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CBRC News

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Celebrating Community University EXPO 2013



Delegates at CU Expo 2013 chat over a meal.

This year marked the fifth Community University Expo in Canada, the bi-annual national conference focused on Canada's community-university engagement movement. This year's CUExPO was held in Cornerbrook Newfoundland.

CBRC is proud to continue to give core secretariat support to the CUExPO movement. Community-university partnerships are critical vehicles for moving our society forward in ways that benefit all of our citizens. Complex social issues need to be addressed not only by academics and their skill sets but also by community members and the skills they bring to the table. Both groups add considerable value to democratic discourse and to grassroots societal transformation. The need to more fully develop these kinds of relationships is evident in universities across the country as institutions of higher learning focus their energies in public engagement and in enhancing their social relevance. As host of CU Expo 2013, the work of Grenfell Campus, Memorial University was evident. This exposition provided our campus with an opportunity to showcase our commitment to, passion and capacity for

community engagement. We brought more than 400 people from across the province, the country and the globe together to share our work and to meet others working towards shared goals. By coming together, to share and learn, lasting community-university relationships were formed. The theme for CU Expo 2013 was engagement, to have all conference events as engaging as possible to maximize delegate involvement. Sessions included a variety of formats, including an interactive closing plenary. Delegates also had opportunities to attend themed dinners, off-site sessions, and the engagement fair. They were also encouraged to contribute to the learning wall, facebook and twitter feeds and have their say on the expo community radio. CBRC evolved out of CU Expo 2008 and continues to be a strong voice, advocating for the development of this work. If you have a passion for community-university partnership, join CBRC, connect with like minded individuals. Together we will be heard and we will enable change that is meaningful and resilient.

—Louise Mc Gillis, CUExPO 2013 Coordinator

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CBRC: What we do

Community Based Research Canada (CBRC) is a network that builds capacity for academia and the wider community to use research as a tool to mobilize community, participation and action. CBRC's Vision is to be a national champion and facilitator for CBR and campus-community engagement in Canada.

Focus Areas are:

- Research, Policy and Advocacy Engagement
- National Movement and Capacity Building
- Communications and Network Support

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Sharing Our Visions - Community Based Research for Canada

What is your vision for CBRC and the Canadian community-university engagement and research movement? What are we doing well and what do we need to do better to make a greater societal impact?

Check out other Visions by CBRC Steering Committee members and share your own on our website: send to info@communityresearchcanada.ca!



Linda Hawkins

Community-university engagement is burgeoning in Canada, with exciting conversations and new interest among many stakeholders. Community-Based Research Canada is playing a central role in building a national voice in how the principles, methodologies and practices of community based research can be infused in community, university and funder policies and in the support we can provide each other through events like CUexpo, pan-Canadian discussion and ongoing networking. Many opportunities before us.

—Linda Hawkins, Director, Institute for Community Engaged Scholarship/the Research Shop, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences University of Guelph (theresearchshop.ca)

Ann Macaulay

Kurt Lewin wrote “Research that produces nothing but books will not suffice.” This is so true! Participatory Research at McGill was created in 2006 to increase researcher expertise in partnering with communities. We see participatory research as a research approach that uses qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as needed. PRAM is proud to support CBRC’s goals of encouraging greater community-researcher engagement. I am also very excited to announce that Dr Neil Andersson has taken over leadership of PRAM - in addition to his continuing leadership of CIETCanada (ciet.ca)



—Ann C Macaulay CM MD FCFP Professor Family Medicine CIET/Participatory Research at McGill (pram.mcgill.ca)

SSHRC Imagining Canada’s Future – The 2013 report

SSHRC launched Imagining Canada’s Future in June 2011 to identify future challenge areas for Canada in an evolving global context that are likely to emerge in five, 10 and 20 years and to which the social sciences and humanities research community could contribute its knowledge, talent and expertise. 13,000 people participated in this consultation process. Check out the June 2013 Report at sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/society-societe/community-communite/Imaginer_Canadas_Future-Imaginer_l_avenir_du_Canada-eng.aspx

CBRC will pay special attention to this comprehensive study as part of our own work. Four major elements emerged as essential for Canada and Canadians to weather significant transformations in an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world. They are:

- sustainable, resilient communities;
- creativity, innovation and prosperity;
- values, cultures, inclusion and diversity; and
- governance and institutions.

Quebec Social Economy CBR Grant Awarded

The Government of Quebec has announced its support for the establishment of a new umbrella group to support the social economy, known as the Territoires innovants en économie sociale et solidaire (TIESS), with a grant of \$2.3 million over the next three years, an initiative created to share and disseminate knowledge, practice, experience and research in the social economy.

The Service aux collectivités of the Université du Québec à Montréal, together with the Chantier de l’économie sociale,

the Centre de recherche sur les innovations sociales, and Concordia’s Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy are the founding organizations.

The new organization will be one of three groups dedicated to strengthening social innovation in the province—known as Organismes de liaison et de transfert en innovation sociale (OLTIS)—that are funded by Quebec’s Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie.



