



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. Please complete this form as soon as possible, no later than October 30, 2021.

The SPEAK OUT is an opportunity to connect with other trans/nonbinary survivors and an experienced facilitation team. Part of that connection is through workshopping and coaching -- opportunities to learn, expand, and enhance your resilience. 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). If you'd like to learn more about some of the kinds of stories we are seeking -- click through to the [FAQ](#).

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 selection team. All trans/nonbinary survivors have incredible life experiences worthy of sharing! For this project, we are reviewing applications representing diverse experiences, identities, and modalities of sharing stories. Participants will demonstrate a readiness to craft and evolve their presentation with the support of our facilitators, coaches, and other survivors.

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

*There are many reasons why trans/nonbinary survivors might want to be part of SPEAK OUT. What is motivating you to participate in the SPEAK OUT project? What do you hope to gain from the experience? (1000 words -- more if you need)

* We realize that for some, sharing your healing journey can be a difficult process and bring up unexpected challenges. For others, this may be an exciting opportunity and a way to connect with community. When you think about participating in the SPEAK OUT project, what emotions does this evoke within you? What makes you nervous? What excites you? (350 words -- more if you need)

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* We acknowledge that everyone is at a unique place in their life's journey (gender, victimization, healing, and all parts of life). We uplift you -- wherever you are in your journey. Public sharing in a creative setting can bring about many emotions. We want to make sure you feel as empowered, supported, and ready to be part of this project as possible.

A. * Please share about your support system. This can include how you support yourself, who you have in your life that provides support or stability, how you regulate your emotions, or anything else that helps you feel more supported. (350 words -- more if you need)

B. * SPEAK OUT is not therapy. We want to create as supportive of an environment as possible for all participants. How can we best support you and hold a space that fosters sharing, creating, and building on your resilience? (350 words -- more if you need)

* Please share some of the highlights, components, or key points of your story of healing and growth. It is okay if these aren't complete thoughts, we will hone it together in the SPEAK OUT workshops and coaching. Feel free to share your answer to this (or other) question(s) through prose, lists, video or any format that feels best to you. (1000 words -- more if you need)

* What presentation modality(ies) are you considering for sharing your story? (For example, spoken word, poetry, music, dance, graphic art, mixed media, or any other of the hundreds of ways people can express empowered narratives.) (200 words -- more if you need)

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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