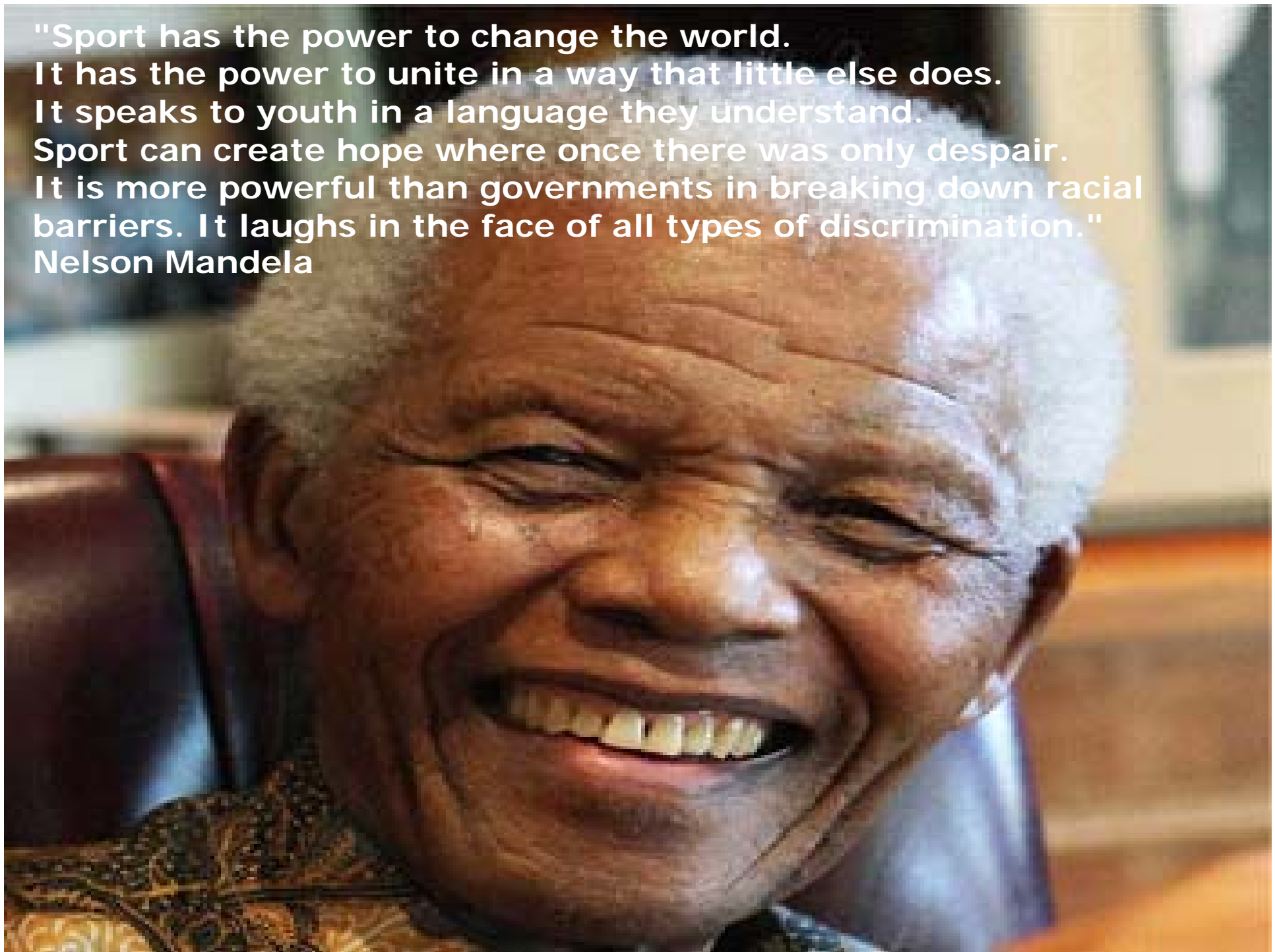


Sports Without Borders – Italy

A Movement for Ethical and Solidarity-based Sports



**"Sport has the power to change the world.
It has the power to unite in a way that little else does.
It speaks to youth in a language they understand.
Sport can create hope where once there was only despair.
It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial
barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination."
Nelson Mandela**



OUR VISION

We aim at being advocates of the ethical and solidarity values of sport and the reference point in the promotion of its social role, using sport as a tool of education, awareness-raising and intervention at national and international level for the development of peoples.



OUR MISSION

SPORT WITHOUT BORDERS ITALY aims at promoting and protecting the values of sport and the Olympic spirit as qualifying tools for education, development and social integration.

The purpose of SPORT WITHOUT BORDERS ITALY is to foster and disseminate - especially among youth - the ethics of sports, by involving public and private institutions in programmes and activities articulated to promote partnerships and exchanges between the world of sport and civil society.



OUR VIEW ON SPORT

SPORT WITHOUT BORDERS ITALY intends sport in its entirety and looks at it as a four-dimensional issue entailing:

- leisure and recreation;
- health, personal hygiene, physical fitness, psychological wellness;
- society (participation, integration, cooperation, tolerance, sharing, respect);
- culture, traditional sports and games as socio-cultural



SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT: AN ETHICAL AND COMPLEMENTARY APPROACH

Our methodology of intervention is based on four approaches to sport, namely:

- a) as a tool of social support;
- b) as additional therapy in social rehabilitation;
- c) as a tool for active teaching;
- d) as a complementary educational tool.



OUR METHODOLOGY

Our methodology is based on the transfer of human and economic resources, following a process of sensitisation and involvement of our stakeholders, as well as other concerned public and private entities.

Our presence in a Country follows precise requirements expressing the needs of a local actor. Therefore every project is defined and implemented in consultation with the local community, who is also the primary beneficiary, and with the relevant civil society organisations.



THE QUALIFYING FEATURES OF OUR ACTION

1. Sport is a universal language
2. Every child has the right to play and to practice sport
3. Sport to contribute to the development of vulnerable groups and communities
4. Sport to develop ethics



OUR ETHICS CHARTER

1. Integrated development
2. Respect for local cultures and traditions
3. Local procurement and promotion of local initiatives
4. Follow-up actions within the community
5. Independence and neutrality
6. Transparency

