

Empathy Forward · Local Chapters

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Local Chapters bring together people who want to create stronger communities, healthier relationships, and positive social change. Chapters serve as local hubs where members can connect, learn, collaborate, and make an impact close to home.



Build relationships with people in your community who share your commitment to empathy, inclusion, and understanding.



Exchange ideas, discover new resources, and gain access to educational and professional development opportunities.



Develop leadership skills through volunteer roles, workshop facilitation, and regional and national leadership opportunities.



Support local initiatives, raise awareness, and help create meaningful change in your community.

Start or Join a Chapter

Interested in starting or joining a chapter in your community? Let us know!



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Here are some ways that a local chapter might support your community.

Connect

- Run a local Mastodon instance
- Facilitate “conversations across differences”
- Host community listening sessions to better understand local needs

Learn

- Create a book club exploring empathy-related topics
- Organize discussions on inclusion, belonging, and understanding
- Share resources and best practices

Lead

- Facilitate strategic planning workshops for nonprofits
- Discover a local need and plan a project to meet it
- Organize service projects
- Assemble welcome kits for refugees, immigrants, or foster families

Advocate

- Participate in community events, fairs, and awareness campaigns
- Advocate for policies and practices that promote inclusion, belonging, and respect
- Create public awareness campaigns around kindness, empathy, and mental wellness

The most successful chapter projects are usually those that meet a local need, create meaningful human connection, and give members a chance to practice empathy through service and action.