



# CBRC News

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## Our evolving national movement

When Katherine Graham first met with me back in July, 2013, soon after I had returned to southern Ontario after 15 years in senior administration at UVic, to ask if I would consider serving as CBRC's Special Advisor, I had no thought that this would lead to me now being in the privileged position of chairing the inaugural board of the recently incorporated CBRC. Looking back over those two and a half years, I realize that CBRC has accomplished a great deal; not only has our organization grown and evolved to the point where incorporating as a federal not-for-profit was the appropriate step, but we have approved and are now implementing our strategic plan, have grown our base support through our institutional memberships, have contributed to advancing CBR best practices through a national summit, have initiated a webinar series, and spawned a number of other initiatives. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated volunteer leadership and wise counsel of our past Executive (now inaugural board) and Steering Committee. I would be remiss in not paying particular tribute to Katherine Graham who served so ably and tirelessly as chair of the Executive, strongly supported by the two co-vice chairs, Joanna Ochocka and Sylvie de Grosbois. It is very encouraging to witness how community-engaged research continues to gain momentum across the country, particularly in our universities where aspirational strategic plans are increasingly being

translated into action. CBRC is perfectly placed to harness these institutional and regional strengths as a respected national network in Canada and as a link to allied international initiatives. The federal context makes our positioning and potential all the more significant given the genuine embrace of evidence-based policy making in Ottawa. So much of our collective strength in CBR relates directly to issues of high priority on the public policy agendas federally, as well as provincially and locally....social and income inequalities, population health, environmental stewardship and indigenous issues are just some of the areas that immediately come to mind. Moreover, our commitment to the co-creation and co-management of research aligns both with the principle of knowledge democracy and with best practice in knowledge mobilization for the public good. In short, it's an exciting time for CBRC to provide leadership as the CBR community further strengthens its efforts and marshals its expertise to address the challenges and seize the opportunities of our society at home and abroad.



Martin Taylor, CBRC Board Chair

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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

[communityresearchcanada.ca](http://communityresearchcanada.ca)



## CBRC's Winter Webinar Series 2016 Update

CBRC hosted five webinars this winter on topics related to the theme of **Mobilizing the Power of Community-Campus Engagement and Research Partnerships**. We thank the presenters, Katherine Graham, Budd Hall, Joanna Ochocka, Rich Jenzin, Robina Thomas Qwul'sih'yah'maht, Leslie Brown, Crystal Tremblay, Kate Morris, and Sophie Duncan for the time they took to share their knowledge and experience and for facilitating some very interesting discussion. Webinar resources are on our website.

<p><b>Higher Education, Engagement and Supporting Institutional Culture Change:</b> The work of the UK's National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE-UK)</p> <p>Sophie Duncan</p>	<p><b>CBRC Webinar Series</b> <b>Community-Based Research Training Tools and Resources: Capacity Building in the Field</b></p> <p>Joanna Ochocka, PhD &amp; Rich Janzen, PhD Centre for Community Based Research, Waterloo ON</p>	<p><b>Protocols of Dignity</b> Academia Working With Indigenous Communities for Truth and Reconciliation</p>
<p><b>Historical Contexts of CBR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical period (before CURA-1998)</li> <li>• Institutionalisation period (1998-2012)</li> <li>• Contemporary picture</li> </ul>	<p><b>Strengthening Community University Research Partnerships</b></p> <p>CBRC Webinar Series March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Dr. Budd Hall and Crystal Tremblay, UNESCO Chair in CBR</p>	<p><b>What is Campus Engage?</b></p> <p>CampusEngage</p> <p>A Network of 23 HEIs working together to enhance civic society engagement in higher education and facilitating the sharing of knowledge and resources between academic and civic communities.</p>

## Partner News

### UNESCO Chair Report

CBRC and the UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education (co-chaired in India and Canada) have partnered over the last four years on a number of activities that support national and global CBR movements. The UNESCO Chair has just released its 2012-2016 Report focused on the three distinct yet inter-related sets of activities:

1. Knowledge Production and Mobilization
2. Policy Advocacy
3. Training and Capacity Enhancement

CBRC is proud to be a key player and Canadian champion of the UNESCO Chair.

**UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education**

Report  
2012-2016

Prepared by the UNESCO Chair in Community-based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education  
March 2016

### Events

#### [Living Knowledge 2016](#)

June 22- 24, 2016  
Hosted by Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.



#### [CUVic 2016](#)

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.  
Reconciliation, Innovation and Transformation through Engagement.  
University of Victoria.



#### [C<sup>2</sup>UExpo 2017](#)

*For the Common Good.*

May 1–5, 2017  
An international conference showcasing excellence in community-campus partnerships. Join us in Vancouver & Surrey, BC.





# Member Profiles

## UQAM Service aux collectivités

Université du Québec à Montréal

L'Université du Québec à Montréal, an urban public French-language university, was founded in the 70s with the mandate of accessibility and democratization of higher education. For more than 35 years, the Service aux collectivités (SAC) of UQAM (an organ of UQAM's research and creativity vice-rectorate) has played a key role in supporting and developing (through various institutional mechanisms) fruitful research and training partnerships between faculty members and social groups with social, economic, cultural or environmental mission including women's groups and workers unions. SAC of UQAM places co-constructed knowledge at the confluence of citizen and academic knowledges and believe that types of knowledge mobilization are both beneficial for social changes and academic developments. Each year, more than 100 projects are being

supported by the SAC's team of interface agents. UQAM is also home to many other initiatives emphasizing the importance of university-community engagement having now many dedicated research centers, such as the

UQAM's Research Centre for Social Innovations.

UQAM, thanks to Jean-Marc Fontan, professor of sociology and then Sylvie de Grobois, director of SAC, was a founding leader of CBRC in 2008, along with Budd Hall (University of Victoria) and Katherine Graham (University of Carleton). UQAM, now officially a member of the CBRC's executive committee, intends to further its involvement within CBRC network and will officially lead the creation of a CBRC Quebec Hub based in UQAM in the coming months. This initiative hopes to strengthen the voice for Québec universities and colleges within CBRC as well as facilitate dialogue with the rest of Canada regarding community-campus engagement.



Among many exciting engagement programs and services, SFU maintains the Vancity Office of Community Engagement which supports public programming on themes such as social justice, sustainability and urbanism, arts and culture, democratic resilience and active citizenship through public talks, dialogues, workshops, events, performances and community partnerships. SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement provides community educational opportunities for local residents, access to artist talks and cultural events. The Office opened in December 2010 and is involved in over 200 public events per year with over 8,000 attendees and has over 15 long-term partnerships. Working with students, faculty and community, the Office is committed to long-term relationship building and reciprocal collaborations between the university and the community, in all its diverse formations. SFU will be hosting C<sup>2</sup>UExpo 2017 (see pg. 4).

## CBRC Member Groups

- Abbotsford Community Services
- Arctic Institute for Community Based Research
- Brandon University
- 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 Québec a Montreal
- University of British Columbia
- University of Guelph
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Victoria
- University of Windsor
- Vancouver Island University
- York University



