

INITIATING NEW UCWC SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS, PROJECTS AND EVENTS

The Social Justice Committee follows a bottom-up model rather than a top-down model (in which the leadership decides what new challenges are to be undertaken). Most of our projects and sub-groups were started either by individuals or by people talking together and deciding to do something. We value your initiative and welcome your proposals for social justice action.

Types of Groups

There are three types of groups that function within the UCWC Social Justice Committee:

- **Sub-Committees** - Groups with a Broad Scope

Example: Animal Ministry Chapter. This group may hold activities of various types (films, speakers, political advocacy, social events, etc.) throughout the year that cover the broad range of animal rights issues without prior approval of the Social Justice Committee. Sub-committees have a chair (or co-chairs) as well as any number of members.

- **Projects (Including Discussion Groups)** - Groups with a more focused scope.

Example: First Sunday Food Collection Project. This project does one specific thing—the monthly collection of food for the West Chester Food Cupboard. A project may have a few as one person, or a leader and any number of participants.

- **Single Events** - Single (or occasional) events that are may or may not be associated with an existing group.

Example: Dining Out for Life outings.

Starting a New Group, Project, Event or Activity

Events/Activities within an existing group. All new UCWC social justice activities must be approved by the SJ Committee, unless they are activities of an existing Social Justice group/project, in which case you must contact the group leader.

- **Important Note:** All fundraisers must also be approved by the UCWC Executive Team.

Events not within an Existing Group: To start and organize an event that does not fit under an existing social justice group, Social Justice Committee approval is required. Contact the SJ Chair/Co-Chair and email information as requested.

Groups/Projects: Email a completed Social Justice Group Proposal form to the SJ Committee Chair/Co-chair. This form can be found on the UCWC website (Resource section of the Social Justice)—or click [HERE](#).

After receiving a proposal in good order, the SJ Chair/Co-chair will send it to the Social Justice Committee for approval.

Making Your Group a Success

The following documents (found on the [SJ Resources web page](#)) will help make your group/project a success:

- [UCWC Project Planning Guide](#)
- [UCWC Communications Worksheet](#)