want to see in the world. We recognize that collaboration, cooperation, and operating in a complementary manner is critical in today's world. By providing shared office and working space, the World Servers Hub will provide an environment for unprecedented collective impact focusing on our world's most pressing problems. Simply by opening space for organizations with common values to cross-pollinate skills and expertise, we are furthering the vision of One Humanity.

Impact Hubs are where change goes to work. Part innovation lab, part business incubator, and part community center, visitors experience a unique ecosystem of resources, inspiration, and collaboration opportunities to grow impact. Joining together our diverse community of members and collaborators will inspire and enable businesses and organizations to develop their best work every step of the way.

We are presently connecting with NGOs that have similar vision for our world and show interest in participating with us in establishing a World Servers hub. Together we will make visible to the world our dreams and creations.

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## CONCLUSION

Our expected impact on an individual who passes through our community of Hope is to become a representative of the “Never Again, Then What” philosophy and find within this experience a deep resonating impulse to alter future behaviors for the self and toward others. This impact will radiate outwards and affect the town and its image, the country of Poland with this additional neutral peace faring identity and the world at large for the potential for greater peace and sustainability.