Six-week Learning Sprint
Dynamic FAQ
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COURSE CONTENT
Q1. Which topics will be covered during the 6-week course? The course will cover the following topics:

- **Olympism 365**: What does it mean? What is its history? What are the different programmes around Olympism in Action? How does it connect to the Olympic Movement?
- **Sport & Social Business**: How can social business models and approaches be used to solve problems in and through sport?
- **Problem solving 101**: What are the different approaches used to solve problems? What are some examples of problem-solving approaches used by social businesses?
- **Phases of developing a solution**: What are the phases/steps in developing a solution? What kinds of tools are required? What are some examples from social businesses?
- **Purpose-driven communication & engagement**: How can we communicate in a purpose-driven way? How do we use communications tools and platforms to share our problem solving and solutions? Examples of successful communication campaigns
- **Fundamental project principles**: What principles must be considered in developing projects and programmes in and around sport? How do sustainability, gender equality, rights-based approaches and inclusion tie into sport-based projects?

Q2. How will the learners engage with the topics? The participants will receive several resources related to the topic before the weekly webinar where an expert on the topic will deliver a live session. Additionally, after the session, learners will receive the powerpoint presentation and additional resources to dive deeper into the subject.

Q3. How will the resources be shared with the learners? The resources will be shared through the Friday weekly newsletter and then after the webinar in a post-webinar Wednesday email. Learners should expect two emails a week from the IOC Young Leaders.

Q4: How can learners access the webinar sessions after the live viewing? All of the sessions will be recorded and uploaded to the IOC YL YouTube channel. Learners will be informed via the Wednesday email when this has taken place. Here is the [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com).

Q5: How can one access the recorded webinars if YouTube access is restricted? Please email us at iocyoungleaders@olympic.org and we will include you on an email list of learners who will receive the recordings through a wetransfer link.

Q6: How can the webinars be made more accessible for learners who aren't native English speakers, have challenges with hearing or are deaf? While viewing and listening to the webinar, BlueJeans allows attendees to access different accessibility features. Further information can be found [here](https://www.bluejeans.com). When webinars are posted on YouTube, captions or subtitles can be enabled.
COURSE FORMAT

Q1: **What is the learner’s weekly schedule?** The learning week starts on Friday when the learners will receive the weekly newsletter. This email will contain the module topic, a short background on the expert of the week, at least one resource to offer a background on the topic, a link to the survey / reflection and details on the social media challenge. The learner should aim to review the resource before the Tuesday weekly webinar where the respective expert will present on the topic of the week. The webinars will be hosted on BlueJeans and take place on Tuesday from 2 - 3 PM CET. In order to successfully complete the course, learners will be asked to fill in and submit all six survey / reflection forms by the end of the course. We highly encourage learners to submit their survey / reflection forms by the weekly Monday deadline. However, to account for the different challenges, we will allow for submissions until the end of the course-- December 11th at midnight CET.

Q2: **What is the time commitment to the 6- week online sprint?** We estimate that learners will spend a minimum of 2 hours per week on the course. The webinar is one hour, the survey / reflection can take at least 30 minutes and additional time can be spent reviewing the resources and taking part in the weekly challenges.

Q3: **Which platforms will the learners use to take part in the course?** Tuesday webinars will be hosted on BlueJeans. Learners will always be attendees in the webinars. Please refer here for further information. Learners will fill out the weekly survey / reflections via a google form. The link will be shared in the Friday weekly newsletters. Additionally, learners should always check their emails for any other updates. The social media platforms will also be useful for course information.
WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

Q1: When should learners expect their weekly emails? Learners should expect an email on Friday which will serve to introduce the weekly topic, share the BlueJeans link and link to resources. The second email will arrive on Wednesday and will contain the link where the recording can be found on the YouTube site, the presentation from Tuesday’s webinar, the survey/ reflection link and any additional resources to be shared.

