



CBRC News

Fall 2015

Growing Engagement

Welcome current and new [CBRC Members](#)! CBRC continues to use its [Strategic Plan](#), members' feedback, and national and global evolutions in community-campus engagement to inform our organizational structure and activities. See, for example, our Special Advisor's Report on pg. 4 for more information about CBRC incorporating as a federal not-for-profit organization.

In line with our mission to be a facilitator for collaborative community based research and community-campus engagement in Canada, CBRC co-sponsored the [National Community Mapping Symposium](#) in Montreal (Nov. 4-6, 2015). This event involved many Canadian and civil society organizations across the country, many CBRC members! CBRC also co-convoked a CBR Roundtable at the [Institute for Public Administration in Canada](#) with the leadership of Steve Kent, Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement from NFL and Labrador.

In line with our goal to catalyze a national CBR movement and build capacity, CBRC's [Engaged Practice Learning Exchange](#) is supporting member networking through our [on-line EPLE](#) and CBRC [Winter Webinar Series](#). This series begins in January. Everyone welcome to join in! (details on pg. 2).

CBRC members are doing amazing work across the country. Check out profiles of the University of Guelph and Abbotsford Community Services on pg. 3. We encourage all members to submit profiles, for inclusion on our website and in our newsletter, to info@communityresearch.ca.

CBRC members are also continually inspired by national and global initiatives and networks. The upcoming [Engage Conference](#) in Bristol and the June 2016 [7th Living Knowledge Conference](#) in Ireland are hosted by two of our key global network partners (see pg. 4). Check these opportunities out.

All the best as we enter into winter and wishing everyone a vibrant 2016! Keep in touch...

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CBRC: Our Vision

A vibrant society in Canada enabled by community based research that addresses major societal challenges.

Our Mission

To be a national champion and facilitator for collaborative community based research and community-campus engagement in Canada.

Our Goals

- Advance Research, Policy and Advocacy Engagement
- Catalyze a National Movement and Capacity Building
- Support Communications and Networks

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Chad Lubelsky, The McConnell Foundation, presenting at the November Community Mapping Symposium in Montreal.



Katherine Graham
CBRC Chair



CBRC's Engaged Practice Learning Exchange/ Webinar Series 2016

Inspired by ideas developed with the UK's [National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement \(NCCPE\)](#) and in response to the 2014 CBRC member survey, CBRC began the [Engaged Practice Learning Exchange \(EPLE\)](#). The EPLE offers virtual and face-to-face spaces for CCE practitioners to collaborate and stimulate innovation in what they do. Together, through the EPLE, practitioners *share knowledge, develop their practice, and network*.

Announcing the Launch of CBRC's Winter Webinar Series:

Mobilizing the Power of Community-Campus Engagement and Research Partnerships

Without further ado, CBRC **hosts our first webinar for January 21st, 2016 - 12-1pm (Central Canada)/ 9-10am (Pacific Time)/ 5-6pm (UK-Ireland)**, continuing every two weeks until April. An Invite and Webinar link will be sent out shortly to all CBRC members.

Series Schedule:

Introduction and Profile of CBR and CUE Movement in Canada (Jan 21st)

- Katherine Graham and Martin Taylor (CBRC) and Budd Hall (UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education)

CBR Training Tools and Resources: Capacity Building in the Field (Feb 4th)

- Joanna Ochocka and Rich Janzen (Centre for CBR- University of Waterloo)

Protocols of Dignity: Academia working with Indigenous Communities for Truth and Reconciliation (Feb 17th)

- Robina Thomas Qwul'sih'yah'maht, Director, Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (UVIC) and Leslie Brown (UVIC; BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres)

Canada and Global Community-University Partnerships Part One – Overview of a 12-Country Survey and e-book, Strengthening Community University Research Partnerships: Global Perspectives and Training Manual (March 4)

- Crystal Tremblay (UVIC- Institute for Studies and Innovation in CUE) and Budd Hall (UNESCO Co-Chair in CBR)

Canada and Global Community-University Partnerships - Part Two: Higher Education and Engaged Teaching and Learning: The Work of the Irish Campus Engage Network (March 16th)

- Kate Morris, Campus Engage Director

Canada and Global Community-University Partnerships – Part Three: Higher Education, Engagement and Supporting Institutional Culture Change: The Work of the UK's National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE-UK) (March 31st)

- Sophie Duncan – Deputy Director and Paul Manners – Director, NCCPE

CBRC's On-line EPLE

CBRC's [EPLE on-line directory](#) was launched in July 2015. There are now over 25 community-engaged researchers and practitioners across Canada sharing knowledge and research as well as advancing community and campus initiatives in this virtual space.

Community Mapping Symposium

With the help of a [SSHRC Connections Grant](#), Concordia University teamed up with UVic and other campuses, NGO's, CBRCanada and [Green Map](#) (New York) to convene the first national community-campus mapping summit (November 4th – 6th). The Common Ground Network will provide a space for community and researchers to share community mapping theory practice and innovations. The Summit began in the community at [Concordia's University of the Streets Cafe](#) with a packed crowd sharing a wide variety of projects including those with neighborhoods, newcomers, indigenous communities and artists. Stay tuned via the CBRC website re; the launch of the on-line Network by January 2016.



Community Mappers at Concordia



John Elliott (W'SANEC elder) presenting at the Community Mapping Symposium.

