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## Practical Peaceful Solutions Resources and Services Directory Frequently Asked Questions of Developers

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### Who is Peace Through Action USA?

[Peace Through Action USA](#) activates and equips Americans to implement practical peaceful solutions to aggression and violence in their communities and our country. We are a national-scope, charitable, tax-exempt, civic and social capital-building organization.

### What is the practical peaceful solutions resources and services directory?

The [practical peaceful solutions resources and services directory](#), currently in development, will provide information on a set of civic engagement, social cohesion, and peacebuilding interventions, programs, curriculums, trainings, structured activities, practices, methods, and like resources and services. We call these subjects, collectively, “practical peaceful solutions,” and this group of products and actions, collectively, “resources and services.” We are collecting information only, not the resources and services themselves.

The practical peaceful solutions resources and services directory will help organizations and individuals discover the many resources and services available for them to implement practical peaceful solutions with their people and in their places. The directory will help people select resources and services that best fit the social challenges they seek to address and the outcomes they wish to achieve.

### Who are the intended users of the directory?

Program and activity planners within grassroots, community-based and faith-based organizations, schools, workplaces, public agencies, and other organization types will find the directory useful for selecting resources and services they can introduce into their settings. Members of the public will find the directory helpful for discovering solutions to address their social improvement interests and for inquiring whether and how those resources and services are already or can be brought to their people in their places.

### Why are you developing the directory?

We want to make it easier for people, on their own, to discover the bounty of civic engagement, social cohesion, and peacebuilding resources and services which are available.

Peace Through Action and organizations like us want to be better able to and more quickly refer organizations and individuals to resources and services when they ask for help.

And, we are developing this directory as a tool for [Peace Through Action AmeriCorps](#), a national service program we are currently planning. Our AmeriCorps program will focus on civic engagement, social cohesion, and peacebuilding. We want to be able to point our eventual AmeriCorps community partners and AmeriCorps members to resources and services as they assess their communities' social improvement goals and select activities.

### Don't directories like this exist already?

Various governmental agencies and subject matter expert organizations have produced works of this nature in the forms of evidence reviews and registries, effective practices compendiums, and model programs guides. Our directory will include a section for readers to link to these advanced information sources. Moreover, we hope and expect that some of the resources and services in our directory have also been included in these advanced sources.

Our directory is intentionally more introductory than those works. Our directory may capture some civic engagement, social cohesion, and peacebuilding resources and services that have not yet met the high evidentiary standards many of those advanced sources require for inclusion.

### What types of resources and services will the directory include?

We will include in the directory resources and services that aim to increase civic engagement, social cohesion, and/or inner, interpersonal, or collective peace; and/or that aim to reduce and prevent aggression, violence, and/or social discord. We will rely on developers to decide whether their resource or service matches these purposes.

We will include in the directory resources and services that developers have prepared for domestic use as well as resources and services used internationally but for which the developer determines *could* be used in the United States.

Admittedly the directory will not be exhaustive. We are not resourced to conduct an independent search for resources and services. The breadth of the directory content is dependent on resources and services developers contributing information about their products and actions.

### What types of resources and services will the directory exclude?

We will exclude from the directory resources and services that are clearly unrelated to the purposes mentioned above; resources and services that are restricted by the developer for internal use only; and resources and services that are brief and "passive" such as fact sheets and tip sheets.

If you are considering submitting a resource or service for the directory and are unsure whether it belongs, please ask us. Tell us about it and/or send a link to [programs@peacethroughaction.org](mailto:programs@peacethroughaction.org).

### Who can submit information about the resources and services?

If your organization or you personally have developed a civic engagement, social cohesion, or peacebuilding resource or service, you can submit information about it. Please do coordinate with colleagues to ensure that only one of you is submitting information about that resource or service.

### What benefits will we gain from contributing resources and services to the directory?

You will be helping more people discover your resource or service, learn about its essential characteristics, and find how to contact you to arrange to use it.

### Why are you asking for so much information about the resources and services?

We want the directory to make it easy for people to find out quickly most of what they want to know at “first glance” about any resource or service without having to leave the directory. Also, we want people to be able to compare characteristics of resources and services against others.

Consistent information across resources and services allows for such comparisons.

### We have developed multiple resources and services. How can we include them in the directory with less burden?

We recommend that you first submit information on the one or few resources and services you regard as the most useful to the most people. Then submit information about other resources and services as time permits.

Also, you can bundle your similar resources and services into single entries. For example, if your organization offers trainings on several topics, you could submit a single entry describing all of your trainings, rather than a separate entry for each training. Or, if you have developed a base resource or service with variations (such as by age group or language), you can submit just one entry with information about the base resource or service as well as its variations rather than separate forms for each variation.

### How can I submit information about our resources and services?

Please submit your information by completing this [form](#). Please complete a separate form for each unique resource or service you want to have included in the directory.

### Is there a deadline for submitting information?

We encourage you to submit information by Friday, March 15, 2024 so that when we first release the directory it is stocked with content. However, we will accept entries on a rolling basis and refresh the directory periodically. So, for as long as we are producing the directory, the resources and services you wish to promote will eventually be included.

### Will someone review our information for accuracy?

Due to resource constraints, we will not be validating information. The directory we release will notify users that the developer has self-reported and attested to the accuracy of the information.

### How will you disseminate the directory?

We will make the directory available publicly and without fee on our website.

### When will you release the directory?

We anticipate first release of the directory in Spring 2024.

### How will you maintain the directory?

We will invite developers to remove, add, or alter their information once annually. Developers can submit a change request anytime to [programs@peacethroughaction.org](mailto:programs@peacethroughaction.org).

### Who can I contact for more information about the resources and services directory project?

Please contact our staff at [programs@peacethroughaction.org](mailto:programs@peacethroughaction.org).