Q2: What steps should one take if they don’t receive either of the weekly emails? Please first check your spam box to see if the email landed in there. If this is not the case, please email iocyoungleaders@olympic.org with the subject line ‘weekly email missing’ so your email can be easily addressed.

Q3: What will be posted and shared on the IOC Young Leaders social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram and Linkedin Community? Information and news relating to the 6-week online sprint will be shared on the three different platforms during the course duration. Additionally, posts will share with the learners more about the projects and initiatives of the current group of IOC Young Leaders.

Q4: Is it possible to get in touch and ask questions through the social media platforms? Yes, it is possible to ask your questions through the social media platforms. We will be moderating and when possible, someone from our communications team will respond to your question.
WEEKLY WEBINARS

Q1: How do I get access to the BlueJeans webinar? The Friday email will include the BlueJeans webinar link. Once you click on the link, you will be directed to the weekly session landing page where you will have to register with your name and email. After registering, you will receive a link to access the webinar. It is recommended to watch the webinar through the app, which can be downloaded on your desktop or mobile phone.

Q2: As an attendee of the webinar, will we be seen or heard? With such a large number of learners, it is not possible to have the attendees take part with their cameras on or with their microphones on. The chat function will be left on during the webinar as well as the Q & A box. Please direct questions to the Q & A box and chat can be left for more informal conversation.

Q3: Will the experts spend time answering questions during their webinars? Yes, the session format is designed to leave at least 10 minutes for questions relating to the content of the weekly module.

Q4: Can we ask questions relating to the course structure, tasks and progress during the webinar? We would prefer to use the webinar Q & A on questions relating to the subject matter in order to get as much information possible from the experts. The other types of course related and logistical questions will be covered in this document and the weekly newsletter.

Q5: What happens if I cannot attend the webinar? It is not an issue if you cannot attend a webinar. All webinars will be recorded and uploaded to the IOC YL YouTube channel within 24 hours after the live session.
WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Q1: What are the mandatory assignments? The weekly survey/ reflections are the only mandatory course assignments. These will always be in the form of a google survey. They will include questions about the topic of the presentation, your perspective on the topic and at least one reflection question which aims to bring the topic and material closer to your own life.

Q2: When are the survey/ reflection forms due? We ask that learners aim to submit their survey/ reflection forms by the following Monday at midnight CET. We will keep the submission channels open for all survey / reflection forms until the end of the course on Friday, December 11th at midnight CET. This should give everyone ample time to complete all six forms. We recommend not waiting until the last week to fill out all the forms but rather to complete the forms on a weekly basis. This will make it easier as the weekly forms relate to the weekly topics.

Q3: Where can I find the survey / reflection form? The link to the form is found in the Friday weekly newsletter and will be shared again in the Wednesday post- webinar email.

Q4: How do I know if the form has been successfully submitted? From week two onwards, all learners will receive a confirmation email receipt from google forms when they have submitted their forms.
SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES

Q1: What are the social media challenges? The social media challenges are optional activities for learners. Each challenge is presented in the weekly newsletter and can be found near the bottom of the newsletter. The challenges ask learners to relate to the topic of the week by sharing a photo or writing a quote around a specific topic. When a post is shared, we ask that use the hashtags #iocyoungleaders #yunussportshub #strongertogether and tag @iocyoungleaders so we can follow the posts.

Q2: On which social media platforms is the IOC Young Leaders active? The IOC Young Leaders Programme is active on facebook (https://www.facebook.com/iocyoungleaders/), Instagram (iocyoungleaders) and LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8989343/).

Q3: What if I use my social media privately? If you use your social media privately, please feel free to take a screenshot of the post and send it to us via email (iocyoungleaders@olympic.org) with ‘Social Media Challenge’ in the subject line.

Q4: What if I don’t use social media? If you don’t use social media and you would still like to take part in the challenge, please still feel free to create a post and share it with us via email (iocyoungleaders@olympic.org) with ‘Social Media Challenge’ in the subject line.

