

SONG'S THEORY OF CHANGE*



The vision of Queer Liberation is at the heart of SONG's theory of change.

'Our role is not to bleed out proving to others that we are as human as them. Our role is to strengthen our people to transform ourselves, our communities, our South, and our world.' – Paulina Helm-Hernandez, 2014

WHEN

When SONG can organize to shift power and build beloved community in the South—centering vision, hope, desire and resiliency—while supporting institutionally oppressed people in building organizations and developing a base of conscious leaders acting as catalysts and incubators of collective action.

THEN

A movement of self-determination will exist. This movement will be for our bodies in sexuality, gender, eroticism, disability, safety and privacy; the dignity of our spiritual practices; fairness in our economic systems; full access to participating in and benefiting from our society's institutions; and human rights for all and justice as a birthright. This movement will be capable of shifting the current balance of power and building beloved community within the South that as a geography will be a key building block ultimately in both dismantling the current state and in the future of liberation for all people around the world.

THUS

SONG currently builds a base of LGBTQ leaders in the South, connected to each other, to confront power through direct action campaigns and create culture change toward liberation. SONG shares the wisdom we find in this work with the world, and aligns itself with those who experience our conditions and share our purposes and our fate.

* A theory of change is an explicit presentation of the assumptions about how changes are expected to happen within any particular context and in relation (or response) to our work. A theory of change maps out which actors have to do what in order to achieve and sustain a vision of success, and identifies the major linkages between them.

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