Application Questions

We're excited that you are applying to be part of the Voice of Healing: Trans & Non-binary SPEAK OUT project! We'd like to know more about you! This document contains the questions you will be asked on your application. We encourage you to review the questions and write your answers in a text file, so you can easily copy and paste your answers into the application form. Applications should be submitted no later than October 15, 2021.

Our aim is to create powerful public moments of truth-sharing and dialogue that challenge the invisibility and isolation of trans and non-binary survivors, and build community.

We encourage creativity and the use of diverse modalities (e.g., poetry, prose, monologues, music, movement, art), and the stories can have accompanying visuals (e.g., photos, paintings, video art, live or filmed dance pieces, original or licensed music).

You are invited to share a draft of your story that isn't final, but that gives a detailed overview of your presentation. The presenter workshops will help you further develop and hone your story for the final presentations.

Written submissions should 1500 words or less. Video or audio submissions should be limited to 3 minutes or less.

What happens after you submit your application?
A member of the submission committee (comprised of people from both FORGE and MenHealing) will contact you with the next steps -- which may include setting up an interview with the review and selection team. Applicants will be reviewed with an eye for representing diverse experiences and identities, modalities of sharing their stories, and a readiness for crafting a compelling presentation.

The review committee will meet the week of November 1, 2021 to make final selections of presenters for the SPEAK OUT program.

All applicants will be notified of the results of their submission by November 15, 2021. All applicant details will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions, please see the FAQ. You can also contact from our website.
Demographic information

*Name:

Pronouns:

*Email:

*Phone number:

*State:

*Age:

Race / Ethnicity:

Do you live with a disability? Y/N

*Do you identify under the transgender or non-binary** umbrella? Y/N

**At FORGE and MenHealing, we honor and recognize the complexity and multiplicity of gender, identity, and language. When using the words trans and non-binary, we use these words in their broadest meanings, inclusive of those whose identities lie outside of these often limiting terms.

*Have you experienced sexual victimization*** at some point in your life? Y/N

*** We use the term sexual victimization to encompass a wide range of experiences, including, but not limited to childhood sexual abuse, adult sexual assault, sexual violence, sex abuse through trafficking, and other forms of unwanted touch.

Commitment to the project

Presenter workshop dates:

Presenters must be able to participate in at least 5 of the presenters workshops, including the first & last ones.

○ All workshops will be on the following dates
○ Workshop #1 December 2, 2021
○ Workshop #2 December 9, 2021
○ Workshop #3 December 16, 2021
○ Workshop #4 January 6, 2022
○ Workshop #5 January 13, 2022
○ Workshop #6 February 2, 2022
○ Workshop #7 February 10, 2022

The times for each workshop are:
4:00 - 6:30pm PT
5:00 - 7:30pm MT
6:00 - 8:30pm CT
7:00 - 9:30pm ET

*Can you commit to attending the required workshops? Y/N

SPEAK OUT presentation dates:
March 31, 2022
April 1, 2022

The times for each presentation are:
4:00 - 6:30pm PT
5:00 - 7:30pm MT
6:00 - 8:30pm CT
7:00 - 9:30pm ET

*I can commit to participating in at both of these live online SPEAK OUT events: Y/N

**Detailed application questions**

*Why would you like to participate in the SPEAK OUT Project? What compels you to be part of this Project? What do you hope to gain from the experience? What do you hope to give to it? (350 words max)

*What leads you to feel you are ready to share publicly about your journey of healing from sexual victimization? Have you done so before? (350 words max)
*Please paste your story draft in the space below (1500 words max). If you are sending an audio or video submission, please add a link to a shared Google or Dropbox file, or email it to AskFORGE@forge-forward.org. Video and audio submissions should be 3 minutes long or less.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

*May we call you to discuss your submission and readiness to publicly share your story? Y/N

*May we leave a message? Y/N

**Thank you for your submission!**

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