



## LOCAL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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*Instructions: Please provide answers to the question below. Submit them either in electronic form or on a hard copy that is snail-mailed to us. Take whatever amount of space you need.*

1. Forming a Soulforce Local Group:

- a. What are the reasons you want to form a local group?


- b. What called you to this nonviolent justice work with Soulforce?


2. Leadership skills and experience:

- a. What are your specialized skills, training, and experience that you would use for leading a local group?

Skills	Training	Experience

- b. What other leadership and/or volunteer experience do you have?


- c. List any protests and/or direct actions that you have had a leadership role or in which you have participated.


Note: Feel free to attach a resume if you like.

3. Please discuss your time availability for leading a local group.


4. Thinking about your first year as a local group *(or continued work if you are a group who is reapplying after departure of a current leader)*:

a. How do you plan to further Soulforce's mission?


b. What 4 main goals and objectives (including timelines) would you set for yourself as the leader and the group as a whole?

<b>Goals for Yourself</b>	<b>Timetable</b>
i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	

<b>Goals for the Local Group</b>	<b>Timetable</b>
i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	

c. What is the first thing you will do when (and if) you receive licensing?


5. What is your history as an activist, if any?


6. Describe your local community relationships and involvement according to the following categories:

a. How long have you lived in your area?


b. What is your involvement with other GLBT groups and organizations in your area?


- c. List your main community contacts and your core supporters in the area where you wish to start a local group.

Community Contacts and/or Core Supporters	Core support?	
	Yes	No
i.		
ii.		
iii.		
iv.		
v.		
vi.		
vii.		
viii.		
ix.		
x.		

- d. Do you have professionals to support the local group?

Professionals in ..... (list additional ones)	Have this?		If yes, please list name of person
	Yes	No	
Accounting?			
Legal?			

- e. Do you or any of those interested in participating have experience in any of the following (*check yes or no*)? And if so, who?

Experience with.....	Have this?		If yes, please list name of person
	Yes	No	
Coalition Building?			
Public Speaking?			
Event Planning?			
Organizational Development?			
Media Work?			
Volunteer Coordination?			
Conflict Resolution?			

*Note: You do not personally need to have experience in all these areas to start a local group. However these are some of the skills needed by the group as a whole when forming a local group.)*

7. Do you have people who are ready willing and able to participate in a Soulforce Local Group?

- a. If yes, how many?

- b. What are your plans to increase the membership?


c. How do you plan to recruit others to participate in the local group?


d. What other leaders, if any, have you identified to work with you? What skill sets do they bring?

List leaders with whom you'll work	Describe their skill sets

e. What gaps do you see in the skill sets you would like to have to operate effectively as a group?

Missing skills	Comments

8. Please discuss your responses to the following personal challenges you may face in taking on this position of leadership:
- a. Knowing your community, what are the 4 biggest challenges you face in getting an active local Soulforce group?

<b>Community challenges</b>	<b>Comments</b>
i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	

- b. What Soulforce principles have been most difficult to apply in your life?

<b>Difficult Soulforce principles</b>	<b>Comments</b>

- c. What issues, if any, will challenge you as you take on this role in your life?

<b>Personal challenges</b>	<b>Comments</b>

- d. Keeping in mind that violence may be expressed mentally and verbally as well as physically, please tell us how you have dealt with violence versus nonviolence issues in your own life.


9. Do you consider yourself out? Is there any situation where you would not be comfortable or willing to be out?


10. Do you have any experience, positive or negative, working with, or participating in, a religious or faith-based organization?