News & Events

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CUVic 2014: UVic's Global Engagement Conference

Located in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, CUVic 2014 (May 20–22) is a 3-day conference with the objective of strengthening the capacity of community-university engagement to impact societal well-being. CBRC is a sponsor of CUVIC 2014 along with the NCCPE (UK), The Living Knowledge Network (Europe) and GACER (global). The conference will offer a variety of keynote presentations, workshops, field trips and social networking opportunities. **Proposals and abstracts are now being accepted for workshops, teaching circles and poster presentations.**

All submissions should be forwarded to cuvic@uvic.ca no later than midnight Pacific Standard Time, January 31, 2014. Please ensure an Abstract Submission Form is used for all submissions. More information can be found at uvic.ca/cuvic2014 or by contacting Suzanne Dane, (250) 853-3751, suzanned@uvic.ca.



Member Profiles

PRAM

Participatory Research at McGill (PRAM) began in 2006 with the goals of increasing researcher expertise in partnering with communities to evaluate questions relevant to the community and to formally evaluate the benefits of this research approach. PRAM promotes the development of equitable partnerships with co-decision making to improve health, support both community and academic capacity building and to maximize knowledge translation throughout the research process. Related to PRAM, CEELR is an informal network of stakeholders involved with Community-Engaged and Experiential Learning and Research at McGill University, which strives to identify, celebrate, connect, and support Community-Engaged and Experiential Learning and Research. See pram.mcgill.ca.

CREO

The Community Research Ethics Office (CREO), created in 2010 by the Centre for Community Based Research (CCBR) is an innovative, forward thinking, community based organization. It supports Canadian researchers and their human participants by ensuring that all community based research is underpinned by a solid ethical framework.

We offer non-mandatory ethical reviews, training and guidance to other organizations and individuals undertaking research involving human participants. As a result of offering these services locally, word has spread and CREO are receiving an increasing number of requests from across Canada, including for academic funded research. For more information please see communityresearchethics.com



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CBRC Organizational News & Membership Drive

Martin Taylor: Special Advisor Message

Martin Taylor was recently appointed to serve as CBRC's Special Advisor. When VP Research at UVic, he established the Office of Community Based Research in 2006 and as a geographer he's long been an advocate for collaborative research with communities from the local to global. He shares the Executive's vision to position CBRC as a lead organization for promoting and advancing best practices in community-based research for the benefit of all stakeholders and partners as they work together to co-create knowledge that makes a positive difference for the communities that our universities collectively serve. In that regard, Martin notes that *"it has been encouraging to see the positive response of our universities to the invitation to become institutional members of CBRC. We look forward to others joining in the near future as we come together to strengthen a growing national and international movement in support of community based research that addresses major societal challenges."*



Sarah Marie Wiebe, Post-Doctoral Fellow with CBRCanada



Sarah Wiebe is the new Post-Doctoral Fellow affiliated with CBR-Canada. She will support Special Advisor Martin Taylor and the CBRC Secretariat at ISICUE-UVIC with online communications, graduate student programming, strategic planning and create an asset-map of best practices for CBR-Canada. She looks forward to connecting with members of and partners to CBR-Canada. Feel free to contact her at: (e) swiebe@uvic.ca (t) 250-853-3520.

Sarah's recently completed PhD (University of Ottawa) focused on the Aamjiwnaang First Nation's struggles for environmental and reproductive justice in Canada's Chemical Valley. Her scholarly interests include arts-based participatory research and feminist visual methods.

Honoring Canada's Research Chair of Indigenous Knowledge and Learning

CBRC would like to recognize the retirement of Dr. Lorna Wanosts'a7 Williams, the first Canada Research Chair of Indigenous Knowledge and Learning. She supported CBRC since its beginnings at CUEXPO 2008 at UVic, keynoted at two of our national gatherings in Montreal and Ottawa and has been a champion and leader in B.C., Canada and worldwide in aboriginal language revitalization, indigenous rights, education and global justice. A scholarship fund for graduate students working on research with community and of benefit to community has been set up in her name (see web.uvic.ca/givingtouvic/givenow/Online%20Pledge%20Form_2010-11_revised.pdf). Tracey Herbert from the First People Heritage and Language Council, one of the organizations that Lorna helped create, sits on CBRC Steering Committee.



Global Network News

- CBRC members joined SSHRCC President Chad Gaffield at **Engage 2013, NCCPE's annual community-higher education conference** in November with UVic, Memorial and SFU delegates., The UK-Canada Pilot between CBRC and NCCPE was also launched! See nccpe.org for more info.
- CBRC Secretary Maeve Lydon attended the **Irish Campus Engage National Network** gathering in September 2013. See campusengage.ie for more info.
- UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. See unescochair-cbrsr.org for more info.
- **Living Knowledge Network Conference**: April 9–11th in Denmark. See livingknowledge.org for more info.

Thank you to our Members!

Our Membership Drive is underway with a special focus this Fall on Canadian University Research Offices. Thank you to UVic, Carleton, Université du Québec à Montréal, St. Francis Xavier University, University of PEI, Vancouver Island University, University of Windsor, University of Guelph, McMaster University, Université du Québec en Outaouais, University of the Fraser Valley and others for joining up so far! Community Based Research Canada invites you to join the growing national movement for community-based research and campus-community engagement. Join up by going online to communityresearchcanada.ca.

