

Erica Terpstra 4life

Former chair of Dutch Olympic Committee joins international advisory board

Amsterdam, 30 March 2010 – dance4life international is proud to present its new international advisory board member, Erica Terpstra. After glorious careers as a freestyle swimmer, politician and chair of the Dutch Olympic Committee, Mrs. Terpstra decided to join dance4life and support young people all over the world to push back the spread of HIV and AIDS.

Sports and politics

Erica Georgine Terpstra is a retired freestyle swimmer from the Netherlands, who won two medals at the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. After her swimming career, Terpstra became involved in politics. She was a member of parliament for the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD), for whom she served as State Secretary for Health, Welfare and Sport. From 2003 until May 2010 she was the immensely popular chair of the Dutch Olympic Committee.

Empowering youth

Erica Terpstra: "I believe in the power of youth to create change. I know from my own experience that a strong will and persistence can move this world. That is exactly what the dance4life schools programmes create amongst teenagers across the globe. I have been very fortunate in my life and the least I can do is pass on some of my luck and knowledge to others."

Eveline Aendekerk, managing director of dance4life international says: "It is an honour to welcome Erica Terpstra on board. Mrs. Terpstra can add a lot of value to dance4life because she is a very well known and loved person both on a national and an international level. But most importantly, Erica shares dance4life's values

and beliefs, she wants to help us to realise our goals in empowering the future generation.”

About dance4life

dance4life is an international non-profit organisation founded in 2003 that unites young people through music and dance and empowers them to push back the spread of HIV and AIDS. Headquartered in Amsterdam with a team of 19, dance4life is active in over 25 countries around the world, where the concept is implemented by local implementing partners around their existing life-skills programs. dance4life’s major partners include Durex, National Postcode Lottery, Oxfam NOVIB, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PSO and UNFPA.

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international advisory board

dance4life wants to reflect its international character and the diversity of the programme in the structure of its governance. This is why dance4life has created an international advisory board, made up of people with an international profile who share dance4life’s values and beliefs. Other members of the international advisory board include Mr. Desmond Tutu, Mr. Peter Bell, Dr. Nafis Sadik, Mr. Peter Piot, Mrs. Tumi Makgabo, Mr. Dennis Karpes and Mr. Rien van Gendt.

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