Q5: Will it affect my chances of being selected if I am not a strong user of social media? No, the social media challenges are optional. We respect all learners’ own decisions about their social media usage and engagement.

Q6: Should I send an email with my social media post or story in case it isn’t noticed on the platforms? It is not necessary to send us an email with your social media post. We only advise learners to send their posts via email when their social media settings are private or if they don’t use social media.
APPLICATION PROCESS

Q1: When will this 6-week learning sprint be offered again? The 6-week learning sprint will be offered every two years. The entire IOC YL Programme application process will take place every two years.

Q2: If I am not selected this time for the IOC YL Programme, can I register again for the application process in the next round? Yes, learners who take part in this 6-week learning sprint can register again for the next round. If you apply for the IOC YL Programme and aren’t accepted, you can also apply again in the next round.

Q3: When will the application process for the IOC YL Programme begin? The application process for the IOC YL Programme will be launched in the beginning of December. The 25 IOCYL will be selected before the end of December.

Q4: What does the application for the IOC YL Programme entail? The application for the IOC YL Programme requires the following: the successful completion of the 6-week learning sprint, a formal IOC application, a letter of motivation and a video submission. The video submission is separate from the one required for the week one reflection task.

Q5: How many people will be selected for the IOC YL Programme? There will be 25 individuals selected for the IOC Young Leader Programme.

Q6: How can I find out more details about the IOC YL Programme? Please refer to the brochure which can be found here.

Q7: What are the criteria for being a IOC Young Leader? The following criteria apply:

- 18-30 years old on October 1st, 2020
- Successful completion of the six-week learning sprint
- Strong interest in developing a sport and social business to solve local challenges
- Strong engagement in one’s own community and sense of local responsibility
- Ability to manage new technological tools and platforms
- Able to effectively take on a mentorship role during the four-year programme
- Knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Passion for sport being used as a tool for social and economic development

Q8: Is it important that a candidate has a relationship with his / her / their NOC? It is not a criteria that applicants have an existing relationship with their respective NOCs.

Q9: Does a candidate have to apply with a project / social business / social organization plan in mind? No, submitting a project plan is not part of the application process. In fact, the entire first year will be dedicated to researching a specific problem and understanding it before developing a plan to address it.
TECHNICAL ISSUES

Q1: I received the week one newsletter but haven’t received the week two newsletter. What should I do? We advise you to check your spam folder first. If you can’t find it in the spam folder, please email us at iocyoungleaders@olympic.org and we will make sure to send you the newsletter.

Q2: I am having issues accessing the YouTube channel. Is there another way I can access the recordings? If you aren’t able to access YouTube, please email us at iocyoungleaders@olympic.org with ‘YouTube access’ in your subject line. We will add you to a distribution list where we share the recordings via wetransfer.

Q3: I am having issues signing on to the BlueJeans platform. Can you direct me to support? If you are having difficulties with bluejeans, we suggest you visit their platform and specifically look to their section concerning events and attendees. This can be a useful site: https://support.bluejeans.com/s/article/BlueJeans-Event-instructions-for-Attendees

Q4: I have tried to send an email to iocyoungleaders@olympic.org and unfortunately it bounces back. What are the other options for getting in touch with the program organizers? We would suggest you get in touch with us through the linkedin, instagram or facebook groups.
MISCELLANEOUS

Q1: Will learners earn a certificate upon completion of the 6-week sprint? Yes, all learners who complete the course requirements --- submitting 6 surveys / reflections by the end of the course --- will receive a certificate for their active participation.

Q2: How can we learn about the IOC Young Leaders? You can find the profiles and project descriptions of all current and former IOC Young Leaders here.

Q3: How can I learn more about social business? Feel free to visit the Yunus Sports Hub resource document, website or social media platforms for more information.

Q4: Can we have access to the names and email addresses of other course participants? No, we are not allowed to share this information due to privacy and data regulations. When you join the Linkedin Community as well as other informal 'unofficial' whatsapp groups, you can find ways to connect with your fellow learners.