



Peace of the Action

# LOCAL CHAPTER INFO – FORMATION REQUEST

## MISSION STATEMENT

Peace of the Action advocates for Revolutionary Change in regard to both foreign and domestic U.S. Imperialism.

## PRINCIPLES

Recognizing that the policies and systems of the U.S. Empire are far too corrupt to reform and that the interests of corporations far outweigh the interests of citizens, Peace of the Action believes that Revolutionary Change is tangible, a complete transformation and a half revolution from where we are today. Peace of the Action believes that such change can only come about by committed, concentrated and regular acts of civil resistance that is immovable, yet non-violent. Non-violent, civil resistance is the heart of Peace of the Action.

## GOALS

- To end state-sanctioned violence as a solution to problems both foreign and domestic.
- To end the fascist relationship between corporations and government.
- To elevate human rights above any other national or international priorities.
- To promote peace and understanding between the people of nations.

## POLICIES

Neither Peace of the Action National nor Local Chapters may officially endorse any politician—although both may officially work in the political realm advocating for legislation that is in conformation with our Mission, Principles and Goals. Local Chapters are affiliated, but independent, from Peace of the Action National and do not speak for National. While assertive actions are welcomed and encouraged, violence against persons or property is not tolerated.

## LOCAL CHAPTER FORMATION

Two dedicated activist Coordinators are the minimum number required to form a Local Chapter. Local Chapters can be derived from many areas, venues and walks of life. A Local Chapter can be formed, for example, from any of the following arenas: churches, colleges, high schools, state, county and/or city. We ask that Local Chapters be as active as possible, whenever possible and keep in communication with National as best possible. We also encourage groups to utilize Internet-based Social Networking, such as Facebook and Meetup, to the utmost. Internet videos from Local Chapter events are highly encouraged.

Upon approved formation of a Local Chapter your group will be assigned a coupon code for the online Peace of the Action store so that members can outfit themselves with discounted Peace of the Action branded clothing (coupon code valid for one month). Please e-mail [chapters@peaceoftheaction.org](mailto:chapters@peaceoftheaction.org) in advance of submitting your signed Local Chapter Formation Request so that we may determine if persons in your area may already be established or in the beginning stages of establishment.

## INDEPENDENT ACTIONS/EVENTS

We call on Local Chapters to support National campaigns but also fully encourage Local Chapters to constantly be on the lookout for new opportunities and watchful of local issues. Peace of the Action primarily promotes campaigns/causes within three major categories: *anti-war/pro-peace*, *human rights* and *bankster/corporatocracy*. Within these categories one may find many issues relating to each. Please share information to National that we may be unaware of in your area. The degree and nature of your group activities can range from educational to aggressive but yet non-violent civil resistance (from butterflies to barbwire). National will support as much as possible, and by every means possible, events planned by our Local Chapters.

## **PERMITS TO RALLY, PROTEST AND/OR DEMONSTRATE**

Upon organizing a public rally, protest and/or demonstration for a Local Chapter please check with the local codes/statutes/laws within the area of operation in regard to the requirement for permits. Although National has a moral opposition to acquiring permits to exercise our First Amendment rights, we leave the permit issue up to the discretion of each Local Chapter. All we ask is that those involved use proper judgement during activities and make safety the highest priority. In case of arrest please know that National does not have the resources to provide bail and/or legal counsel. Funding and/or arrangements for bail and/or legal counsel should be established by each Local Chapter prior to any rally, protest and/or demonstration. *(Please video record events!)*

## **NATIONAL SUPPORT**

- National will assist Local Chapters with information, logistics and various aspects of events planning as needed.
- Local Chapters will be listed on the National Peace of the Action website. Individual pages for Local Chapter will include Chapter mailing address, contact information for Local Chapter Coordinators and upcoming activities.
- Local Chapters will be offered discounted bundles of Peace of the Action store merchandise for the purposes of fundraising.

## **SPECIAL NOTICES & WARNINGS**

In light of the U.S. government's probable and deliberate mistranslation of the Peace of the Action Mission Statement as being an extremist/subversive group any and all members (and potential members) should be made aware that local, state and government agencies may engage in the process of group and/or individual observation/surveillance (both physically and virtually), wiretapping, e-mail monitoring, web log records collection, infiltration and provocateuring. Please be watchful for this and report any evidence of such to a Local Chapter Coordinator upon which that person will determine if the report warrants a notice to National. We encourage Local Chapter Coordinators and members to immediately refer any requests by law enforcement for interviews or questioning regarding Peace of the Action, in general, to National. Any damages, liability, criminal/civil charges and/or law suits incurred by the actions of a Local Chapter are theirs alone and may not be transferred to National. Revocation of Local Chapter status and/or replacement of Coordinator(s) may be instigated upon validated reports of gross misconduct unbecoming Peace of the Action's stated Mission, Principles and Goals (particularly regarding violence).

## **LOCAL CHAPTER FORMATION REQUEST – COORDINATOR INFORMATION (TWO REQUIRED)**

Local Chapter Venue/Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator #1 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator #1 Printed E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator #1 Printed Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Agrees to all information stated within this document, both pages, in relation to your facilitation of a POTA Local Chapter.)*

Coordinator #2 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator #2 Printed E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator #2 Printed Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Agrees to all information stated within this document, both pages, in relation to your facilitation of a POTA Local Chapter.)*

**Please fill out in pen, sign and mail to:** PEACE OF THE ACTION • P.O. Box 21591 • Washington, DC 20009  
Chapter Requests from outside of the USA may be scanned and emailed to: **chapters@peaceoftheaction.org**.