Member Profiles



University Member Profile

The University of Guelph

The [Guelph](#) strategic research plan and other documents emphasize engagement and knowledge mobilization through research themes, including food, health, environment, and community, and the Integrated Plan reasserts a strong commitment to the development of students through fostering engagement with community. There are a number of institutional hubs for research and teaching that support excellence in community engagement, partnering and research at Guelph, such as the [Community Engaged Scholarship Institute \(CESI\)](#).



The Research Shop

CESI draws on strong traditions of community engagement and socially responsive research to foster mutually beneficial community-university research partnerships. CESI builds capacity for community-engaged scholarship by strengthening faculty and student engagement with local, national, and international communities of interest, addressing faculty reward and development, and training and supporting faculty and students in engagement and knowledge mobilization.



Kendra Schnarr, Research Project Assistant for CESI, provides administrative support to the CBRC Chair & Steering Committee.

Innovative and experimental support mechanisms include faculty research affiliates using service commitments towards developing community research agendas, and the new [Guelph Lab](#) which seeks to address difficult issues of citizen engagement in the city and university. CESI also supports the [Research Shop](#), where graduate students work with community organizations and collaborations on community driven research outside of their regular programs of study.

Community organization member



Abbotsford Community Services

[Abbotsford Community Services](#) plans for and provides direct social services; heightens awareness of social concerns and fosters community involvement; and creates opportunities for community members to participate in strengthening our communities.

From their mission statement: “Abbotsford Community Services strives to be an agency that fosters community well-being and social justice through positive action and leadership.”

Q: How does community-university engagement impact the organization?

A: It allows us to make a bigger difference in the lives of people we serve. When we work in partnership with universities, we are supporting research that will improve the lives of people. We are helping foster innovation and the development of individuals, of organizations, and of our community. We are furthering our collective knowledge to continually get better at what we do.

CBRC Member Groups/ Departments/ Universities/ Colleges

- Abbotsford Community Services
- Arctic Institute for Community Based Research
- Canadian Cancer Survivor Network
- Carleton University
- Centre for Community Based Research
- Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health – Lakehead University
- Centre on Governance – University of Ottawa
- Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
- Community Career Employment Partnership Project
- Community Education Partnership Centre – Georgian College
- Community Engaged Scholarship Institute - Guelph
- Concordia University
- Faculty of Extension – University of Alberta
- Faculty of Social Science - McMaster University
- Portia Learning Centre
- Quintessential Research Group
- Simon Fraser University
- St Francis Xavier University
- St Mary's University
- Trent Centre for Community-Based Education
- Université du Quebec a Montreal
- Université du Quebec en Outaouis
- University of British Columbia
- University of Guelph
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Victoria
- University of Windsor
- Vancouver Foundation
- Vancouver Island University
- York University



Organizational News



Special Advisor Report

CBRC has incorporated as a federal not-for-profit organization to take effect January 1, 2016. The Executive decided to take this step recognizing that, while CBRC has functioned quite successfully as an informal collegial network since its inception in 2007, formalizing its governance and management is now a priority as its activities continue to expand, its fiscal obligations increase, and its national and international profile grows. The intent is for the current Executive to transition to form the inaugural board for the first year. The [CBRC strategic plan](#), approved in 2014, provides the basis for setting program priorities and directing the activities.



I had the opportunity to present a paper on behalf of CBRC at the recent 12th [PASCAL International Conference](#) in Sicily, titled *Advancing community engaged research in Canada*. With Budd Hall and Darlene Clover both playing lead roles in the conference, CBRC was strongly represented. I will also be attending the upcoming [Engage 2015](#) meetings in the UK. This annual conference is organized by the UK [National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement](#) and affords an excellent venue for sharing best practices in community university engagement and for reinforcing the strong Canada-UK partnership that CBRC and NCCPE lead. The theme and focus for this year's conference- *Engaging with Impact* - certainly resonates with our efforts here in Canada.

- Martin Taylor
Professor Emeritus, UVic

Membership Renewals

Please be attentive to your [membership](#) expiry date and renewal reminders for 2016 from CBRC (arriving soon). The CBRC vision, mission and goals support and are supported by our growing network of individual, organizational, business and institutional memberships. We appreciate your support.

Partner News

7th Living Knowledge Conference – Save the Date!



[Living Knowledge 2016](#) will be hosted by Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland, from 22-24 June. Note: Deadline for submission of proposals (January 7 2016); Notification of acceptance of abstract (February 2016); Deadline for early bird registration (March 2016).

CBRC National and Global network partners

National

[Research Impact Canada](#)
[Campus-Community Partnerships for Health](#)
[Canadian Alliance for Community Service-Learning](#)

Europe

[National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement](#)
[Campus Engage Ireland](#)
[Living Knowledge Network](#)

Global

[UNESCO Chair in CBR and Social Responsibility in Higher Education](#)
[Global Alliance on Community-Engaged Research](#)



CBRC Steering Committee Executive

Chair:

Katherine Graham - Carleton University

Vice-Chair:

Joanna Ochocka - Centre for Community Based Research, Kitchener

International Chair:

Budd Hall - UNESCO Chair in CBR

Members:

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Jody Butler Walker - Arctic Institute of Community-Based Research (AICBR)

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Linda Hawkins - University of Guelph

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Martin Taylor - Professor Emeritus, UVic

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